Weekly Calendar

Sun., Aug 17: Adult Catechism, 4:00 pm,

church basement

Wed., Aug 20: Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm

Thurs., Aug 21: School begins

Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 17: For the People

Mon., Aug 18: No Mass

Tues., Aug 19: †For Connie Medhus

by Lowell Medhus

Wed., Aug 20: ______
Thurs., Aug 21:

Fri., Aug 22:

Sat., Aug 23:

Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's

Sat., Aug 9: \$ 151.00 Sun., Aug 10: \$ 1,387.00

St. Mary's

Sun., Aug 10: \$ 271.00

Month of June 2025 | Fiscal Year ending 6.30.25 | Income: \$ 7.215.50 | Income: \$ 96.494.29

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lect 120—Year C)

How do you think Jeremiah felt after

the princes of Judah threw him into a cistern and left him to die? As death by starvation came closer, did he regret speaking out in God's name? Clearly he did not, for after he is rescued and after today's first reading ends, he continues to warn the people of God's wrath. Jeremiah is ready to pay any price for speaking the truth. Jesus is too. He realizes that preaching about a kingdom in which the first will be last, the lofty will be thrown down from their thrones, and the poor and the persecuted will be the ones to inherit it is divisive. But this is why he has come. That the message is divisive and leads to persecution is not a sign that it should be silenced—just the opposite. Therefore, he welcomes the blazing fire, the divided households, the baptism that will be his death on the cross. These are signs that he is accomplishing his mission. It is our turn now to preach his message and face opposition. But we do so knowing that as "the leader and perfecter of faith," Jesus is our model as we "persevere in running the race" to that kingdom (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Have you spoken up for justice, truth, or your faith when you know it will be divisive? When do you plan to do so?

God is good all the time: all the time God is good!

Good News!

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10 / Hebrews 12:1–4 /
Luke 12:49–53

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand." Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. •

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Mass Schedule St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m. Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass and Adoration—5:30 p.m. First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

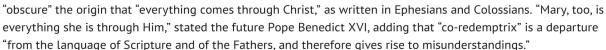
St. Mary's Mission—Custer Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dear Padre,

Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "unique holiness'...'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would



Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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