



Bloom Where You Are Planted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds—the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we

work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted. ●

Reflect

**What is the hardest part of my life right now?
What is the most blessed?**

The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

LUKE 10:1



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Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday
& 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday &
1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by
appointment
***30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the
Holy Rosary***
For more information, please contact the Church Office.



ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First
Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays
at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment.
Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is
respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly
encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those
facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing &
comfort is usually available on the last weekend each
month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment
of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are
called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a
couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The
diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact
the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding
date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient
instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a
desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are
encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for
a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to
schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

Adoration Chapel Coordinators

Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) 847-5018
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Pam MacAulay 847-6742

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.
Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register
by completing a registration form, then kindly
return it to the Church Office. Get involved!
Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-
given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.



Saturday/July 5th – St. Anthony Zacaria, Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : SI Buddy and Anne Kootz
by the Kootz family

4 p.m. Holy Mass : SI All volunteers of St. Michael's
by People of the Parish *First Saturday

Sunday/July 6th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Sally Fernandez †
by Jacinta DiCresce

Monday/ July 7th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: SI Garry and Cathy Raikes
by Raikes family
KC meeting 6 p.m Rosary at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday /July 8th –
No Holy Mass

Wednesday /July 9th – St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest

6 p.m. Holy Mass : SI Tracey Kocz
by Mary Kocz

Thursday /July 10th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: All homebound and sick
by People of the Parish

Friday /July 11th – St. Benedict, Abbott

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All buried in our cemetery and
columbium
by People of the Parish

Saturday / July 12th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass: All staff at St. Michael's
by People of the Parish

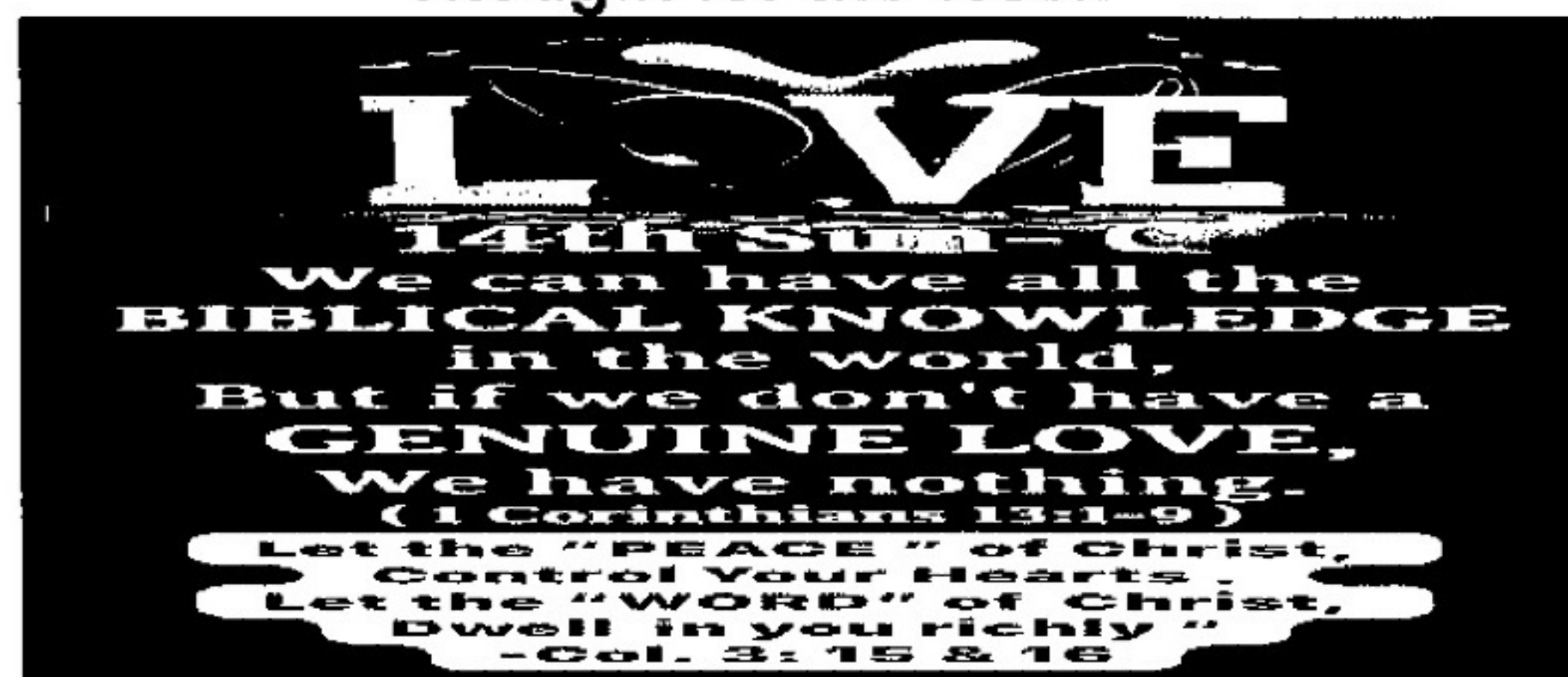
Sunday / July 13th Fifteenth Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: Garry and Cathy Raikes
by the Raikes family
Knights Big Breakfast after Mass

