



I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

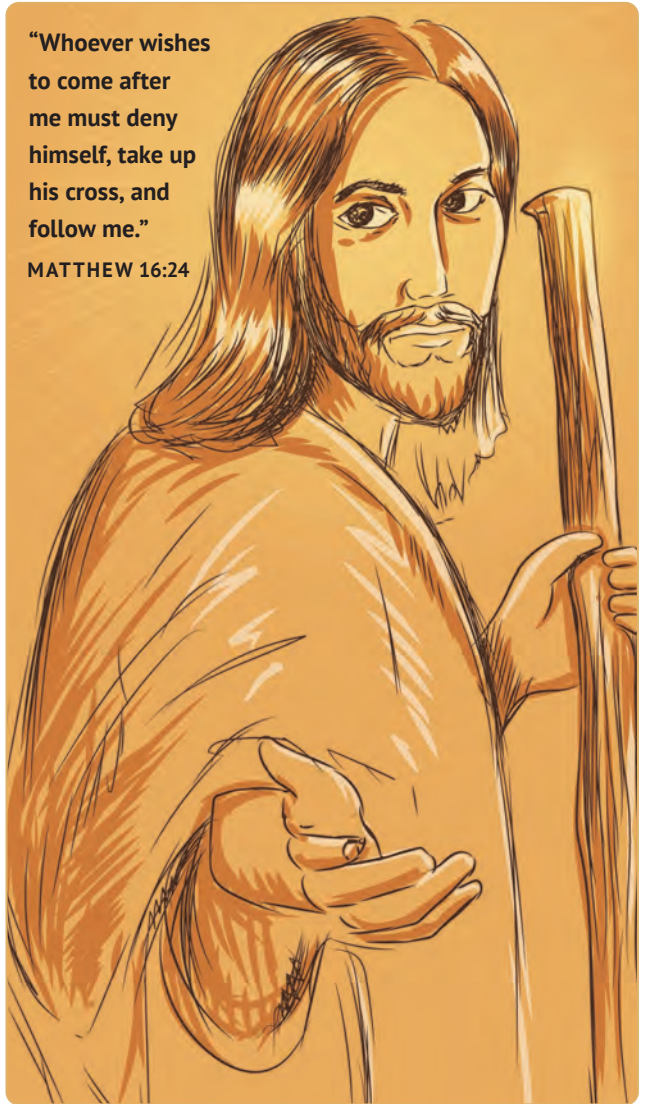
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

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to come after
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his cross, and
follow me.”**

MATTHEW 16:24



Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?

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- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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SACRED HEART– Crawfordville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

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Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST MICHAEL'S

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament"



SAINT MOTHER TERESA



MISSIONARY OF CHARITY. SERVANT OF THE POOR. SAINT OF LOVE.

Mother Teresa devoted her life to serving those who were poorest of the poor. Her love, compassion, and faith continue to inspire the world.



BORN: August 26, 1910
Skopje, North Macedonia
(then part of the Ottoman Empire)



FOUNDED: Missionaries of Charity
In 1950, in Calcutta, India, to serve the sick, the poor, and the dying.



KNOWN FOR:
Her selfless love, care for the unwanted, and bringing hope to so many in need.



HONORS:
Nobel Peace Prize (1979)
Canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta on September 4, 2016

Feast Day
SEPTMBER 5TH

Let us honor Saint
Mother Teresa by following
her example of love in
action and kindness
to one another.



“Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love.

— MOTHER TERESA



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
 ON **MONDAY,**
SEPTEMBER 7TH
in observance of
LABOR DAY!
Have a safe Labor Day weekend! 

 *St. Michael's Catholic Church & Sacred Heart* 

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE *Guild*

The Guild is made up of women from both Sacred Heart and St. Michael's who share a desire to serve God, our parish, and our school while building friendships and fellowship with other women of the church.

We meet four times each year and actively support church and school activities throughout the year.

We would love to see you join us!

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR



**SUNDAY,
 AUGUST 30TH
 AT 2:00 PM**



**SHELLEY PUGH'S
 HOUSE**
 127 Cedar Ave.
 Marion, AR



**ICE CREAM
 SOCIAL!**

**NO NEED TO
 BRING ANYTHING—
 JUST YOURSELF!**

Come enjoy a sweet treat, fellowship, and friendship!
 WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!





Thanks for going above and beyond.



Thank you so much for the generous gift. Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated!

♥ -Laura Seudivar

Thank you so much for thinking of us. So kind.

-Tara Doyle

Thank you so much for your kindness! It will be most helpful during the school year!

♥ Mrs. Lanie

These will be great for school supplies!

Thanks,
Libby

Thank you for thinking of us and all of your support.
♥ Stefanie

What a thoughtful gift, especially for the "starving art teacher"! May God + Our Lady be with you always
In Christ,
Yemini Amzel

Thank you for supporting Aay. 2026 our school. Your generous gift was a big morale boost! -Kristin Rains

Dear St. Michael's Parish,

You don't get enough thanks for all the *big and little ways* you show you care.

Some of it probably comes naturally to you, and it feels like no big deal.

You probably tell yourself it's what anyone would do.

But, you know what?

Everyone doesn't, and *you do*. And that's huge.

Thank y'all SO MUCH for thinking of us. We are so blessed to have such wonderful support. We truly appreciate you!
Mrs. Ginny

Thank-you for the very generous donation to us teachers! We appreciate it so much!

♥ Sharon

Thank you so much for your generous gift. I so appreciate it. I am so happy about my first year. ♥

Leigh Ann Wood



Week of	September 5, 2026	September 6, 2026
Lector	Lisa Cassidy	Jessie Drake
Linens	Mary McDougal	
Communion	Bonnie Waller	Beth Aureli
	Lisa Schafer	Patsy Fletcher
	James Alpunte	Bert Jenkins
Offertory	Reece Family	Kevin Waller Family
Greeters	Mary Jane Flowers	Yancy & Lisa Tindell



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Sept. 17th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Sept. 17th· 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Sept. 6th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Sept 13th *Following Mass – PC*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	August	29	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Bob & Martha Morrison† Allen Creel†
Sunday	August	30	8:30 am 10:30 am	Fr. Joseph Marconi Charles McGinnis†
Monday	August	31	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September	1	6:00 pm	Tommy Goldsby†
Wednesday	September	2	8:00 am	Irmgard Paulk†
Thursday	September	3	8:00 am	Ginger Wilkinson
Friday	September	4	8:00 am	Mike & Michael Burroughs†
Saturday	September	5	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	September	6	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jerry McAlister† Illuminata Wilhelmi



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, 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., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, 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.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

August 23, 2026 St. Michael \$2,908.00

Sacred Heart \$909.00

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading.

The principle established after the

Second World

War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026



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Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of

the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

September 6

*Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20