



[Jesus said to the disciples,]  
"Come away by yourselves to a  
deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:31

## Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song "Dancing in the Dark." It's said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we're here. There are many who feel they are "dancing in the dark."

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God's voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God's will for you?***

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### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

#### From Fr. Pampara:

The Holy Bible constantly reminds us of the loving unbroken care of God towards human persons. He created everything for man and for his well being. He sent his messengers constantly to look after his people. He is our Father, caretaker and protector. The image of God as the shepherd of his people has a long tradition in the history of God's people. This image of the shepherd which appears several times in the New Testament shows us the care and concern of God in Jesus. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a little lamb on his lap. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion. A shepherd generally walked ahead of the sheep seeking out a safe path taking them to the pastures, water and shelter. The sheep followed him, because they recognized his voice, and they trusted him. An image of Jesus as a Good Shepherd is reassuring us that he is always our support on our journey through life. When we encounter difficulties in our life's path and face serious problems the presence of Jesus the Good Shepherd reassures us that we are not abandoned, that Jesus is supporting and holding us up. In the Gospel of today Jesus takes pity on the people and feels that they are like the sheep without Shepherd, indicating their helplessness. In the ordinary world, the type of leadership varies depending on the situation, be it political, military, institutional or sports. In Jesus we have a leader of a unique type. He was a person who was people oriented with human concern at the same time with divine understanding. He leads people by being with them and at the same time shows the way through his care and concern. Mark tells us that people were going and coming constantly and they had no time for anything even to eat. For Jesus the religious leader's life is a series of goings from the presence of people to the presence of God and back again.

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 22, 2024

Mon.	July	22	11:30 AM	SJ	Jerome Vieyra II†
Tues.	July	23	11:30 AM	SJ	CeCe Allison†
Wed.	July	24	11:30 AM	SJ	LV Conner†
Thurs.	July	25	11:30 AM	SJ	Harry Starks†
Fri.	July	26	11:30 AM	SJ	Tutus Tuus Participates
Sun.	July	28	8:00 AM	SJ	Wally Allison†
Sun.	July	28	9:30 AM	SA	Mary Leech†
Sun.	July	28	11:00 AM	SB	People of the Parish

Welcome to the Totus Tuus leaders! We are so glad you are here to share the faith with our youth!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Stallbaumer July 23rd

Charles Opela July 24th

Nancy Lashley July 25th

William Miller July 26th

# Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Kent DeLosh July 24th

Mr. & Mrs. Cody Sierks July 25th

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Meredith July 28th

## Ministry Schedule

Date: July 28	<b>St. Agnes</b>	<b>St. Boniface</b>	<b>St. John's</b>
<b>Time</b>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<b>Hospitality</b>	Sue D & Pam L.	Rod & Janel B.	Ivan & Carrie S.
<b>Lector</b>	Pam L.	Bartley B.	Jenny J.
<b>Server</b>		Olivia D. & Ellie P.	Cayson J. & Gregory W.
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue D. & Pam L.	Emily P. & Diane P.	Rex & Kristie W.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		David P.	Music: Bobbi & Kelsey

<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. John's</u>
<b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 14, 2024</b> <u>Total Collection:</u> \$802.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/so far \$3075 Donor Goal: 9 out of 16 Thrift Store Open Aug. 2 from 9AM to 4PM -Parish Council Aug. 7 at 6:00 PM -Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 5:00 PM	<b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 14, 2024</b> <u>Total Collection:</u> \$2949.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED</b> -Parish Council Aug. 15 at 7:30 PM -Holy Day Mass Thurs. Aug 15 at 6:30 PM	<b>Our Gifts to God &amp; Church</b> <b>July 14, 2024</b> <u>Total Collection:</u> \$989.10 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 <b>The dollar goal is REACHED!</b> -Parish Council July 28 at 5:00 PM -Holy Day Mass Wed. Aug 14 at 7:00 PM

- *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,

## What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* (“from the chair”) as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church’s understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



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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 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. James, Apostle</i>	<i>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20	Jer 1:1, 4–10	2 Cor 4:7–15	Jer 3:14–17	Jer 7:1–11	2 Kgs 4:42–44
In 20:1–2, 11–18	Mt 12:46–50	Mt 13:1–9	Mt 20:20–28	Mt 13:18–23	Mt 13:24–30	Eph 4:1–6
						In 6:1–15



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus’] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.*

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