Food Pantry collection July 5th and 6th

Bingo every Thursday, doors open at 5:30 pm and starts at 6 pm

Thought for the Week



▲ Wising you a Blessed Week ▲



Collection Report

June 28th and June 29th , 2025

Main Collection - \$1596.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-1985



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

**Altar Flowers this week are in honor of
A. Gracie on her birthday**

**Tabernacle Roses this week generously
provided by: Lynn and Terry Phelps in
honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary**

KNIGHTS BIG BREAKFAST

The Knights will be doing their **Big Breakfast** after Mass **Sunday July 13th**, in the church hall. Tickets will be available at the door. Please come enjoy breakfast. **Our Knights help our church in so many ways lets support them!**

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen

Food Pantry Collections

The food pantry collection is always the 1st weekend of each month. This helps to service the poor and those in need. You can also bring food for the pantry at anytime just let someone from St. Vincent de Paul aware that you will be bringing it in. They can accept expired products as long as not too far past the date. Collection dates are next July 5th and 6th.

KC Blood Drive

Our Knights #6969 will be sponsoring the American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday **July 8, 2025 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. You may schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter KOC6969.

Sunday Coffee Groups

Please, consider starting your own Sunday coffee group or joining one. Contact Joyce Speir or the church office if interested.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Chuck Wolff, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Crystal Hawkins, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Andy Ryan, Gerald & Carol Metty, Dan Such, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Jackie LeBeau, Darrell & Elizabeth Beason, Doug Wortham, Mary Winston and Patrick Plunkett.

Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, Vernon McTtmiller, KayLynn Rodenbeck.

Expectant Mother: Samantha Eichhorn, Olivia Moore, Jamisen Laire and Kristene Bates.

- ▲ July 5th – Peter Hernandez
- ▲ July 6th – Tony Taylor
- ▲ July 7th – Marilyn Hadley
- ▲ July 7th – Colleen Noel
- ▲ July 9th – Joyce Speir
- ▲ July 10th – Jayme Siggers
- ▲ July 12th – Christopher Conrad
- ▲ July 12th – Jean-Marie Hendricks
- ▲ July 13th – Connie Conrad
- ▲ July 13th – John Paul Ishmael

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

♥ Alan and Terry Phelps
July 11 50 Years

****Consider attending Mass or making a visit to the Chapel on your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary to thank God for your family & the gift of Life.****

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots

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St. Michael's Columbarium
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Contact: Jim Wege



St. Michael's Parish Hall
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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting
Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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2nd Saturday of the month

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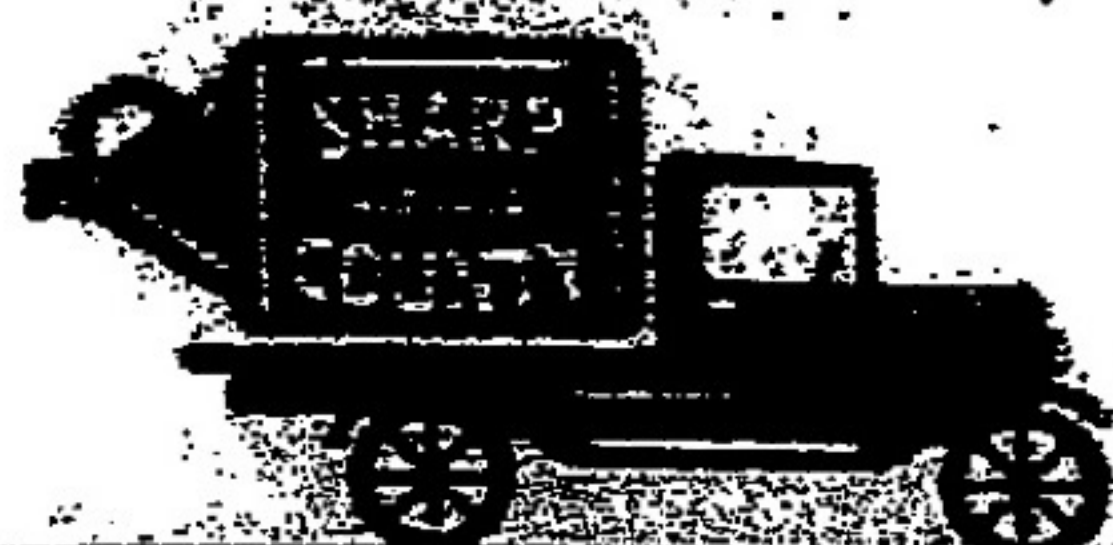
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Dear Padre,

At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The disciples were sent two by two, not individually.... Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view; whether we do so in community, not by ourselves.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022

Monday

July 7
Weekday
Gn 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

July 8
Weekday
Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

July 9
Weekday
Gn 41:55-57;
42:5-7a, 17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

July 10
Weekday
Gn 44:18-21,
23b-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

July 12
Weekday
Gn 49:29-32;
50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

July 13
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37