



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Twenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, "It is the Lord!" For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

Reflect

Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?

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St. Thomas More Site

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Holy Trinity Site

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Adoration Room at

STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info

Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site

in the Confessional between

10:30 am-11:15am

Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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CCD Announcements

Sunday, May 4th- First Communion Mass at 8:30am

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 5, 2025

Monday	5/5			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/6	9:00 am	STM Site	† John Balma
Wednesday	5/7	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Michael Bickett
Thursday	5/8	9:00 am	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	5/9	9:00 am	STM Site	† Lyla Maggio

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 10-11, 2025

Saturday	5/10	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	5/11	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Richard Pommier

THE MONTH OF MAY~ DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Because she responded "yes" to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

Among Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

How did May become associated with the Blessed Mother? Ancient Greek and Western cultures view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before "Mother's Day" was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is closely related to this innate desire to honor maternity during the spring months. In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary.

Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May, as it is recorded in the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our Heavenly Mother. (excerpted from: www.stpatricktampa.org)



Congratulations First Communicants

A round of applause to all our First Communicants who have arrived at a very important stage in their life: receiving the Eucharist for the first time as Catholic children. Their names are as follow:

Levi Bickett	Jack Leffelman
JioVanny Fonderoli	Elliana Olson
Stella Fonderoli	Samuel Ridley
Willa Guisti	Josephine Riel
Hadley Leffelman	Emersyn Walker

May the Lord continue to bless and protect these precious children of His.

Cemetery Appeal Letter:

We have just finished sending out this 2025 cemetery appeal letters, asking for members' generosity in donating to the cemetery funds so that we can continue taking good care of our two cemeteries: Holy Trinity Miners Memorial Cemetery and Calvary Cemetery. May God repay you a hundred-fold for your generosity.

Sunday Morning Mass time Change

Please be reminded again that our Sunday morning Mass time has been changed to 9am starting May 11, 2025. We are also asking all Parishioners to fill out a Registration form for the new St. Barbara Parish located in the back of the Churches.

Latest Offering's

April 27th Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections: \$2334.00

HT - \$1203.00

STM - \$1131.00

Holy Land \$50.00



Confessions

Confession will be

Sat. May 10th

10:30 am-11:15 am

St. Thomas More Site
in the confessional

Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022