



Life at the Edge

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We find ourselves living at the edge sometimes, when life could go either way, up or down. We may experience this as we begin marriage or first become parents. At other times, it may be frightening or sad, but also exciting, such as when graduation nears, or when we are faced with an "empty nest." Then, we stand at the edge of a new beginning, eager for the onset of what we've dreamt of for so long, but also uncertain whether we will be able to navigate it. We also find ourselves living at the edge when someone we love dies.

The other day, someone came by, wanting to talk. She spoke of the chaos of her life, its pain, and of not knowing how to cope. As she was about to leave, she commented how, in spite of it all, it seemed

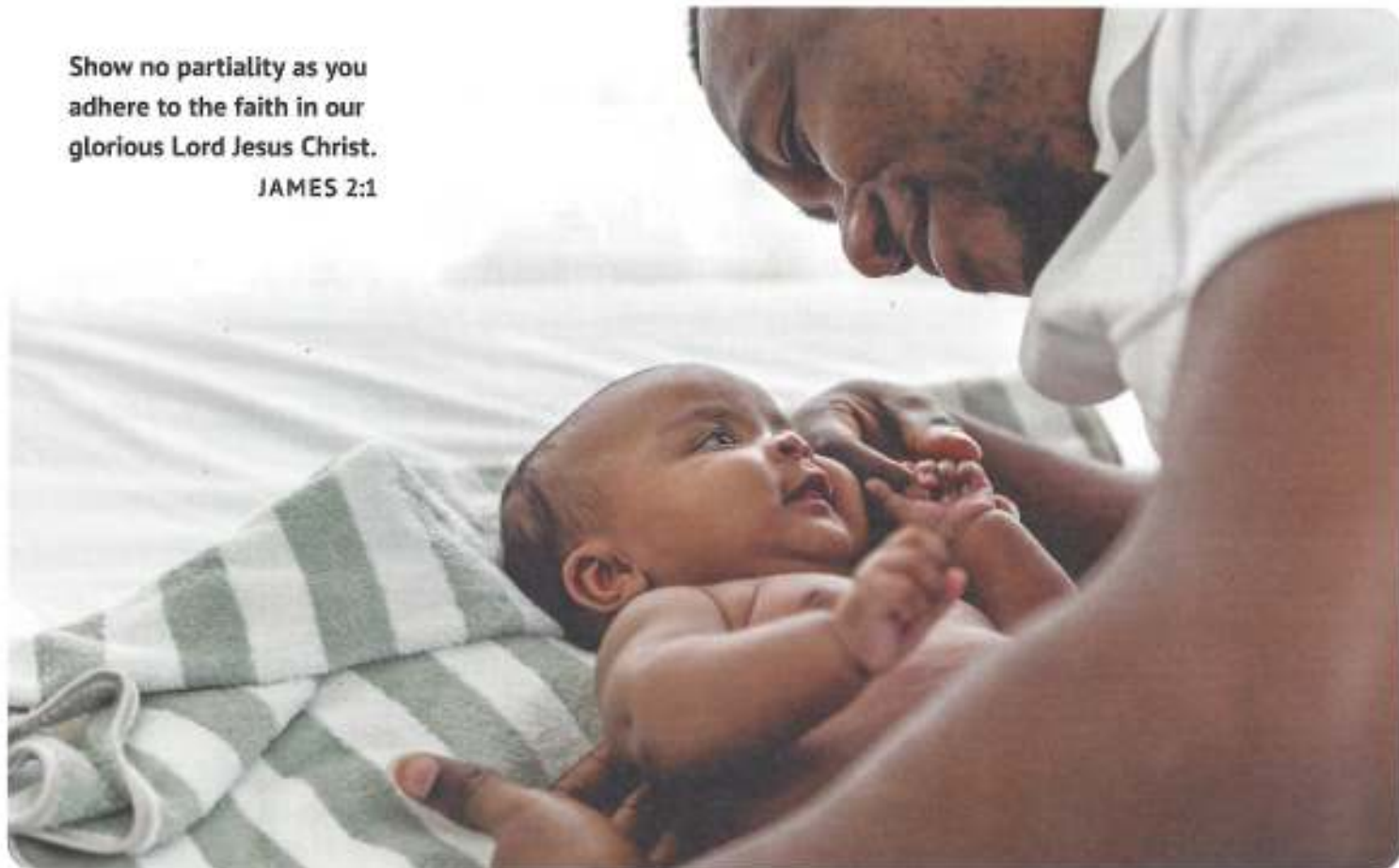
strange that God was also very much present. Strange indeed, yet chaotic times are when God's presence is often perceived in our lives, perhaps out of our need, perhaps because we are not distracted by life's glitter, or perhaps because, at last, we have nowhere else to turn. It was St. James who asked then and asks us now, "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith?" (James 2:5). There are indeed many different ways of being poor, of being in need. For people of faith, it is often at the edge when we sense most clearly that God is with us. ●

