



“Where Are You At?”

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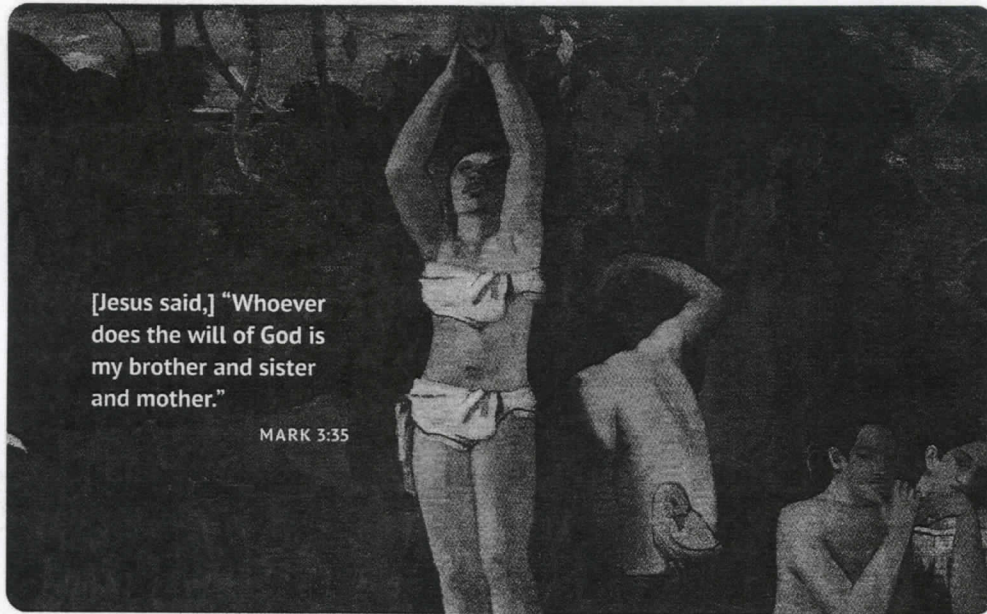
Paul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848-1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more. Where are you at? ●

Reflect

How would you answer Gauguin’s three questions?



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35

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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.

JUNE 9, 2024 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."



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Lector: Greg Hoelscher

Offertory: Adolph & Dorothy Vansa

Ushers: Garrey Prcin & Garrett Prcin

Servers: Brady, Hampton, Camryn

Sanctuary Light: June 10th—16th: In Memory of Joseph & Agnes Slavik Family by Merlene Slavik

Prayer Chain...Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Barbara Vansa McNeill, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, 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—June 9-16, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—6/9	10:15am	+ Joe & Stefina Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa + Frank & Helen Hubnik by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Clem Tomek by Ronald & Irene Kaulfus + Jerry Sipula by Leroy & Kathy Vansa
6/12—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Clem Tomek by Tom & Julie Motyka + Dean Allen Kostiha by Robert & Debbie Vansa
6/16—Sunday	10:15am	+ Stanley Hubnik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Clem Tomek by Adolph & Dorothy Vansa + Jerry Wade by Kevin & Anna Givens + Stanley Hubnik by Chester & Margaret Hays

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PICNIC RAFFLE:** We would like to thank everyone who has donated a prize for the raffle this year. We are continuing to take donations for the raffle until June 16th. Contact Kelly Laurence (254-931-5992) or Julie Motyka (254-772-0394) if you would like to donate.
- **QUILTS FOR PICNIC:** Please notice the quilts hanging from the choir loft. They are for our annual picnic—auction and raffle.
- **RAFFLE TICKETS FOR KJZT JRS. CAMP:** The KJZT Jrs. will be selling raffle tickets after Mass for the next two Sundays to go to camp. Please support the Jrs. as we have 9 children going to camp. They leave for camp on Sunday, June 23rd after Mass.

6-2: Sunday Offering: \$2,219.00 Children's Offering: \$3.00

Building Fund: \$540.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. "Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [*Gaudium et Spes*], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were "very good." However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each "descendant of Adam" (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves.

Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.

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MONDAY

June 10
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:1-6
Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 11
St. Barnabas,
Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3
Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:20-39
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 13
St. Anthony of
Padua, Priest and
Doctor of the
Church
1 Kgs 18:41-46
Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 14
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16
Mt 5:27-32

SATURDAY

June 15
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:19-21
Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 16
Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

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