



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.)

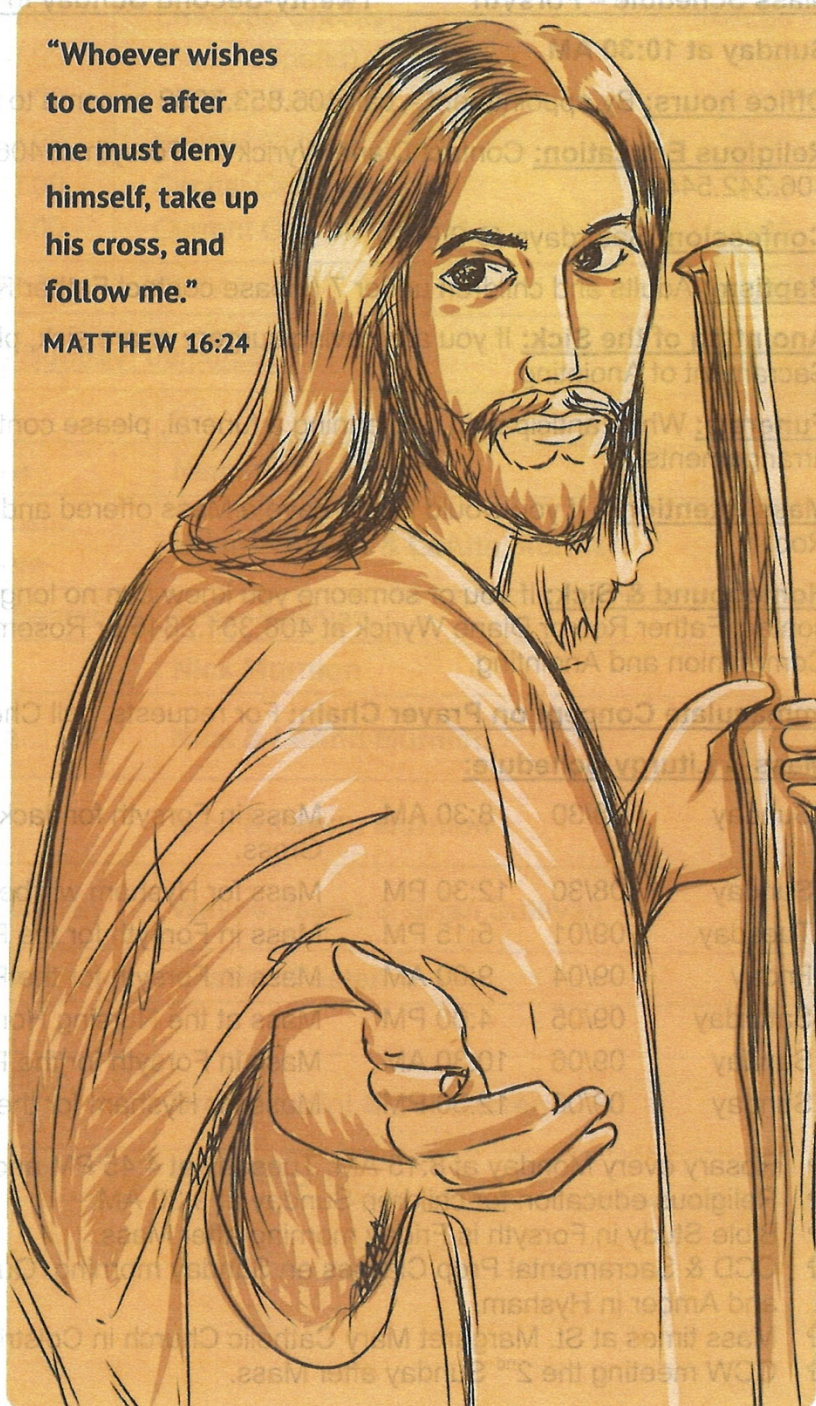
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Heser at 406.351.9048.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	08/30	8:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Jack & Betty Steinberger from Dan Steinberger & Mary Gross.
Sunday	08/30	12:30 PM	Mass for Hysham will be in Forsyth this Sunday.
Tuesday	09/01	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for the People of the Parish.
Friday	09/04	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for the People of the Parish.
Saturday	09/05	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for the Residents.
Sunday	09/06	10:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for the People of the Parish.
Sunday	09/06	12:30 PM	Mass for Hysham for the People of the Parish.

✠ Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.

✠ Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.

✠ Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.

✠ CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.

✠ Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 8:30 AM.

✠ CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

Fr. Rob has priests' meetings in Great Falls from September 14th through September 17th, so there will be no Mass on Tuesday the 15th.

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 08/23/2026

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	353.00	Loose Cash	N/A.00
Loose Checks	0.00	Loose Checks	N/A.00
Envelope Cash	50.00	Envelope Cash	N/A.00
Envelope Checks	775.00	Envelope Checks	N/A.00
Other (Bathroom)	50.00	Other (Stipend)	0.00
Music	0.00	Building Fund	0.00
Special Collection (Stipend)	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Special Collection (Peters Pence)	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1228.00	TOTAL:	\$ N/A.00

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 09/06/2026

Forsyth:			
	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 10:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Sullivan & LeAnn Murnion
		Cross Bearer	Brian Sullivan
		Lector	Nick Murnion
		Ushers	Nick & LeAnn Murnion
		Gifts	Nick & LeAnn Murnion
		Col. Counters	Wayne Pester & Brian Sullivan
		Sacristan	Heather Pester
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Brent Icopini & Del Warren
		Lector	Mary Mitchell

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. ●



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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.

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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