



Be doers of the word and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.

JAMES 1:22

One for All and All for One

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, I asked the eighth-graders I was teaching to imagine themselves on a fantasy journey. They had to pretend they were flying across the ocean in a small airplane when suddenly the plane has engine trouble. The pilot manages to land on a sandy island beach. Everyone survives, but a few passengers are injured.

The captain divides the passengers into groups, each with a specific task. One group is responsible for finding food; another for water; another to explore and map the island; another to care for the injured. After explaining the scenario, I divided the eighth-graders into groups of four or five to complete the same “pretend” tasks—to create a set of rules by which to live until they were all rescued. The rules each group created were much the same: share everything, no hoarding, no fighting, obey the captain, no stealing,

those who do not work do not eat. In effect, these eighth-graders created their own “commandments,” enabling the community to survive in its own kind of desert, likely in the same way the Ten Commandments helped the Israelites.

The teachings of Jesus do not abrogate the original Ten Commandments. They continue to hold a great deal of wisdom for surviving as a community. Jesus taught us to focus on how our behavior shapes the sort of individuals we become and, ultimately, what sort of community we form. What flows from one’s heart, Jesus taught, reveals who we are both alone and in community. ●

Reflect

***What would you include in a set of rules
for yourself and your family?***



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Calling All CCD Parents

As we are about to start a new CCD year, we would like to reach out to all parents: Please make sure to contact the church office if you intend to enroll your children in our religious education program. Please respond by Sunday, September 8th. Registration day will take place soon.



Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 2, 2024

Monday	9/2			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/3	9:00 am	STM	+ Purgatory Souls
Wednesday	9/4	5:30 pm	HT	+ Wayne Pinter
Thursday	9/5	9:00 am	HT	+ Roy & Molly Chapman
Friday	9/6	9:00 am	STM	+ Kathy Sondgeroth

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 7 - 8, 2024

Saturday	9/7	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Liz Olivero
Sunday	9/8	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ Joyce Gillan
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ For the Parishioners

A Catholic Reflection on Labor Day

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September in the United States, is often seen as the unofficial end of summer—a time for family gatherings, cookouts, and rest before the busy fall season. However, its deeper significance lies in the celebration of the dignity of work and the contributions of laborers to society. For Catholics, this day offers a profound opportunity to reflect on the Church's teachings about the sanctity of work, human dignity, and our role in building a just society.

Catholic teaching has long upheld the dignity of work as central to the human experience. Work is not simply a means to earn a livelihood but a vital part of our vocation as God's children. Through work, we participate in God's creation, cooperating with His divine plan and contributing to the common good. The Church Fathers, the saints, and countless Church documents affirm this truth.

Pope Leo XIII, in his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of Labor), articulated the Church's teaching on the dignity of work in response to the challenges of the Industrial Revolution. He emphasized that work is an inherent part of human dignity, stating:

"It is only by the labor of working men that States grow rich. Justice, therefore, demands that the interests of the working classes should be carefully watched over by the administration, so that they who contribute so largely to the advantage of the community may themselves share in the benefits which they create." (*Rerum Novarum*, 34)

This teaching is rooted in the understanding that man, created in the image and likeness of God, fulfills his vocation through honest and diligent work. Work is not merely a burden but a means of sanctification, a way to imitate Christ, who Himself labored as a carpenter.

As Catholics, Labor Day is a time to reflect on the deeper significance of work in our lives. It is a day to thank God for the gift of labor, to honor those who contribute to society through their work, and to remember the Church's teachings on the dignity and rights of workers. It is also a moment to renew our commitment to justice, ensuring that all labor is respected and valued.

(Taken from Father Joe Connelly's article – "guardian-angles.org")

Weekly

Announcements

2024-2025 ADA: "Do everything for the Glory of God."

Next weekend, September 7-8, we will begin our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer. **This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. You can make a one time gift or make a pledge over eight months. We will also have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend.** Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

A copy of the Bishop's letter is in back of the churches. Please take one home and read it.

LATEST OFFERING'S

AUGUST 25TH WEEKEND

HT – \$ 626.00

SP – \$ 432.00

STM – \$1,094.00



Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria on Sept. 22nd at 4:00 pm for couples with a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please contact Julie to RSVP.

CONFESSIONS

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SAT. SEPTEMBER 7TH

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT

ST. PATRICK

IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●

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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
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Cor 2:1–5 Lk 4:16–30	1 Cor 2:10b–16 Lk 4:31–37	1 Cor 3:1–9 Lk 4:38–44	1 Cor 3:18–23 Lk 5:1–11	1 Cor 4:1–5 Lk 5:33–39	1 Cor 4:6b–15 Lk 6:1–5	Is 35:4–7a Jas 2:1–5 Mk 7:31–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

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