Reflect

Do you feel God's presence differently in hard times than you do in easy times?

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

JAMES 2:1





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A New Face in the Church Office

Please help us give a warm welcome to Melissa Pasillas who has just joined our office staff. Assuredly her work will be for the betterment of the Church's future.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of September 9, 2024

Monday	9/9			+ No Mass
Tuesday	9/10	9:00 am	STM	+ Sylvia Miller
Wednesday	9/11	5:30 pm	HT	+ Daisy Kopek
Thursday	9/12	9:00 am	HT	+ Diane Ferrell
Friday	9/13	9:00 am	STM	+ No Mass-Fr. @ Nursing Home

Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 14 - 15, 2024

Saturday	9/14	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	+ Betty Newhalfen
Sunday	9/15	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	+ For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	+ Dennis McCoy

The Annual Diocesan Appeal Kick Off Weekend

Dear Faithful Members,

The Church, which was born on the First Pentecost over 2000 years ago, can be likened to an ocean, into it all the rivers run. Each river, in turn, is made up of tributaries, precipitation, streams and trickles of water....."and wherever the water goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish." (Ezekiel 47) We, as members of the Church, are like trickles and droplets which contribute to the life sustaining aspect of a river. With these images in mind, we like to welcome all of you to the 2024-2025 ADA Campaign, whose theme is "Do everything for the Glory of God."



As you already know, the ADA is the major source of revenue for the ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Peoria. It is these ministries that enable the Church of Peoria, under the direction of Bishop Tylka, to reach across parish boundaries in the areas of Worship/Prayer, Christian Education, Christian Service, and Church Administration, among other good services. Today, the 2024 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. In our parishes, our schools, our Newman Centers on college campuses, in our social service ministries in Catholic Charities we create places of encounter with Jesus. And we know that when we encounter Jesus, lives are changed.

If you have not made your pledge by mail, please fill out the pledge card in your pew. **The goal for each parish is as follows: HT - \$13,852; SP - \$9,257; STM -10,663**, 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.

We would like to remind you there are ADA pledge cards in each pew for your convenience. Again thank you for your ADA contribution, and may the good Lord repay you abundantly for your generosity to His Church.



Growing Disciples Update

Our first PTT meeting will be next Thursday evening. Please keep them in your daily prayer so that they may render good and productive services toward the implementation of the Growing Disciples mandate.

LATEST OFFERING'S

SEPT 1ST WEEKEND

HT – \$1,374.00
 SP – \$ 312.00
 STM – \$ 956.00



CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE
 SAT. SEPT 14TH
 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM AT
 ST. THOMAS MORE
 IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

What is the “gospel of prosperity”? Does it mean that being rich is a sign of God’s favor?

That’s a good question, as this month we listen to the challenging words of St. James. If there is a “gospel of prosperity,” Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn’t write it, and it isn’t about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called “Gospels of poverty.” Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he would have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke writes about it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned about this topic because he came from wealth and dealt with people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although “nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle to explain that this impossible task is easier than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven (Luke 18:25). Scary words. Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It’s what wealth does to people that is the core issue. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God and growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things!....

The healing of the heart begins with listening....

We hear the words of Jesus addressed to us:

“Ephphatha, be opened!” Open your ears.

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Monday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1–11

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4c–9a

Jas 2:14–18

Mk 8:27–35