



## Doubting, Remembering, then Believing

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16-17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

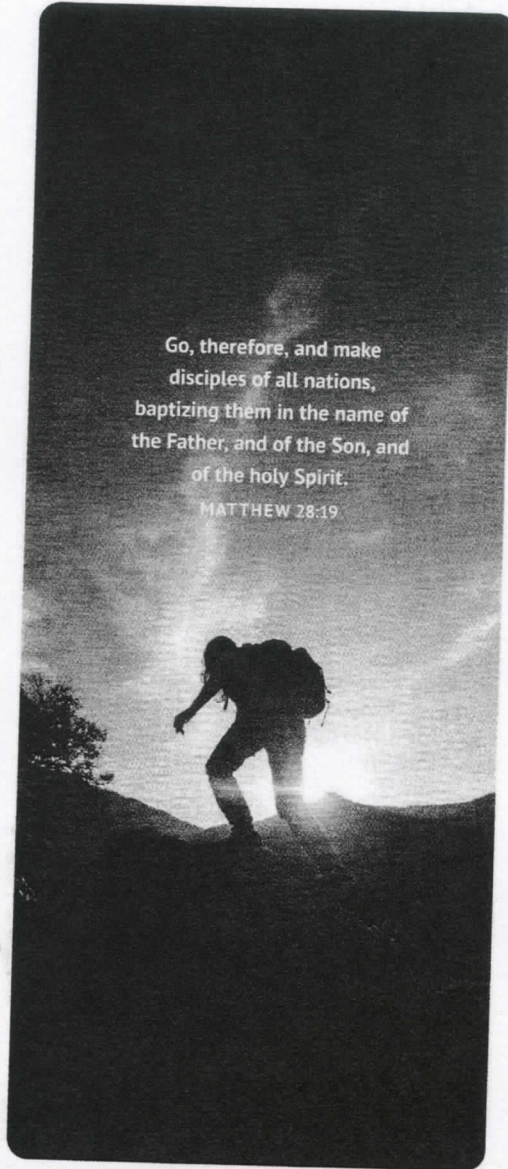
How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age." ●

### Reflect

*This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.*

Go, therefore, and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19



**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—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.

**MAY 26, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Last Sunday, we celebrated the sending of the Spirit, which sealed God's new covenant and made a new creation. In this new creation, we live in the family of God, who has revealed himself as a Trinity of love. We share in His divine nature through His Body and Blood (see 2 Peter 1:4). This is the meaning of the three feasts that cap the Easter season— Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi.

These feasts should be intimate reminders of how deeply God loves us, how He chose us, from before the foundation of the world, to be His children (see Ephesians 1:4-5). Today's readings illuminate how all God's words and works were meant to prepare for the revelation of the Trinity and God's blessing in Jesus Christ—the blessing we inherited in Baptism, and renew in each Eucharist.

By God's word the heavens and earth were filled with His kindness, we sing in today's Psalm. Out of love, God called Abraham and chose his descendants to be His own people, Moses says in today's First Reading (see Deuteronomy 4:20,37). Through the Israelites, He revealed to the nations that He alone is Lord and there is no other.

In Jesus, God's word took flesh as a son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And Jesus reveals in the Gospel today that the one God is Father, Son, and Spirit, and that He desires to make all people His own. As He led Israel out of Egypt, God freed us from slavery, Paul says in today's Epistle. As He adopted Israel (see Romans 9:4), He gives us the Spirit by which we can know Him as "Our Father." As God's heirs, we receive the commissions of Moses and Jesus today. We are to fix our hearts on Him, and to observe all that He has commanded. The Eucharist is His pledge—that He will be with us until the end, that He will deliver us from death to live forever in the promised land of His kingdom.

**THE TRINITY**



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

**MINISTRIES FOR JUNE 2, 2024**

**Rosary:** Lynne Hornung

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jill Stermer

**Lector:** Misty Green

**Offertory:** Judy & Lindsey Vaculin

**Ushers:** Ronald Kaulfus & Andy Littlejohn

**Servers:** Paige, Claire, & Kate K.



**Sanctuary Light: May 27th—June 2nd: In Memory of Frances Hubnik by Anna Givens**

**Prayer Chain...** Please pray for Barbara Vansa McNeill, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Joseph Ribar, Kay & Ed Moraw and Paulette Foster 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—May 26-June 2, 2024**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—5/26	10:15am	+ Valeria Kostiha by Johnny & Donna Dohnalik + Jerry Wade by George & Linda Dohnalik + Stanley Hubnik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik
5/29—Wednesday		NO MASS
6/2—Sunday	10:15am	+ Rosalie Kostroun by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Stanley Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik + Frankie Joe Hubnik by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **WEDNESDAY MAY 29TH:** No Mass.
- **JUNE 2ND:** Picnic Planning Meeting for All Parishioners after Mass.
- **JUNE 2ND:** Second Collection for Building and Maintenance Fund.
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to all that helped in any way or form to make Father Ranjan's 40th Ordination Celebration and the Graduation Mass a success. May God Bless you all.
- **DISHES/PANS** left from last Sunday's lunch are under the table in church entry.
- **PICNIC RAFFLE:** Our homecoming picnic has been a very successful fundraiser because you have been so **GENEROUS!** We are a little over three months away from our 2024 picnic (September 8th). We are asking for your help again this year. Please consider donating a prize (or help sponsor a prize) for the raffle. Contact Kelly Laurence (254-931-5992) or Julie Motyka (254-722-0394) if you would like to donate. Thank you for all that you do to make our picnic successful.

**5-19: Sunday Offering: \$2,559.00 Children's Offering: \$3.00  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

# Dear Padre,

*I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?*

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is "a call from God to a particular state in life," by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God's call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God's call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*"Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another" [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God's mercy, of his forgiveness.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



### MONDAY

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3-9

Mk 10:17-27

### TUESDAY

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10-16

Mk 10:28-31

### WEDNESDAY

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18-25

Mk 10:32-45

### THURSDAY

May 30

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12

Mk 10:46-52

### FRIDAY

May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

Lk 1:39-56

### SATURDAY

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b-25

Mk 11:27-33

### SUNDAY

June 2

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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