



They left everything  
and followed him.

LUKE 5:11

## Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted.

Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

### Reflect

***Do you experience God calling you?  
What is your answer?***



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**Anointing of the Sick** - call the Office

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. Feb. 8 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. †Jay & Leota Hickert - RH  
**Sun. Feb. 9 Mass/5th Sunday Ord. Time**  
**World Marriage Day**  
8:00 a.m. †Connie Cluff - GMH  
**Tues Feb. 11 Mass/World Day of the Sick**  
5:30 p.m. †...  
**Wed Feb. 12 Mass**  
7:30 a.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH  
**Sat. Feb. 15 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH  
**Sun. Feb. 16 Mass/6th Sunday Ord. Time**  
8:00 a.m. †Louise Huggins - 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, 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: Patrick O'Neil**

**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 (Continued)

As said before, there are activities carried out or participated in jubilees like *pilgrimages, celebrating sacraments, engaging in some devotional activities* etc. and as a result **spiritual fruits** are attained. A Christian can deepen one's spiritual life, and there is also interior renewal of the heart of a Christian especially when one is fully open to be used by the Holy Spirit. During such time, the **Church offers indulgences** and for this year a **plenary indulgence**, if one fulfils the expected requirements like, *a faithful being in a state of grace or making confession, receiving Holy communion, prayer for the Pope's intention, making a pilgrimage* etc.

#### What is this Plenary Indulgence then?

"It is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasure of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. (It's not absolution). An indulgence is *partial* or *plenary* according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the *living* or *the dead*". CCC 1471

**St. Joseph's corner:** "Saint Joseph, please help me to love tenderly, the way you loved Jesus and Mary. Amen"

#### Altar & Rosary Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

Rosary 5:00 followed by Mass and meeting.  
All ladies of the parish are welcome.

### Lay Minister Schedule

February 16, 2025

Natalie Gross 602-952-9208

**Greeters/Gifts:** Frank & Esther Weis

**Pianist:** Julie Green

**Cantor:** Joan Pieper

**Lector:** Monte Willeke

**Altar Servers:** C Poss, E Gardner, A Koch

**Head Usher:** Tracy Samber

**Euch Ministers:** Frank & Esther Weis

### 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."**

St. Helena's Catholic Church, Ft. Morgan, CO from 8am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

\$20 per person. REGISTER ONLINE

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For more information or to volunteer contact Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994 or email Bridget Link at [nocoretreat@gmail.com](mailto:nocoretreat@gmail.com)

### REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS

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

Intention Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date Wanted \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Dear Padre,

**Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?**

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



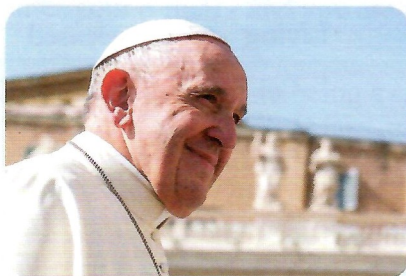
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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!*

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