



# The Other Side of Love

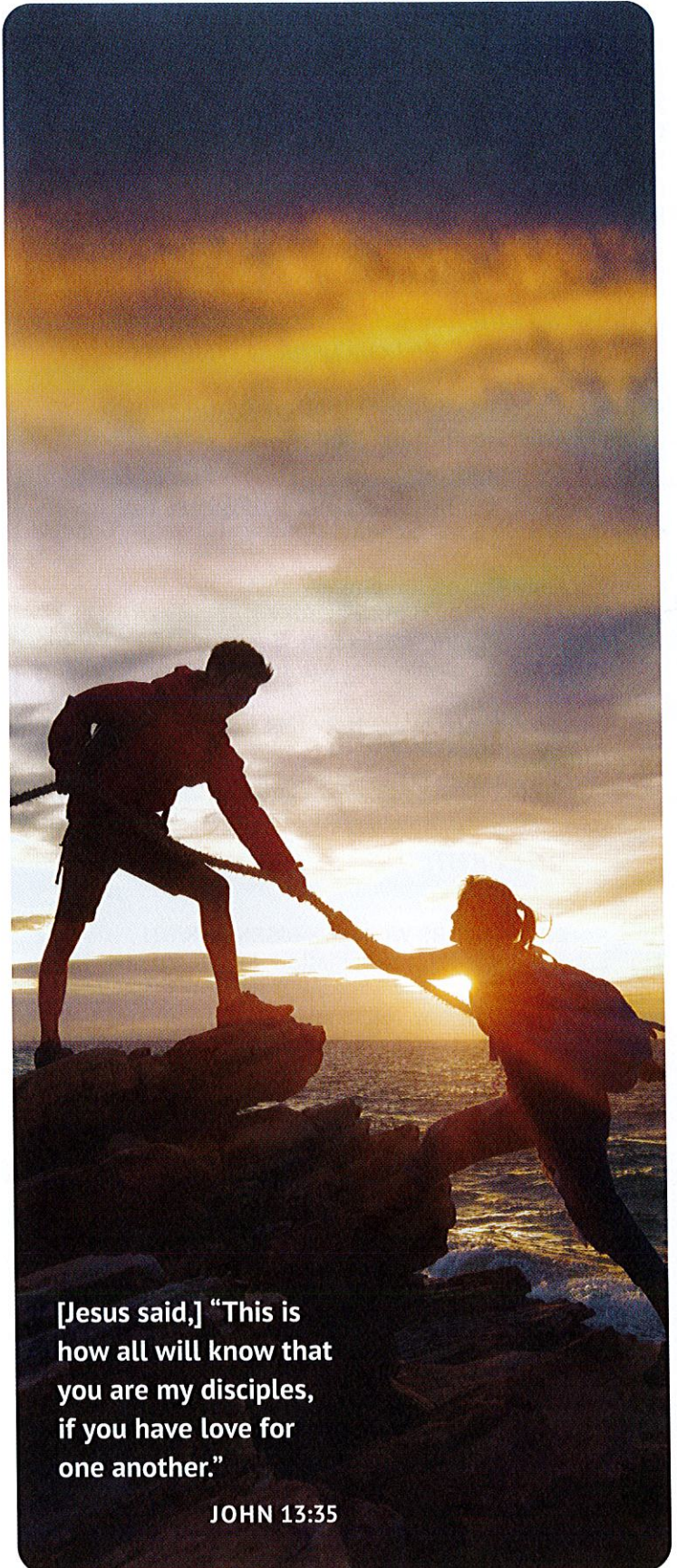
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**W**e have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new 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**



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## Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday  
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**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  
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For more information, please contact the Church Office.



## Sacraments

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**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly  
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month after every Mass, or by appointment.

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of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are  
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schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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# 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 / PEXELS

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / Dear Padre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://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