



The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

Reflect

***What is my definition of love?
How do I live it?***



[Jesus said.] "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:35

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

Grades PreK3-3rd

Parish Religion Education Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Grades K-12

Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Ross Hensley (Vice-President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Andy Horton

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

Joanne Smith

Sandy Young

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Lisa Schafer

Tony Bell

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

May 11, 2025 St. Michael \$4,101.00

Sacred Heart \$504.00



	May 24, 2025	May 25, 2025
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Bingo and RAFFLE! Every Tuesday!

A GREAT and FUN way to support our school!

St. Michael's School Cafeteria

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Games begin at 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds given to St. Michael's School!

**Bingo Jackpot for \$1000
in 49 numbers.
And \$200 after 49!**

We have added a Special Raffle each week!

**With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package
you can pay \$1 more to enter the raffle. The raffle pot is at
\$3,000!**



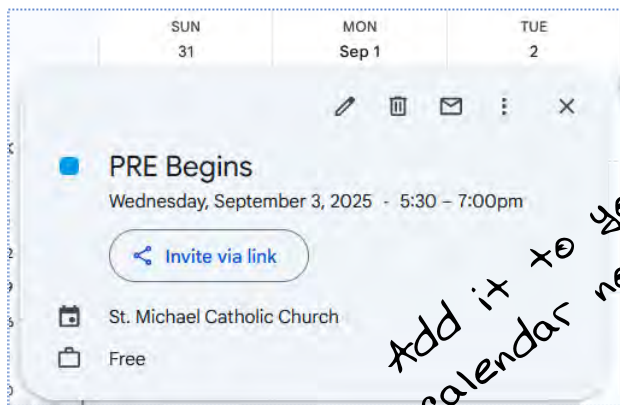
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latest Bingo
Information

PRE

- ❖ Wednesday night's class was the last of our 24/25 "school year."
- ❖ Thanks to all who supported the PRE program this year, especially our Director of Religious Education, Libby Burroughs.
- ❖ Mark your calendars now: PRE will resume on September 3rd!
- ❖ Please remember that the Diocese of Little Rock requires every First Communion and Confirmation Candidate to participate in two years of training.



*Fr. Gilbert chooses his prize after playing
"Yes or No" with the PRE students*



School Happenings

- ✓ It is hard to believe but next week is our last week of school.
- ✓ Please join us Friday for schoolwide Mass at 8:00 am followed by an awards ceremony in the School Cafeteria at 9:00 am. Plus, you REALLY don't want to miss our spring production, "Go Fish." Curtain time is 10:00 am and it will be held in the gym. School will be dismissed at 11:30.
- ✓ Our six-week summer program will begin on June 9th and run through July 25th, with a one week break from June 30th-July 4th. Call the school office or check it out on the school website: <https://stmichaelwm.com/smcs-summer-camp>



Left & Right: The kindergarten students compared & contrasted sharks & dolphins this week. They also learned that jellyfish are not fish at all!



Right: Mr. B serving hot lunches on Wednesday. Thank you to Ms. Hilda & Ms. Sarah for cooking for us and Ms. Becky helping in the kitchen.



Left: Artwork from our new Makerspace on display in the hallway. It is also scenery for our upcoming play!

Right: Fr. Gilbert talks with parents and students at Donuts with Grownups last Friday.



Right: Crawford (Pre-K4) with a slice of watermelon..



Thanks to all who helped Fr. Gilbert Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination



Thursday's celebration with the school. The students didn't tell him about the surprise, but he may have been given MANY hints.



Celebración del jueves con la escuela. Los alumnos no le contaron nada de la sorpresa, pero puede que le hayan dado MUCHAS pistas.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron al Padre Gilberto a celebrar el 15^o aniversario de su ordenación.



Sunday's celebration included visitors from Fr. Gilbert's parishes, present and past.



La celebración del domingo incluyó visitantes de las parroquias del Padre Gilberto, presentes y pasadas.

Donations for New Sacred Vessels



We have started a fund to purchase new sacred vessels for both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart Churches. We plan to buy two chalices and matching ciborium for St. Michael. For Sacred Heart we have identified the need for one chalice and matching ciborium. If you care to donate, envelopes are available in the back of church. Any memorials or honorariums will be published in the bulletin once we have purchased and received them.

GOAL: \$12,000



Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

Please pick up a bottle from the vestibule, fill it with your loose change, cash or a check. Return the bottles Father's Day weekend or before.

Call Mary Jane Flowers (870-551-1106) for more information.



Special Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

May 17th & 18th

What impact do your donations make? The Catholic Communications Campaign presents a unique opportunity to help your neighbors and people across the country connect with Christ. Half of your donation supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays at home in your diocese. Special envelopes for this collection are in the back of church.

Colecta Especial para la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas 17 y 18 de mayo

¿Qué impacto tienen sus donaciones? La Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas presenta una oportunidad única para ayudar a sus vecinos y a personas de todo el país a conectarse con Cristo. La mitad de su donación apoya los programas nacionales de comunicaciones de los obispos de Estados Unidos, mientras que la otra mitad se destina a su diócesis. Los sobres especiales para esta colecta se encuentran en la parte posterior de la iglesia.



Diocese of Little Rock - Office of Permanent **Diaconate Formation**



Are you called to be a DEACON?

About us

The Permanent Diaconate Formation Office is committed to preparing men to the diaconate in the Diocese of Little Rock. Leading a program which equips our candidates spiritually, academically, and pastorally to serve the Church.

Process

The Formation program consists of 5 years of academic, pastoral, spiritual and human aspects. The program is offered in English and Spanish.

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All meetings are at 6 pm

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If anyone is interested in pursuing this very important vocation, please contact Fr. Gilbert! We ask everyone to pray for all involved in this program as they embark on this journey.



Diócesis de Little Rock - Oficina de Formación de **Diaconado Permanente**



¿Estás llamado a servir como un **DIACONO**?

¿Quiénes somos? Proceso

La Oficina de Formación del Diaconado Permanente está comprometida a preparar hombres llamados al diaconado en la Diócesis de Little Rock. Ofrecemos un programa que prepara a los candidatos espiritual, académica, y pastoralmente para servir a la Iglesia.

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Todas las reuniones
inician a las 7:30 pm

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Si alguien está interesado en seguir esta importante vocación, ¡por favor, contacte al Padre Gilberto! Les pedimos a todos que oren por todos los participantes de este programa al emprender este camino.



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LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	17	5:30 6:30	Adoration Betty Guiltner †
Sunday	May	18	8:00 am 10:00 am	Frank B. Alpe † Carroll Maddox †
Monday	May	19	NO MASS	
Tuesday	May	20	6:00 pm	Marinelle Paladino †
Wednesday	May	21	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Michael Parks† NO MASS
Thursday	May	22	8:00 am	Chantal McPherson †
Friday	May	23	8:00 am	Teresa Williams †
Saturday	May	24	6:30 pm	Betty Guiltner †
Sunday	May	25	8:00 am 10:00 am	Aubrey Zachary, Sr. † Teresa Willams †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, Chris Gross, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Louis Pitts, Carol Burdison, Mary Margaret Riley, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Peggy Mengarelli, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Danny Foster, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Dorothy Barnes, Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, David & Ann James, Sung Sam Lee, Kay Loney, Lucille Marconi, Johnny McMullin, Sandra Thorne, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

Dear Padre,

I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



PIXABAY / PEKELS

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*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022

Monday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

Friday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23
Jn 14:23–29