



About Being Sent

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: "In all of life God brings us to where we should be." I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we've been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

Reflect

How is God calling you to be holy where you are today?



[The Twelve] drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

MARK 6:13

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK
St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

JULY 14, 2024 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

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Bulletin Deadline: Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES FOR JULY 21, 2024

Rosary: Julia Motyka

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Vansa

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Offertory: Robert and Debbie Vansa

Ushers: James Dohnalik and Shawn Higgins

Servers: Cade and Cutter

Sanctuary Light: July 15th-21st: In Memory of David Klepac by the Prcin Family

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Kay & Ed Moraw, and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need.

To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—July 14 – July 21, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—7/14	10:15am	+ David Klepac by Robert and Debbie Vansa + Frank & Louise Vansa by Louis and Mary Frances Vansa + Clem Tomek by Katherine Hubnik + Joseph Taylor Ribar by Thomas Kostroun
7/17—Wednesday	5:30pm	No Services
7/21—Sunday	10:15am	+ Joe and Stefina Vansa by Robert and Debbie Vansa + Stanley Hubnik by Billy and Mary Ann Seaton + Claire Worley by Robert and Debbie Vansa + Lillian Litzman by Lynne Hornung

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

CYCLONE/MARAK CHURCH PARTY: Today is the Knights of Columbus Summer Party for all parishioners from 4-8PM. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be served. Plan on eating at approximately 6PM.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Picnic Raffle Tickets will be available before and after mass starting today, July 14th.

PICNIC WORK SCHEDULES: Work schedules for each booth are due to Jeannine Dohnalik by Monday, July 15, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: The next KC meeting is Tuesday, July 16th at 7PM in Cyclone.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday, July 17th at 6PM in the Church.

EIM: EIM workshop on July 28th at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone at 9:45 AM. Register in advance.

**7-7: Sunday Offering: \$1,770.00 Building Fund: \$615.00 Children's: \$14.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Dear Padre,

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God's grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God's right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God's will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. "I didn't know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call 'God's perfect will.' As it evolved, my prayer became 'Lord, let me live until I die.' By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn't matter." ●



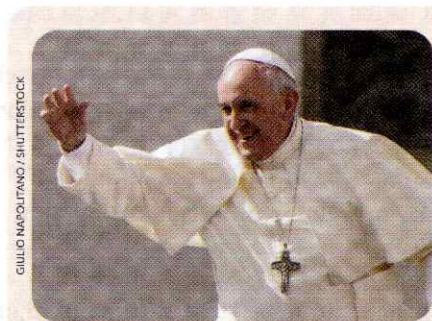
GERARD NOTTEBAM

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
<i>St. Bonaventure,</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Sixteenth Sunday</i>
<i>Bishop and</i>	Is 7:1–9	Is 10:5–7,	Is 26:7–9,	Is 38:1–6,	Mi 2:1–5	<i>in Ordinary Time</i>
<i>Doctor of the</i>	Mt 11:20–24	13b–16	12, 16–19	21–22, 7–8	Mt 12:14–21	Jer 23:1–6
<i>Church</i>		Mt 11:25–27	Mt 11:28–30	Mt 12:1–8		Eph 2:13–18
Is 1:10–17						Mk 6:30–34
Mt 10:34–11:1						



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus...makes [the disciples] see that the Christian journey is simply about changing hearts. One's own heart first all.... It is about learning to live differently, under a different law, with different rules. It is about turning from the path of selfishness, conflict, division, and superiority, and taking instead the path of life, generosity and love.

HOMILY, ÑU GUAZÚ, ASUNCIÓN (PARAGUAY), JULY 12, 2015