



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.)

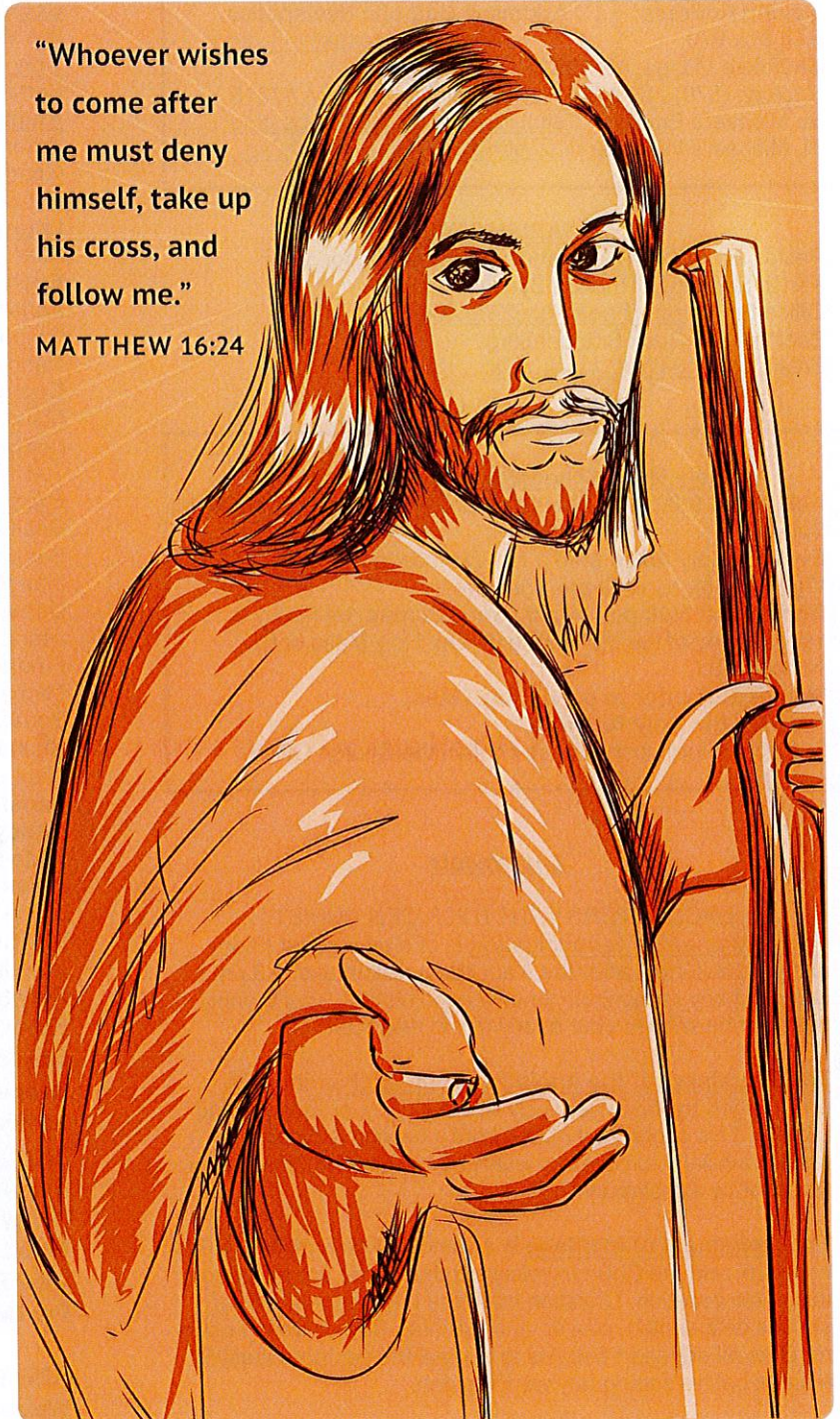
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "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. ●



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OF OUR PARISH
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"Whoever wishes
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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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 pm.: 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.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on 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 by 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 to 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.

