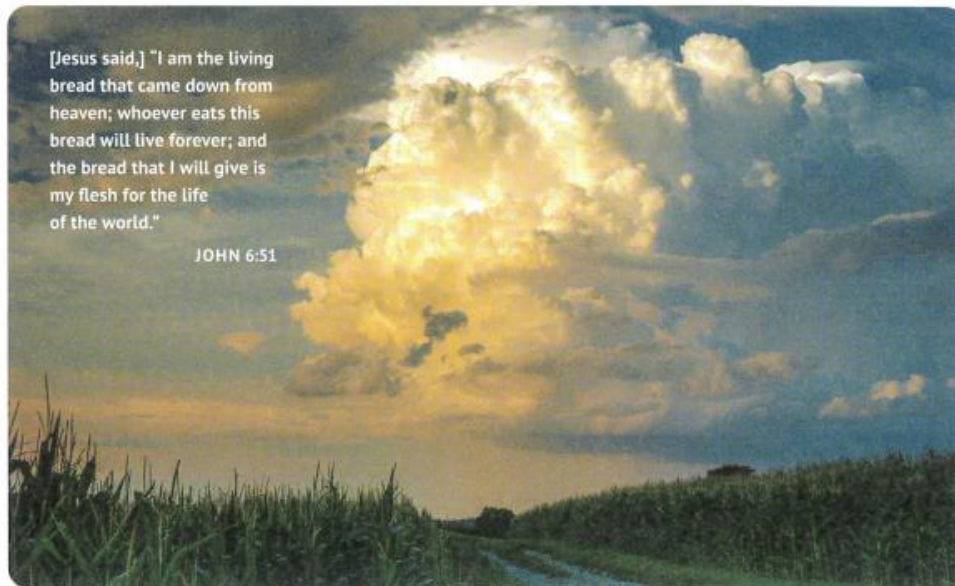




[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51



The Wisdom Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On the journey of life, how does one know when to keep struggling to make the dream come true, to continue pushing and refusing to surrender, or when to pull back, to recognize it was not meant to be and accept that? One thinks, perhaps one more effort will bring success. But our insistence may be our ego striving for something which, in the end, would be to our detriment. How does one know?

Though one can never be sure, there may be a moment when life calls us to surrender. When Elijah found himself rushing to escape the fearsome revenge of Queen Jezebel, whose 450 prophets of Baal he had bested and consigned to the netherworld, he fled into the desert, sat down beneath a broom tree, and prayed for death (1 Kings 18:22-19:4). Life as a

prophet of God had become too much to bear. He had surrendered, yet it was at this point that he was fed by God to continue the journey.

The Gospel's message is that we shall all be taught by God. There comes a time to recognize that God's wisdom is greater than our own and we must be open to a different path of life than what we had anticipated. It is one of God's ways of teaching us, of feeding us with wisdom to seek another course. ●

Reflect

Do you find it difficult to change your mind, to accept that someone else may be correct, to believe and apply the challenging message of the Gospel?

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From Fr. Pampara:

Our Christian faith is based on the personal love of God towards each one of us. Through faith wonders have been carried out throughout the ages. Thanks to faith we ourselves believe in the divine presence and in his providential care. But true faith is nothing without love. It is love which is the driving force of faith; it is love which pushes the men and women living on this earth to believe, with all their heart, in God the Father who is in Heaven. Faith and love do good work together, they lead man towards God, towards that food which is the Word of God. Faith and love are the means which make it possible for man to receive within him the life which belongs to the Word of Life, the very Life of God: "He who believes has eternal life." However, even if faith makes it possible for love to live eternally, it is only a beginning of eternity which is given to the man who loves God: for faith is a trial which lasts until the end of a man's life on earth, a trial which one must undergo, a trial one must endure to the end, with perseverance. A strong faith supported by the Love of God, gives man the power to not die in eternity, but remain ever united with God. The object of this faith and love is the Eucharist, the bread of eternal life which Jesus gives us for our nourishment. Today's Gospel reading is the continuation of the sixth chapter of John's gospel on the theme of Jesus the Bread of Life. The passage begins with the murmuring of the Jews to what Jesus had said. This response of the Jews was very similar to the incident in the desert where the Israelites grumbled against Moses and God and refused to accept their mission. Yet God is generous and gave them Manna in spite of their grumbling. In the New Testament we have Jesus who has much more to offer and was offering something unique, namely his own body and blood. Even then when Jesus told the Jews that he is the living bread that has come down from heaven and they have to listen to him and believe in him, they started grumbling and complaining.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of August 12, 2024

