



## About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

### Reflect

***How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?***



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13

## ***St. Agnes • St. Boniface • St. John the Evangelist***

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### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

#### ***From Fr. Pampara:***

Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. As disciples, we are to follow and imitate Jesus. As apostles, we are to evangelize the world. We are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, — our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Like the apostles, like St. Francis of Assisi, like Mother Teresa, we are all chosen and sent to proclaim the Gospel through our living. It is through our transparent Christian lives that we must show, through our own actions, the love, mercy, and concern of Jesus for the people around us. Since we are baptized, Jesus is calling us in our working and living environment to evangelize, to invite people to know, love, serve, and follow Jesus for the rest of our lives. An important part of evangelism is the simple act of inviting a friend or family member to join us in worship. This is where reconciliation between persons and God is most likely to take place. We do not have to commit verbal assault on someone with our convictions! A simple invitation, offered out of a loving and joyful heart, is the most powerful evangelistic message of all. Realization of our dignity as children of God should change our outlook on life. We are to be children filled with love, rather than selfishness and disobedience. We are to respect our brothers and sisters in Christ. As God's children, we should live lives of absolute trust in the goodness of our Heavenly Father, Who knows what is best for us. The realization that we are the children of God should bring us great comfort, peace and joy—even in our worst moments. It is in the Church—principally through the seven Sacraments—that our Divine adoption is made possible. We are chosen by God in Christ, we are baptized into Christ's death and Christ's Church, or Mystical Body. We are healed by Jesus' forgiveness, and we are nourished at the Eucharistic table, receiving Jesus' Body and Blood as our Food and Drink. Today, when we gather as His adopted sons and daughters at this table of Christ's sacrificial banquet, we can rightly address God as our Divine Father and ask Him for the special anointing of the Holy Spirit that we may grow daily in the true spirit and practice of our Divine adoption.

#### **Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 15, 2024**

Mon.	July	15	8:30 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Tues.	July	16	7:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Wed.	July	17	5:30 PM	SA	NO MASS
Thurs.	July	18	5:30 PM	SB	NO MASS
Fri.	July	19	7:00 AM	SJ	NO MASS
Sat.	July	20	5:30 PM	SJ	Jason Johnston
Sun.	July	21	9:30 AM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	July	21	11:00 AM	SB	Junior Willis†

Totus Tuus starts July 21 for 8-12th grade at 6:00 PM. Then July 22 at 9:00 AM for Elementary. All at Stapleton.

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Coy Johnston July 16th  
Deanna McDonald July 19th  
Lindsey Phelps July 20th

## **Happy Anniversary**

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Andre July 16th  
Mr. & Mrs. Toby Kinderknecht July 16th  
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wagner July 16th  
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Pelster July 20th

## Ministry Schedule

Date: July 20-21	<i>St. Agnes</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
<i>Time</i>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Saturday 5:30 PM</u>
<i>Hospitality</i>	Ann G.	Steve & Kristen B.	Toby & Lisa K.
<i>Lector</i>	Margaret Ann M.	Dylan P.	Kristy O.
<i>Server</i>		Amelia P. & Katie P.	Avery B. & Tate B.
<i>EMHC</i>	Evan B. & Gary M.	Mike P. & Rod B.	Steve & Cindy F.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Mike P.	Music: Dailey Family

<p><u>St. Agnes</u> Our Gifts to God &amp; Church July 7, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1902.00  <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3040 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16  Thrift Store Open July 19th from 9AM to 4PM</p>	<p><u>St. Boniface</u> Our Gifts to God &amp; Church July 7, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$845.00  <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED</b>  Pool Party! Monday, July 15th 6:00-8:00PM Callaway Aquatics Center Snacks Provided!</p>	<p><u>St. John's</u> Our Gifts to God &amp; Church July 7, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$401.91  <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal= \$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED!</b>  <b>Mass for July 21st</b> <b>Will be Saturday July 20th</b> <b>at 5:30 PM with potluck to</b> <b>follow with Totus Tuus</b> <b>leaders. All are welcome!</b></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 .

# Dear Padre,

## Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. "I didn't know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call 'God's perfect will.' As it evolved, my prayer became 'Lord, let me live until I die.' By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn't matter." ●



GRABO POTTIBAU

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
<i>St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i> Is 7:1–9 Mt 11:20–24	<i>Weekday</i> Is 10:5–7, 13b–16 Mt 11:25–27	<i>Weekday</i> Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19 Mt 11:28–30	<i>Weekday</i> Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8 Mt 12:1–8	<i>Weekday</i> Mt 2:1–5 Mt 12:14–21	<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 23:1–6 Eph 2:13–18 Mk 6:30–34
Is 1:10–17 Mt 10:34–11:1						



GIULIO MANFROTTO/SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.*

HOMILY, ÑU GUAZÚ, ASUNCIÓN (PARAGUAY), JULY 12, 2015