



Truth-Sayers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

Reflect

**Who has been a truth-sayer for you?
How have they impacted your life?**



Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

From Fr. Pampara:

Today's readings call us to awaken our hearts so we may see the divine truth beyond the human appearance of those we know. It is hard to understand the irrational opposition of the people of Nazareth during the visit of Jesus to his village and of the Pharisees and scribes later. The people of Nazareth had all wonderful reports about Jesus and on reflection could have seen in him the true messiah. Instead they turned against him in bitter hatred and then decided to put an end to his career. Luke tells us that they wanted to throw him down the cliff of the mountain. There was the tinge of pride and envy that made them refuse to accept him. Their hatred towards him made them close their eyes against all goodness he possessed. One of the most common failures of our human condition is that we tend to take things and people for granted especially if they have become very familiar to us. We underestimate people and situations and finally experience things as not conducive to happy living. This also happens when we deal with something holy and sacred. Hence considering the situation in today's world, we can say that presently our world is in constant turmoil and looks towards healing. We fail to see the presence of the divine that is in the universe and around us. Nature opens itself with the presence of God and invites us to search for the inner meaning. Prophet Ezekiel in his times heard the heavenly voice to go among the nation that has rebelled against God. The Prophet heard this voice and obeyed. The people knew then that there was a prophet of God among them and they had to listen to him. In today's gospel Jesus himself comes as a sign of hope. Even when rejected by his people and despised as they knew him too well, he works miracles and heals people.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of July 8, 2024

Mon.	July	08	8:30 AM	SJ	Kevin Allison †
Tues.	July	09	7:00 AM	SJ	JH, DS, & RW
Wed.	July	10	5:30 PM	SA	Cathy Weaver †
Thurs.	July	11	5:30 PM	SB	Denise Howard †
Fri.	July	12	7:00 AM	SJ	Norma Schacher †
Sun.	July	14	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	July	14	9:30 AM	SA	Leonard Mackley †
Sun.	July	14	11:00 AM	SB	MaryJane Pandorf

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Phelps July 11th
Curtis Stallbaumer July 12th
Brody Kinderknecht July 12th



Ministry Schedule

Date: July 14	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	Con & Aleta P.	Rod & MaKayla D.	Steve & Cindy F.
Lector	Aleta A.	Molly P.	Tara B.
Server		Charli P. & Breckn D.	Leo W. & Wyatt D.
EMHC	Con & Aleta P.	Steve & Kristen B.	Jon & Molly W.
Communion to shut ins or Music		Steve B.	Music: Kristy O.

<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>St. John's</u>
Our Gifts to God & Church June 30, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$261.00 <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 Coffee and Rolls July 14th following mass	Our Gifts to God & Church June 30, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$1066.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ so far \$7330 Donor Goal: 17 out of 19 The dollar goal is REACHED Pool Party! Monday, July 8th 6:00-8:00PM Callaway Aquatics Center Snacks Provided! Potluck July 14th Following mass	Our Gifts to God & Church June 30, 2024 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$3731.00 <u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal=\$5001/so far \$5020 Donor Goal: 16 out of 17 The dollar goal is REACHED!

- *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 .

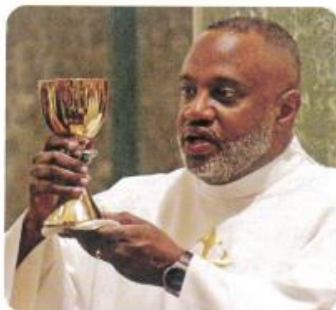
Dear Padre,

My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests "Father" when Jesus said not to. I don't know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, "As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (Matthew 23:8-9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors "professor."

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.")

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his "child in faith" (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, "I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:14-15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called "Father" for their pastoral role in the Church. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Benedict, Abbot</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Has 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9	Hos 14:2-10	Is 6:1-8	Am 7:12-15
Mt 9:18-26	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	Mt 10:7-15	Mt 10:16-23	Mt 10:24-33	Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

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