



But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

LUKE 6:27-28

A New World Order

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The American experiment of 1776 ushered in the dawn of a new world order, one that would redefine how nations functioned and interacted. The computer age brought about an upheaval in how we interact with one another personally—a new world order in human communication. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians about how Adam was the first being who ushered in human life, and how Jesus was the new Adam, who ushered in a new life-giving spirit. Jesus initiated a new world order, one that redefined what it meant to be human and contained a new spiritual dimension. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...give to everyone who asks of you...do to others as you would have them do to you.... Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:27-36).

The fact that there are many who think this is not a practical or useful way to live—to say nothing of whether it is desirable or even possible—does not negate its power to transform human relationships as well as our very own spirits. None of us do it as well as we might hope, which only attests to the fact that we live with a foot in each of two worlds—the earthly one and the heavenly one. Empowered by God’s Spirit, we are still growing into the people God created us to be. ●

Reflect

Is there someone you are struggling to forgive? What is stopping you?

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Mass Intentions

Sat. Feb. 22 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH
Sun. Feb. 23 Mass/7th Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Robert & Mary Diamond
 - GDM

Tues Feb. 25 Mass
5:30 p.m. †...
Wed Feb. 26 Mass
7:30 a.m. †...

Sat. Mar. 1 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH
Sun. Mar. 2 Mass/8th Sunday Ord. Time
8:00 a.m. †Vi Verhoeff - JG

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: 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

Altar & Rosary Meeting / Tues.- Feb. 25
Rosary 5:00 followed by Mass and meeting.
All ladies of the parish are welcome.

St. Joseph's corner: "O tender St. Joseph, you can restore the role of fatherhood in our world. Encourage fathers to rise up in tender strength. Help us as parents, grandparents, and role models to be gentle. Teach me how to give a soft answer or a whisper when I am prone to shout. Pray that joyful tenderheartedness will flow freely from my heart. Amen"

Why are chalices made of gold?

In the early Church, chalices were sometimes made from wood, glass, or even clay. However, these materials had drawbacks—wood absorbed wine, glass was fragile, and clay could crack.

St. Jerome (c. 347–420 AD) once wrote about a priest using a glass chalice that broke mid-Mass, spilling the Precious Blood. By contrast, gold does not corrode, does not interact with wine, and is easy to clean, making it a reliable material for holding the Blood of Our Lord.

One of the earliest recorded gold chalices belonged to Pope Sylvester I, who lived in the early 4th century. According to tradition, Emperor Constantine, after legalizing Christianity, gifted the Church several golden vessels for use in worship. This set a precedent. Today, Church law still requires that chalices be made of noble materials that do not absorb liquids, with gold or gold-plated interiors preferred (Canon 930).

The gold chalice should be a reminder to us: if we are to receive the Real Presence in the Eucharist, shouldn't we also make ourselves noble vessels for Our Lord?

Lay Minister Schedule

March 2, 2025

Natalie Gross 620-952-9208

Greeters/Gifts: Youth Mass

Pianist: Julie Green

Cantor: Laila Etl, Piper Green

Lector: Youth Mass

Altar Servers: Youth Mass

Head Usher: Mark Hart

Euch Ministers: Brian Etl, Jim Kuemmerig

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Ash Wednesday Masses - March 5

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence

St. Joseph - 6:00 p.m.

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

Denver Catholic Lenten Cookbook (Free!)

Don't let the Lenten meatless Fridays get you down this year! Sign up to receive the **FREE** cookbook straight to your inbox with ideas for your meatless Lenten meals, coming in early March!

<https://aca.archden.org/denver-catholic-lenten-cookbook-2025>

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
@<https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html>. Register by March 28th.

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For more information or to volunteer
contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994** or email
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Dear Padre,

My ex broke up with me. I find myself hoping he gets subjected to the same emotional pain as I have. I hate feeling this way, so how do I ask God to take away this pain and help me forgive my ex?

What you are sharing is your hurt and confusion. Although your boyfriend was ready to end the relationship, you were not. It seems you are still not ready to move on. That is OK. Everyone has his or her own manner of dealing with disappointment, and there is no perfect timeframe.

More than your boyfriend's suffering, you desire freedom for yourself and a return to a healthy sense of your own personhood. You perceive him as happy and perhaps wonder how that's possible while you are still struggling. This is all very normal, and it's part of the process we all experience when an important relationship changes.



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You will work through this. You will love again. You will no longer be triggered by strong feelings when you encounter him in the future. But you are going to have to do the hard work of growing, maturing, and learning to let go. Begin by praying for his well-being. And if you can't do that, ask God for the grace to want to pray for his well-being. Certainly, the Lord will help you, but he won't magically take away your pain. There are no shortcuts. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 1:1-10	Sir 2:1-11	Sir 4:11-19	Sir 5:1-8	Sir 6:5-17	Sir 17:1-15	Sir 27:4-7
Mk 9:14-29	Mk 9:30-37	Mk 9:38-40	Mk 9:41-50	Mk 10:1-12	Mk 10:13-16	1 Cor 15:54-58
						Lk 6:39-45



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. [It] means defeating evil with goodness, which opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude...is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

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