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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. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday / August 29th – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4 p.m. Vigil Mass: Marty and Irene Barrack †

by: People of the parish

*2nd Collection Altar Society

Sunday/ August 30th – Twenty-Second Sunday

Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All deceased Knights and their spouses †

by: St. Michael's Knights of Columbus

*2nd Collection Altar Society

Monday/August 31st – Weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Joesph Kocz †

by: Mary Kocz

*KC Officers meeting Monday

The Rosary starts at 5 pm

Tuesday/September 1st – Weekday

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/September 2nd – Weekday

6 p.m. Holy Mass : All volunteers at St. Michael's

by : People of the parish

Thursday /September 3rd – St. Gregory, Pope/Doctor

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All Staff at St. Michael's

by: People of the parish

*Bingo doors open at 4:30 pm games at 6 pm

*St. Monica's group meets after 9 am Holy Mass

Friday/ September 4th – Weekday / First Friday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Michael Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

Saturday / September 5th – St. Teresa of Calcutta

(First Saturday)

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Lauren Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : John Michael Bystry †

by: John and Patricia Bystry

* Food Pantry collection

Sunday/ September 6th – Twenty-Third Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : John Michael Bystry †

by: Rhonda Bystry

* Food Pantry collection / *Bingo 30th Anniversary !!

Thought for the week

"The Love of Money is Root of All Kinds of Evil."
1Tim.6:10

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"The World Can Give Us Many Things."
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"Only Christ Can give us Eternal Life"
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Mt.16:21-27
22nd Sun-A

"Whoever Wishe to Come After Me, Must Deny Himself."
Mt.16:22

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"What Profit would There be for One To Gain the Whole World and Forfeit his Life?"
Mt.16:26

Blessed Sunday

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



Collection Report

August 22nd and August 23rd 2026

Main Collection \$ 3278.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving !

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Wednesday 12:00 am to 1:00 pm

Rose, (870) 847-5018, or

Anne, (870) 847-1985



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions.

Altar Flowers are generously provided by: Mary Kocz in memory of her husband, Joseph Kocz.

Tabernacle Roses are generously provided by: Helen Oberding in memory of Marie Pekny.

Food Pantry collection

Will be the weekend of September 5th and 6th. They need canned foods like tuna, spaghetti, pastas, easy to prepare dry or canned meals, cereals, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, dry milk and toilet paper.

St. Michael's B-I-N-G-O 30th year Anniversary Celebration !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Join them on **Sunday September 6th, 2026** for a fun filled afternoon. **Doors open at noon and games/sessions start at 1:30 pm.**

St. Monica's Prayer group

They meet 1st Thursday of every month after 9 am Holy Mass to pray for our children to be strong in their faith and/or return to their faith. Please join us. Meetings are in the church library.

There are openings on the Holy Mass special intentions calendar and on the Altar Flowers and Tabernacle Roses schedule. This is a wonderful way to honor someone's special day or in memory of a loved one !

Magnificat Luncheon

~ Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic Women ~
It is an intentional ministry based on:

"The Visitation" Luke 1:39

The next luncheon will be on Saturday September 26th 2026. Tickets are \$15 each which includes your meal. The speaker for this event is Alexis Kiser Christopher. The luncheon will be from 11 am to 2 pm. This ministry is Diocesan approved by Bishop Taylor and Father Amal is our spiritual director. Please come join us.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Chuck Wolff, Jim Wege, Isabelle Wiest, Michael and Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Ray McHugh, Tim Starcken, Marcella Birkhead, Jean Marie Henricks, Michael Reddick, Colleen Royal, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Joseph Huff, Maryann Barber, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Toni Travline, and Doug and Tammy Wortham.

Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, KayLynn Rodenbeck and Timothy Huff

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

August 31st - Paulette Montoya
September 1st - Susan Rinell
September 3rd - Eli Blanco
September 4th - Sarah Burton
September 4th - John Hueser
September 5th - Joseph Huff
September 6th - Eric Bartow



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

♡ None this week

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870-994-2744

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Payment Plans Available
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Social and Potluck Meeting
2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:00 p.m. Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Officers Meeting

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



Fourth Degree

Patriotic Degree of the order
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Quarterly Business Meeting
2nd Saturday of the month

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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. ●



MIND AND / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

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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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