



From Anger to Peace


FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

*Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?*



[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Ross Hensley (Vice-President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Bobby Hinze

Andy Horton

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Joanne Smith

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

Lisa Schafer

Sandy Young

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

April 20, 2025 St. Michael \$5,014.00

Sacred Heart \$1,669.00

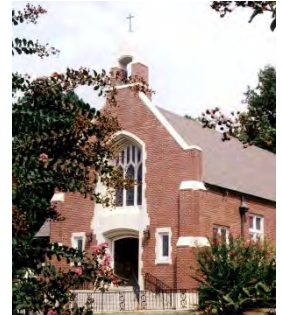
Eucharistic Adoration

St. Michael Every Tuesday,
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Crawfordsville,
Every Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Every Saturday, before the Vigil Mass
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



St. Mary of the Lake Church
626 Horseshoe Circle
Horseshoe Lake, AR 72348
Sunday Vigil – Saturday 4 pm

Mass Times at our Sister Churches



St. Francis of Assisi Church
621 S. Washington St.
Forrest City, AR 72335
Sunday 12:15 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday,
11:30 am

Baptism: Parents desiring Baptism for their children must be registered parishioners of St. Michael or Sacred Heart for at least 2 years prior to the Baptism date. Baptism dates will be finalized only after consultation with the Pastor. Attendance of a Baptismal preparation class is required. Please call the church office at 870-733-1212 to schedule an appointment.



Marriage Preparation: Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intention to marry at least six months prior to their intended wedding date.



Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest. Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program is required.



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
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**With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package
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\$2,800!**



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Information

P R E

- ❖ Parish Religious Education is held on Wednesday evenings beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Sunday, May 4th, is the Parish May Procession. All children of the parish should meet in the school cafeteria before 10:00 am Mass to line up for the procession to honor Mary, Mother of Jesus.
- ❖ First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 4th, at 10:00 am.
 - We will have practice after 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, May 3rd. PLEASE BRING YOUR FIRST COMMUNION BANNER.
 - Our "2nd Sunday" Brunch will be moved to the First Sunday in May to honor our First Communicants.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 14th, is the final PRE class for the year. Each family should bring their favorite party food for a potluck dinner. There will be prizes for participation.



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.

School Happenings

- ✓ We enjoyed our Easter break and came back on Tuesday and celebrated a bit more by having an Easter Egg hunt.
- ✓ On Friday, we had our annual Field Day. This year, we played Dr. Seuss themed games. Thanks to all our parents who came to support us and especially to Mrs. Sandy who always makes everything fun!
- ✓ Next Friday, at 8:00 am Mass, we will have our school May Procession and crowning of the Blessed Mother, please join us if you can.

Right: A tribute to our Holy Father Pope Francis: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace."

Below: First Grade students celebrating Earth Day 2025.



Below: Third grade boys learning about areas and perimeters using cheez-it crackers.



Above: All classes hunt for eggs scattered on the playground.
Right: Pre-K(4) show off their loot.



Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

It's almost time for our annual campaign. Bottles will be available on Mother's Day Weekend, May 10th & 11th. Please fill the bottle with your loose change, cash, or a check. Return the bottles on or before Father's Day Weekend, June 14th & 15th. Call Mary Jane Flowers (870-551-1106) for more information.



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA

Our next rosary rally will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church.



	May 3, 2025	May 4, 2025
Lector	Bonnie Waller	Tony Bell
Linens	Mary McDougal	
Communion	Libby Burroughs	Bert Jenkins
	Bonnie Waller	Melissa Morphis
	Lisa Schafer	Gladys Hampton

Parish Organizations



- ◆ Infant of Prague Guild: the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 7th, in the school cafeteria.
 - ◆ Knights of Columbus business meeting 1st Sundays at 7:00 P.M.
 - ◆ Men's Bible Study on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Tony Bell's House. Please call Ken Thomas for more information, 901-674-1497.
 - ◆ Women on Wednesday (WOW!) bible study on Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass. Call Becky at 901-652-2390 for information.
 - ◆ Finance Council meets every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 P.M.
 - ◆ Parish Council meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
 - ◆ 1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch May 4th, after Mass
 - ◆ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch May 4th, after Mass
- Knights of Columbus

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	April	26	5:30 6:30	Adoration Betty Guiltner †
Sunday	April	27	8:00 am 10:00 am	Margaret Klug † B'day
Monday	April	28	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	29	6:00 pm	Joe Schafer †
Wednesday	April	30	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Fr. Charles Thessing
Thursday	May	1	8:00 am	Esther Stupenti †
Friday	May	2	8:00 am	Mike † & Michael † Burroughs George Salazar † B'day
Saturday	May	3	9:00 6:30 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone † Viginia Forman †
Sunday	May	4	8:00 am 10:00 am	Dolores Goche †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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.

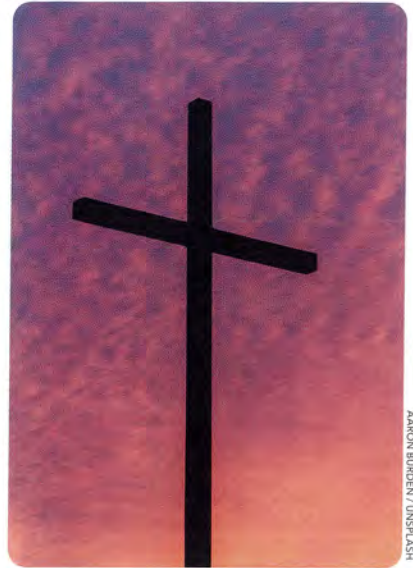
Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	April 29 <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	April 30 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	May 1 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	May 2 <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15	May 3 <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



ANNETNAVI / PEXELS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022