



Who Do People Say You Are?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Pain is the body's alarm clock that something is broken or not working correctly. Suffering, on the other hand, is a marker of our identity and points to what we value. Suffering through the struggles of raising a family says, "I am a parent. That's what parents do." Mental suffering that accompanies committed love says to the world that "I am married. This is something to be valued." Suffering seems to accompany our commitments and consequently contributes to our identity. We don't suffer over what is unimportant in our lives. When Peter recognized that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, Jesus then pointed out what sort of commitment accompanied being the Christ—that he would suffer greatly, be killed, and then rise on the third day. It was all much to Peter's dismay, especially when Jesus noted that those who follow him can expect similar suffering.

The suffering that flows from our own commitments may not pin us to a physical cross, but it often reveals a faithfulness to live out the values of Jesus. For people of faith, those values become woven into our everyday living: of raising a difficult child, caring for aging parents, working at jobs that sap our energy, or tolerating those who are unkind. Many times, we may not display those values as a conscious expression of our faith, yet it does point to who we are—followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

*Does your suffering reflect your values,
your commitment to follow Jesus?*



[Jesus asked the disciples],
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Messiah."

MARK 8:29



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CCD Registration

Hip Hip Hooray! The CCD registration date is here. It will be held next Sunday, September 22nd, from 9:30am - 11:00am in the HT church hall. Registration fee this year will be \$40.00 per child.

Parents: If you know any friends or neighbors who might be interested in enrolling their children in our religious education program, please let them know. For those who cannot make it on the registration date, they can contact the office for help.



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 16, 2024

Monday	9/16			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/17	9:00 am	STM	+ Purgatory Souls
Wednesday	9/18	5:30 pm	HT	+ Jerry Simkins
Thursday	9/19	9:00 am	HT	+ Clifford Sondgeroth
Friday	9/20	9:00 am	STM	+ John Balma

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 21 - 22, 2024

Saturday	9/21	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ For the Parishioners
Sunday	9/22	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Wes & Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Dave Miller

Frequently Asked ADA Questions

Now that the ADA Campaign has started, we hope and pray that all members are earnestly on board as we try to make this campaign a successful one. Below please find several Q & A regarding the ADA.

1. How can I make my gift?

There are three types of gifts to the Appeal – pledge, one-time or recurring. Payments of cash, check, credit card and direct debit can be made by mail, online or via electronic giving. Monthly reminders (November-June) can also be mailed to donors for pledge payments. Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

2. How much of my gift actually goes to support those in need?

97% of your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal supports the ministries of the Diocese. That is 97¢ of every \$1.00! Three percent of the goal are used for administrative and marketing expenses of the appeal.

3. My parish will be closed/merged as part of Growing Disciples process should I still give to ADA?

Yes, your support of the new parish may be even more vital than before. The goal of your present parish will be combined with the goal of the new parish at the time of merger. Each parishioner's contribution will make a huge difference and will make the transition much easier.

The ADA is a great opportunity for each member to fulfill Jesus' various commands given to all His followers: Go and make disciples (Mt 28:19) Helping the poor and needy (Mt 25:40;) Go work in my vineyard (Mt 20:1) amongst others. This is also a practical way to show our appreciation to the Lord for all the wonderful things we have received from His generosity.

Pilgrimage to National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Marytown in Libertyville, IL Tuesday, October 22nd

Trip Includes: Luxury Transportation in Coach Bus, Talk by Friar on history of Marytown and St. Maximilian Kolbe, guided tour of St. Kolbe Holocaust Exhibit, Mass and Blessing in front of Main Chapel, Buffet Lunch in Guest Dining Room, Free time to visit Main Chapel, Museum, Gift Shop, Outdoor Shrines, and Rosary Walk.

Cost: \$60 per person; includes transportation, buffet lunch, and Shrine donation. Make checks payable to: CDA Court #276. Mail payment to: Beth Hauger, 2324 11th St., Peru, IL 61354. (Be sure to include your name and phone number) The paid registration is your "ticket" for the trip. Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m. from St. Valentine Church's North parking lot and will return to Peru at approximately 5:00 p.m. For more info Contact Beth Hauger at (815)228-1956.

LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 8TH WEEKEND

HT – \$ 708.00

SP – \$ 275.00

STM – \$1,055.00

Nativity of Our Lord Luncheon Buffet

Where: Church Hall at
510 Richard Mautino Dr. Spring Valley

When: Thursday, September 26th

11:00am-1:00pm

\$10 per person – Carry-Outs Available

CONFESSIONS

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SAT. SEPT 21ST

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ...Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?"... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Monday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Sunday

September 22
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37