Mon.	Aug	12	7:00	AM	SJ	NO MASS
Tues.	Aug	13	7:00	AM	SJ	Kevin Allison †
Wed.	Aug	14	7:00	PM	SJ	Jerome Vieyra II †
Thurs.	Aug	15	5:00	PM	SA	Ruth Conner †
Thurs.	Aug	15	6:30	PM	SB	Marianne Ridder †
Fri.	Aug	16	8:30	AM	SJ	Mary Weems †
Sun.	Aug	18	8:00	AM	SJ	Welby Sierks
Sun.	Aug	18	9:30	AM	SA	All Souls
Sun.	Aug	18	11:00	AM	SB	People of the Parish

A graphic with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in a bubbly, red font with white outlines, set against a white background with a red shadow effect.

Sig Kalinowski Aug. 13th
Cayson Johnston Aug. 13th
James Long Aug 15th
Joleen Trumbull Aug 15th

A graphic with the words "Happy Anniversary" in a stylized, blue font with white outlines, set against a white background with a blue shadow effect.

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Walz Aug 13th

Ministry Schedule

Date: August 18	<i>St. Agnes</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
<i>Time</i>	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM
<i>Hospitality</i>	Aleta & Conrad P.	Dan & Jo T.	Cody S. Family
<i>Lector</i>	Katie W.	Rod B.	Toby K.
<i>Server</i>		Amelia P. & Erin F.	Kelsey A, & Gregory W.
<i>EMHC</i>	Aleta & Conrad P.	David P. & Diane P.	Rex & Kristie W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		David P.	Music: Kristy O.

<p><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church August 4, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$791.00</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3075 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16</p> <p>Thrift Store Open Aug. 16 from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 5:00 PM</p>	<p><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church August 4, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$1200.00</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 The dollar goal is REACHED</p> <p>-Parish Council Aug. 15 at 7:30 PM</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 6:30 PM</p>	<p><u>St. John's</u></p> <p>Our Gifts to God & Church August 4, 2024</p> <p><u>Total Collection:</u> \$474.50</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u></p> <p>Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 The dollar goal is REACHED!</p> <p>-Holy Day Mass Wed. Aug 14 at 7:00 PM</p>
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- *Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*
- *Have you been away from the church ... and have now returned, but want to know more?*
- *Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?*
- *Have you joined us from a different faith community and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*
- *Are you seeking a deeper personal relationship with Jesus but have never been Baptized?*

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them! Classes are open to all parishioners as well to learn more about the faith. Classes will begin in August.

Please contact Fr. Michael at 308-660-5730 or Emily Pandorf at 308-660-0984 for more information .

SWEET CORN

Tuesday, Aug 13th

7:30 am-2 pm

or until corn is gone

@ Kimbers parking lot

\$6/dozen

St John's youth group fundraiser

Dear Padre,

I miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●



The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

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
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
Weekday	Weekday	St. Maximilian	Assumption of	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth Sunday
Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c	Ez 2:8-3:4	Kolbe, Priest	the Blessed	Ez 16:1-15, 60,	Ez 18:1-10, 13b,	in Ordinary Time
Mt 17:22-27	Mt 18:1-5, 10,	and Martyr	Virgin Mary	63 or 16:59-63	30-32	Prv 9:1-6
	12-14	Ez 9:1-7;	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-	Mt 19:3-12	Mt 19:13-15	Eph 5:15-20
		10:18-22	6a, 10ab			Jn 6:51-58
		Mt 18:15-20	1 Cor 15:20-27			
			Lk 1:39-56			



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.

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