



## Like a Sponge

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I hit you and you hit me back, I may very well hit you again, this time harder. If you decide to hit me back harder as well, I may pull out my knife from fear and for self-defense. That may cause you to pull out your knife, thereby moving me to arm myself with a gun, which then compels you to do likewise. And thus, the evil escalates. If, however, when I hit you the first time, you do not retaliate by hitting me, the evil ends. It is absorbed by you, and life is better because of your decision.

It was Daniel Berrigan who noted that the role of the Christian is to absorb evil. When we absorb someone else's evil, when it ends with us, we literally save that person from embodying more evil. In effect, we ransom that person by our own suffering. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). In other words, we can be most like Jesus when we feel we are being used or abused, yet do not retaliate in kind.

In all such instances, it is not a matter of allowing someone to pummel and eviscerate our bodies and spirits. It is not about being defenseless. It is not a matter of refusing to resist. It is about resisting in a way that will not create greater violence and evil. It is the way of Christ. ●

### Reflect

***Is it possible to respond to evil without escalating it among individuals or among nations?***

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

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### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

*From Fr. Pampara:*

God has a prominent place in the life of every individual. He is the one who has created every person and given life and sustenance, continually has given his protection and care. He is the one who is all powerful, all knowing, unchangeable, omnipresent and perfectly good. He is simultaneously transcendent and immanent, creator of the world, distinct from and superior to it and at the same time present to human persons and to every smallest particle of creation. He loves us abundantly and he has sent his son for us as his generous gift towards everyone. This God who is supreme and generous always makes demands of us. He calls us to be humble and to live in service to others. We are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others. To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, and so to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. We must look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society — whether important or unimportant — we can serve. We should learn to serve with a smile. This is possible whether we are in military service, education (teaching), social service, law, medical service, government, or business. We get chances to serve others every day. Nurses serve their patients, teachers serve their students, parents serve the needs of their children, and spouses serve each other and their children as well as their own parents in old age. In our parishes, we are also called to serve not to be served. We can here apply the famous "ask not" of John Kennedy: *"Ask not what your parish, what your Church, your God can do for you; rather ask what you can do for your parish, for your Church, your God!"* If we want to be leaders, we must learn to be available, accountable, and vulnerable. This triad — availability, accountability, and vulnerability — qualifies us for what Robert Greenleaf has called *Servant Leadership*. *"Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier."* —Albert Schweitzer

Kindly keep me in your prayers. The first month of my sabbatical I will be in the North American College in Rome. The second month I will be in the African missions. In January I am going for an Ayurvedic treatment for all my health problems. Fr. Mike

#### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### For the week of October 21, 2024

Mon.	Oct 21	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Oct 22	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Oct 23	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Oct 24	3:30 PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Oct 25	8:30 AM	SJ	No Mass
Sun.	Oct 27	8:00 AM	SJ	People of the Parish
Sun.	Oct 27	9:30 AM	SA	LV Conner†
Sun.	Oct 27	11:00 AM	SB	Marianne Ridder†



John Ridder Oct 22nd  
Cordell Dierks Oct 22nd  
Cole Kinderknecht Oct 25th  
Chris Andre Oct 27th

## Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Ortiz Oct 22nd  
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Rosfeld Oct 23rd  
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Johnston Oct 24th

## Ministry Schedule

<b>Date:</b> Oct 27th	<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.	Molly P.	Toby K.
<b>Server</b>		Charli P. & Isaiah O.	Avery B. & Gregory W.
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue D. & Pam. L.	Steve & Kristen B.	Jim & Kristy O.
<b>Communion to shut ins or Music</b>		Steve B.	<b>Music:</b> Bobbi & Kelsey

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Agnes</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 13, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$286.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$4014/ Donor Goal: 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thrift Store Open Nov 1st from 9AM to 4PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 23rd</b></p> <p><b>Note: As you finish using your Word Among US from Oct Aleta Ambler would like it. Please give it to Fr to take to Arnold.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. Boniface</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 6, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$1023.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$7306/ Donor Goal: 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 23rd</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING:</u> Holy Day of Obligation All Saints Day Nov 1st Mass 6:00 PM</p> <p>Stewardship Group 1 will host a fall harvest potluck Sunday Oct 27 after Mass. Please come!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gifts to God &amp; Church Oct 6, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Collection:</u> \$4949.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal = \$5001/ Donor Goal: 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CCD Class Oct 23rd Supper Zuniga's</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UPCOMING:</u> Holy Day of Obligation All Saints Day Oct 31 Mass 6:00 PM</p>
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*Join Spirit Catholic Radio for a Biblical Theology Conference in Partnership with the St. Paul Center!*  
Hear from Dr. Scott and Kimberly Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, and Dr. Brueninger at Christ the King Catholic Church in Omaha.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com). Come to hear the Friday evening talks, the Saturday talks, or however many your schedule allows! Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:30 PM or Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15 AM - 4:30 PM. Lunches are available for pre-purchase at \$11.

Initiative Measure 434

Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimester.

For  
 Against

Initiative Measure 439

All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions. Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures.

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# Dear Padre,

*I read about bishops with different titles: coadjutor, auxiliary, ordinary. What is the difference between all of these bishops?*

All bishops in the Church are ordained in the same way. Bishops are the only people who can ordain other people in the Church. Bishops also have authority regarding Church matters. A bishop who is the *ordinary* of a diocese is the head of that diocese. He has the authority to guide and direct matters in the diocese. Like all other bishops, he has the responsibility to teach and preach in the name of the Church.

A bishop who is an *auxiliary* is assigned to help the ordinary of the diocese. His responsibilities are given to him by the ordinary. In most circumstances, the auxiliary will help in the administration of the diocese and celebrate the sacraments within the diocese.

A *coadjutor* bishop is assigned to aid the ordinary of the diocese. He usually has the right to succeed the ordinary once he retires or dies in office. In some circumstances, coadjutor bishops may be given authority that is normally reserved to the ordinary.

The differences between these bishops are the tasks they perform and the authority they have within a diocese. However, as bishops, they all receive the same ordination. ●

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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
October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Thirtieth Sunday</i>
Eph 2:1-10	Eph 2:12-22	Eph 3:2-12	Eph 3:14-21	Eph 4:1-6	Eph 4:7-16	<i>in Ordinary Time</i>
Lk 12:13-21	Lk 12:35-38	Lk 12:39-48	Lk 12:49-53	Lk 12:54-59	Lk 13:1-9	Jer 31:7-9
						Heb 5:1-6
						Mk 10:46-52



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet.... Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.*

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