



Jesus returned to Galilee
in the power of the
Spirit, and news of him
spread throughout the
whole region.

LUKE 4:14



The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

Reflect

***What stories from Scripture comfort you,
and which ones challenge you?***

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan 25 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Chuck Ekeler - KM
Sun. Jan 26 Mass/3rd Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Connie Cluff - GMH
Tues Jan 28 Mass/Thomas Aquinas
5:30 p.m. Graces/Jordan Willeke - JW
Wed Jan 29 Mass
7:30 a.m. ...
Sat. Feb. 1 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces/Madelyn Willeke-JW
Sun. Feb. 2 Mass/Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Graces/Colleen McFadden
- WKM

In need of prayer support, call
Linda Littleton: 970-630-3267
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Please Pray For Our Sick: Kane Schrock,
Mary Ann Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby
Dreher, Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan
Killip, Ray Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder,
Bridget Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich,
Carol Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Maria Foy,
Beverly Gebauer, Tricia Dreher, Bibiana
Camacho, Robert McMillion, MaryAnne
Middlebrook, John Stair, Ken Richards

For the Soul:

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Spend time with our Lord...

Catholic Adult Enrichment Classes
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Coyne Hall

WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

It is a **HOLY YEAR** of forgiveness of sins, conversion and joyful celebration. "**Jubilee**" comes from the Hebrew word "**yobel**" referring to *the ram's horn* used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

This was time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another (Leviticus 25:10). In the Old Testament the jubilee was celebrated after every 49 years have elapsed. The 50th year was the jubilee.

The Church, however, first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300. (To be continued)

January 25th & 26th / **Parish Membership** sheets are in the back of the church. Please update your contact information.

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

February 2, 2025

Natalie Gross 602-952-9208

Greeters/Gifts: Trevor & Kari Monat Family

Pianist: Volunteer

Cantor: Volunteer

Lector: David Poss

Altar Servers: M Hart, S Poss, C Gross

Head Usher: Chad Gross

Euch Ministers: C Schrock, L Littleton

St. Joseph's corner:

"Faithful St. Joseph, as I aim to have my faith and actions flow together, help me to align my life in faithful resignation to God's divine will. Amen"

January 25-26 / Church in Latin America

A percentage of the collection will go to this fund. Also, checks may be made out to the parish, with a note in the memo line directing the donation to the Church in Latin America.

Saturday, April 5 / Lenten Retreat Provided by Northeast Colorado Parishes

Guest speaker will be **Jessica Navin**,
"*There is no love without forgiveness, and
there is no forgiveness without love.*"

at St. Helena's Catholic Church
917 W. 7th Ave. Fort Morgan, CO
from 8am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

The cost is \$20 per person. REGISTER
ONLINE NOW @[https://](https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html)

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Register by March 28th.

For more information or to volunteer please
contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994** or email
Bridget Link at

nocoretreat@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



HOT CHEESE MEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

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

January 27

Weekday

Heb 9:15,
24–28

Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday

January 28

St. Thomas

*Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of
the Church*

Heb 10:1–10

Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

January 29

Weekday

Heb 10:11–18

Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

January 30

Weekday

Heb 10:19–25

Mk 4:21–25

Friday

January 31

St. John Bosco,

Priest

Heb 10:32–39

Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

February 1

Weekday

Heb 11:1–2,

8–19

Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

February 2

The Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or

2:22–32



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.

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