

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....
Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

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Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like "the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus’ teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the Sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 27, 2026					
Mon.	July	27	7:00 AM	SJ	Matt Blaylock
Tues.	July	28	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	July	29	5:30 PM	SA	John Neal †
Thurs.	July	30	5:30 PM	SB	Mary Jane Pandorf †
Fri.	July	31	7:00 AM	SJ	Darwin Frey †
Sun.	Aug.	02	8:00 AM	SJ	Art & Becky Kramer †
Sun.	Aug.	02	9:30 AM	SA	Mark Pandorf †
Sun.	Aug.	02	11:00 AM	SB	People of the Parish
		Mr. & Mrs. Allen Meredith July 28 th			



Tara Boeser July 29th
Henry Walz July 29th
Molly Pandorf July 30th
Lisa Kinderknecht July 30th
Gary Mills July 31st
Steven Barger July 31st
Cynthia Frey Aug. 1st
Lyndi Walz Aug 2nd

Ministry Schedule

Date: August 2	St John’s	St Agnes	St Boniface
Time	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM
Hospitality	Jim & Kristie P.	Ned & Jenny P.	Donnie & Molly P.
Lector	Molly W.	John B.	Dylan P.
Server	Cotter J. & Corbin W.		Erin F. & Charli P.
EMHC	Steve & Cindy F.	Conrad & Aleta P.	Steve & Kristen B.
	Music: Dailey’s		Communion to shut ins Kristen B.

St. John’s
Our Gifts to God & Church
July 19, 2026
Total Collection: **\$214.00**

Women Who Worship
All women are invited to the
next meeting Monday August
3rd at 6:30 PM. Please bring a
food or beverage to share.

There will not be a Saturday
evening mass on August 1st
due to the Rodeo in Stapleton.
Mass will be Sunday August
2nd 8 AM.

Attention all Students
Bring your backpacks to
mass August 9th for a
back-to-school blessing.

AUGUST 9th
Parish Breakfast Potluck after
mass. Bring your favorite
breakfast dish.

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
July 19, 2026,
Total Collection: **\$494.00**

Thrift Store
Open August 7th 9AM to 4PM

For all parishes:

The church is going away from
Blackboard as our communication
system due to the high cost. Our
contract ends 9/18. We will be using
Parish Soft Messenger in the future.
I am getting everyone’s names and
numbers converted to it. You still
have the option to get phone call,
text or email but you can only get
the message one way. Once I get it
all ready, I will send some practice
messages. When you get a message,
it will show messenger at the start
of the message. Please don’t mark it
as spam. Just keeping you informing.

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
July 19, 2026
Total Collection: **\$2629.00**

Garden Produce
If you have extra, please
bring it the church. There
will be a box for them.

CCW Meeting:
July 27 at 6:30 PM
Please plan to attend.

CCD Teachers mark your
calendar. Our organizational
meeting will be Aug 12th.

