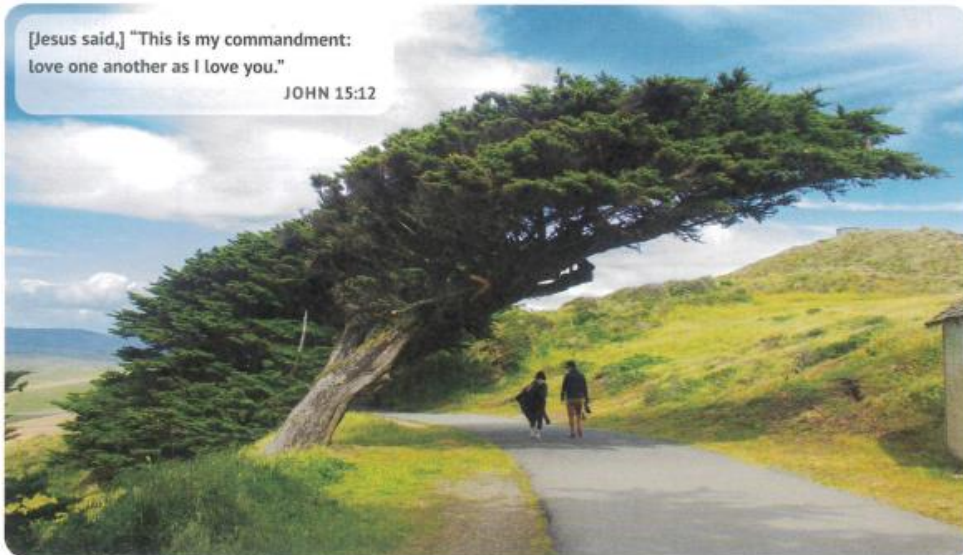




[Jesus said,] "This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you."

JOHN 15:12



We're Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of May 6, 2024**

Mon.	May 06	4:00 PM	SJ	No Daily Mass
Tues.	May 07	5:30 PM	SA	All Souls
Wed.	May 08	7:00 PM	SJ	Kevin Allison†
Thurs.	May 09	5:00 PM	SA	Mary & Orville Davenport†
Thurs.	May 09	7:00 PM	SB	Denise Howard†
Fri.	May 10	8:30 AM	SJ	Wally Allison†
Sun.	May 12	8:00 AM	SJ	Steve Nowak†
Sun.	May 12	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	May 12	11:00 AM	SB	Mark Pandorf†


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deb Atkins May 5th
Ramona Weatherly May 8th
Shawna Frey May 9th
James Pandorf May 9th
Conner Kinderknecht May 12th

Ministry Schedule

Date: May 12th	St. Agnes	St. Boniface	St. John's
Time	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
Hospitality	Aleta & Conrad P.	Rod & Janel B.	Jim & Kristy O.
Lector	John B.	Mike P.	Tara B.
Server		.Emma S. & Katie P.	Kelsey A. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Evan B. & Gary M.	John R & Rod B.	Rex & Kristie W.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Steve B.	Music: Toby K.

<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. John's</u>
<p>Our Gifts to God & Church April 28, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$296.00</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$2970 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16</p> <p>Thrift Store Open May 17th from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p>Needed: Mass Intentions for St Agnes.</p> <p>Mother's Day Breakfast served by the Knights following mass May 5th.</p>	<p>Our Gifts to God & Church April 28, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1027.00</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 16 out of 19 The dollar goal is REACHED</p>	<p>Our Gifts to God & Church April 28, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$135.60</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 15 out of 17 The dollar goal is REACHED!</p>
<p>The Ascension of the Lord in 2024 is celebrated on Thursday, May 9th. This day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. This is a holy day of obligation.</p> <p>See the mass schedule.</p>		

 <p>TOTUS TUUS STUDENT REGISTRATION <small>Please see the form below before registering your student.</small></p>	<p>Please get your children in grades 1-12 registered for Totus Tuus: July 21-26th at St John's in Stapleton</p> <p>Click this link to register; <u>Totus Tuus Registration (jotform.com)</u></p>
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Quotes for Today

Saint John of Avila (1499-1569)

"Your life consists in drawing nearer to God. To do this you must endeavor to detach yourself from visible things and remember that in a short time they will be taken from you."

Dear Padre,

Please clarify for me what the Church considers as "gossip." Is it that bad?

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are "detraction" and "calumny." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." Calumny occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15,	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11
Jn 15:26-16:4a	Jn 16:5-11	22-18:1	Jn 16:16-20	Jn 16:20-23	Jn 16:23b-28	Eph 1:17-23 or
		Jn 16:12-15				Eph 4:1-13 or
						4:1-7, 11-13
						Mk 16:15-20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021



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