



"In the same way,
every one of you
who does not
renounce all his
possessions cannot
be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country's Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel's imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel's command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of "What would Jesus do?" is never without consequences. ●

Reflect

How does following Jesus cost me in my life?

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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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'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2) Sept. 7th

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 8, 2025

Monday	9/8			† No Mass
Tuesday	9/9	9:00 am	STM Site	† Geraldine Sondgeroth
Wednesday	9/10	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Francis Smith & Mervin Nauman
Thursday	9/11	9:00 am	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	9/12	9:00 am	STM Site	† Alan Hahn

St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 13-14, 2025

Saturday	9/13	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	9/14	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Mary Jane Smith & Tom Hewitt

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal:

Proclaiming Christ yesterday, today, forever

The Annual Diocesan Appeal, or ADA, is an annual fundraising drive by our Catholic diocese that asks its members for donations to support ministries and services that serve the entire diocese, or that are too extensive for individual parishes to fund alone. These appeals provide funds for programs in areas like education, support for the poor and vulnerable, evangelization, and seminarian training, helping to fulfill the diocese's broader mission beyond the scope of individual parishes.



Today, the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. Through the ADA we are able to advance the mission entrusted to us by the Lord. Our retired priests have faithfully served our communities by giving their lives to the Church. Your support for the ADA helps us care for those who built the Church we cherish today.

If you have not made your pledge by mail, please fill out the pledge card in your pew. The goal for our parish is \$33,541.00 and we can reach it only with your help.

Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at www.cdop.org/ada. 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.



CCD Reminder:

Last Sunday CCD registration was a successful one. Parents if you have not yet registered your child please do so by contacting the office by calling 815-894-2006 or by email. Classes for CCD will start on Sept 14, 2025 at HT Hall.

Nativity of Our Lord Luncheon Buffet: In Memory of Marie Emmerling

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

When: Thursday, September 25th 11:00am-1:00pm.

\$10 per person. Carry-Outs also available

Latest Offering's

August 31st Weekend

St. Barbara Parish

Total Collections:
\$2,388.00



Next Confessions

Confession will be
Sat. September 13th
10:30am-11:15am
STM site in the
Confessional

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mt 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday

September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 2:6-15
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 10
Weekday
Col 3:1-11
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 11
Weekday
Col 3:12-17
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 12
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 1:15-17
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17