



Why Is There Evil?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

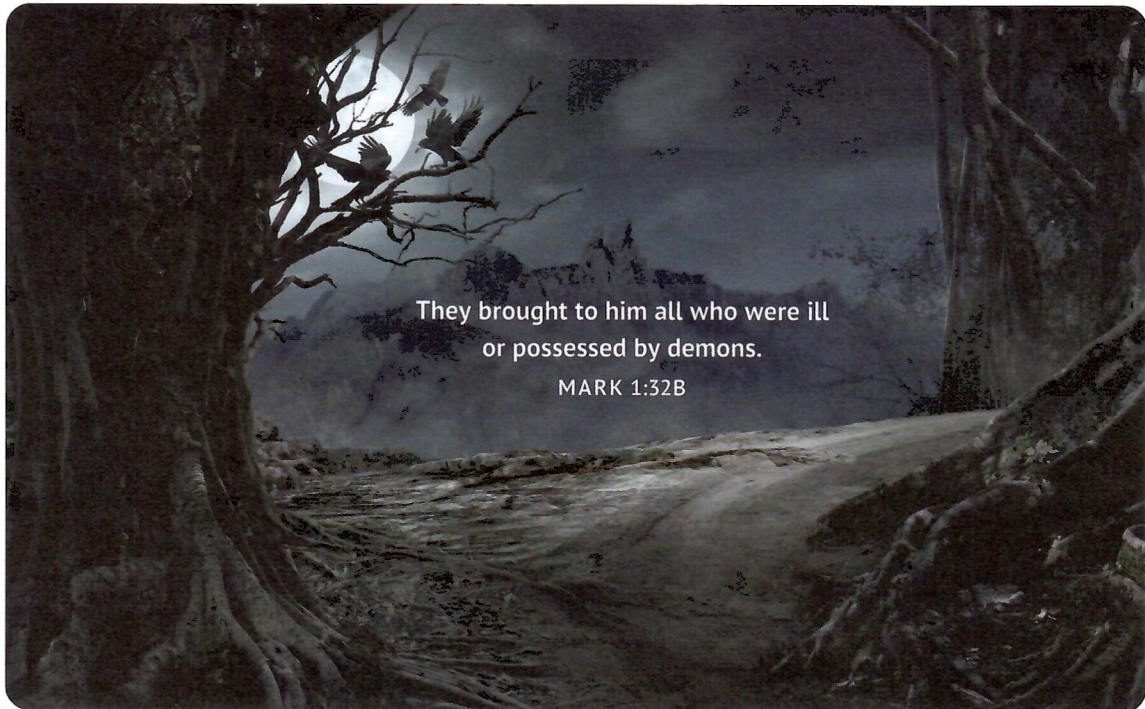
God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading—Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

Though Job's friends suspect that the cause of all

that has befallen him must be due to some grave sin on his part, Job denies this accusation and continues believing in the goodness of God, never wavering in his faith. Though frustrated by what life has brought, Job never blames God or asks God to fix his life. God is God, concludes Job, whether we understand the ways of life or not. To seek any more is to seek to be God. He continues to trust in God and admits that the ways of God are incapable of being understood. This becomes Job's only answer to the question about the "why" of evil. ●

Reflect

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?



They brought to him all who were ill
or possessed by demons.

MARK 1:32B

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 3 Vigil

7:00 p.m. †Ramona Harris - JW

Sun Feb. 4 Mass/5th Sunday Ord. Time

8:00 a.m. †Lewis Basler - CS

**Tues Feb 6 Mass/St. Paul Miki &
Companions**

5:30 p.m. Health for Tom Koch - MK

Wed Feb 7 Mass

7:30 a.m. Graces for Jenny Spiker - MK

Sat. Feb. 10 Vigil

7:00 p.m. †Brian Sessions - MRP

Sun Feb. 11 Mass/World Day of the Sick

8:00 a.m. †Jane Boswell - JG

In need of prayer support, call

Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267

Kim Krause: 970-554-1459

Peggy Dreher: 970-554-0546

Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Al
Figueroa, Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan
Killip, Ray & Marcella Hottinger, Deacon
Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson, Ken Kuntz,
Carol Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Randy
Kraich, Von Axtell, Art Aaron, Maria Foy,
Beverly Gebauer, Tricia Dreher, Tracy
Basler, Bibiana Camacho, Robert McMillion

For the Soul: Christine Lopez

Please pray for **Robert McMillion** as he is
suffering from multiple health issues. Cards
can be sent to: Betty O'Neil

4371 Woody Creek Rd
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1st Sunday Adoration / February 4
Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
7:40 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.

Blessing of St. Blaise

We remember St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. He is the patron of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. February 3rd and 4th weekend Masses will end with the blessing of throats.

Saint Blaise, pray for us!

Congratulations! Jose Felipe Delgado

Seminarian who spent a summer with us is being ordained as a Deacon February 10th in Denver. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Many blessings!

Saint Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, Pillar of Families, strengthen my conviction to love God above all else and give me courage to love tenderly while standing for the truth. Amen"

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph

Spend time with our Lord...

Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____
_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Lay Minister Schedule

Sierra Mireles

February 11, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Brian & Mary Etl

Pianist: Marcia Pieper

Cantor: Jim Pieper

Lector: Tracy Samber

Altar Servers: C & G McFadden, A Sauer

Head Usher: Chris Packer

Euch Ministers: Terry & Rita Hart

February 11, 2024 Breakfast

Trevor and Kari Monat

2nd Sunday Adoration - Feb. 10/11

after Mass, Exposition, short Adoration with the Holy Face Chaplet, procession by Celebrant, and Benediction.

Ash Wednesday Masses - February 14

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

St. Mary, Brush - 8:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph, Akron - 6:00 p.m.

LENT 2024 - Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 p.m. - Mass

6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper

February 21st - Esther & Kay

February 28th - Linda & Terri

March 6th - Cathay & Rita

March 13th - ...

March 20th - ...

Lenten Soup supper volunteers needed for March 13th and March 20th.

Please call Esther (970)554-2798

Thank you to all the volunteers!

Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.

March 12, Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron

March 14, Thursday / St. Anthony, Sterling

March 21, Thursday / St. Mary, Brush

Email: office@stjosephsakron.org

* Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Dear Padre,

***In the Our Father, we pray, "thy kingdom come."
Will God's kingdom come only at the end of the world?***

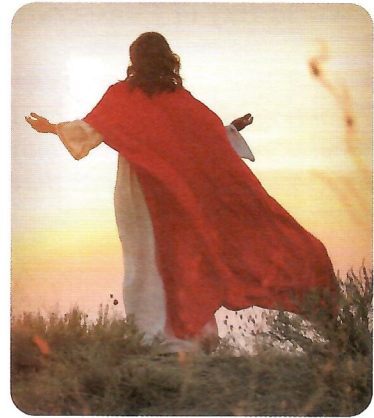
God's kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus' Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus' first coming as a man. That means we are in God's kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, "The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don't have to just wait for God's kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God's kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus' Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Mark 13:32). ●

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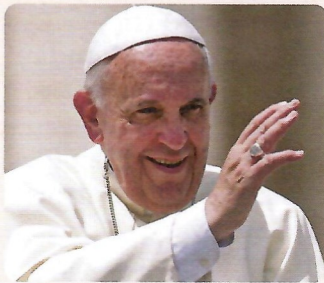


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10	February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1 Mk 1:40-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

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