

A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a person with a dark sleeve, gently holding each other. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with green and brown tones.

[Jesus said,] "A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh."

MARK 10:7-8

## Living with Our Hungers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s human beings, we have a sense that by ourselves, we are incomplete. We long to be made whole, to unite with something more. We have glimmers of that wholeness when we fall in love, opening ourselves to another in complete and total surrender. We feel touched by it when we experience great beauty in art, music, and creation. We may also find that wholeness in times of prayer. Yet in all such moments, there is a hint of sadness knowing that it will not last, that we will once again ache for more from life. All such longings are part of the human condition. It is how we have been created from the very beginning, always seeking to be made whole.

The American poet Sara Teasdale wrote in one of her poems that "the heart asks more than life can give." That seems to be true in so many aspects of life. As often as married couples may feel united in their love, they may also expect the other person to fulfill and satisfy that need of wholeness at all times and circumstances. However, that is not possible, and so they may find themselves disappointed. Whether in marriage, friendship, or the bonds of family, love always asks for more than life is able to give. We will always hunger for more, simply because that very hunger flows from God, the only one who will ultimately satisfy it. ●

### Reflect

***When do you feel a sense of longing and how do you seek to satisfy it?***



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**CCD Classes**

CCD classes will be held at HT Church Hall  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades (9:45a-10:45am)  
Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders (9:45am-11:15am)

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 7, 2024**

Monday	10/7			+ No Mass
Tuesday	10/8	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass - Fr. on Retreat
Wednesday	10/9	5:30 pm	HT	+ No Mass - Fr. on Retreat
Thursday	10/10	9:00 am	HT	+ Daisy Kopek
Friday	10/11	9:00 am	STM	+ Sylvia Miller

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 12 - 13, 2024**

Saturday	10/12	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Dec. Mem. John Potthoff Family
Sunday	10/13	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Ron & Joyce Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For the Parishioners

# Respect Life Reflection

## October: Respect Life Month

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unending hope.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed His last on the cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31). Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end. (Excerpted from "uscab.org")



## October is Respect Life Month

*At every age & stage life matters*

### Church Announcements

#### ***Sick Call – An Important Matter***

Please be reminded that it is of utmost importance when people are gravely ill and/or hospitalized to contact the church office, so that Fr. Thaddeus can be informed in a timely manner. Also when you make a call, please specify what the family would like father to do for the sick (confession, anointing of the sick, etc...). In case Fr. Thaddeus is away, the office can help find another priest if need be.

#### ***From The Pastor's Desk***

Fr. Thaddeus will be on retreat next week.

#### ***STM - Ravs***

No Rav making on Monday, October 7th

#### LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 29TH WEEKEND

HT – \$ 746.00

SP – \$ 351.00

STM – \$1,153.00

Remember in prayer,  
family & friends of  
Phil Maggio - STM

#### CONFESSIONS

NO CONFESSIONS

THIS WEEKEND - OCT 12TH

NEXT CONFESSIONS WILL BE

SAT. OCT 19TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK'S IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

## Why do we say “Holy Mary, Mother of God” when she’s the mother of Jesus?

The first Christians did call Mary the “Mother of Jesus.” The title “Mother of God” wasn’t formally defined in the Church’s history until the First Council of Ephesus in 431. Around the year 250, the hymn *Sub Tuum Presidium* (“We Fly to Thy Patronage”) appeared, which refers to Mary as the Mother of God. Why did it take so long for the early Church to decide how to refer to Jesus’ Mother? What we call Mary is tied to how we understand Jesus’ identity as the fully human and fully divine Son of God. The Church understood Jesus as a person of the Trinity, the Son of God, who uniquely possesses both fully human and fully divine natures. In a nutshell, you can’t separate the “man” Jesus from the “God” Jesus. In clarifying what it meant to say that Jesus is the Son of God, equally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit and yet fully human and “like us in all things but sin,” the Church had to answer the question of how Mary fit into the work of salvation. Mary was the Mother of the Son of God; she was not only the Mother of Jesus’ human nature. When Catholics call Mary the “Mother of God,” they state their belief that Jesus is a single person—the Son of God—and that Mary is his Mother. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*God’s way of acting with his unfaithful people—that is, with us—teaches us that wounded love can be healed by God through mercy and forgiveness.... Before so many painful marital failures, [the Church] feels called to show love, charity, and mercy in order to lead wounded and lost hearts back to God.*

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#### Monday

October 7  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
Gal 1:6–12  
Lk 10:25–37

#### Tuesday

October 8  
*Weekday*  
Gal 1:13–24  
Lk 10:38–42

#### Wednesday

October 9  
*Weekday*  
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14  
Lk 11:1–4

#### Thursday

October 10  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:1–5  
Lk 11:5–13

#### Friday

October 11  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:7–14  
Lk 11:15–26

#### Saturday

October 12  
*Weekday*  
Gal 3:22–29  
Lk 11:27–28

#### Sunday

October 13  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 7:7–11  
Heb 4:12–13  
Mk 10:17–30 or 10:17–27