



## On Becoming Human

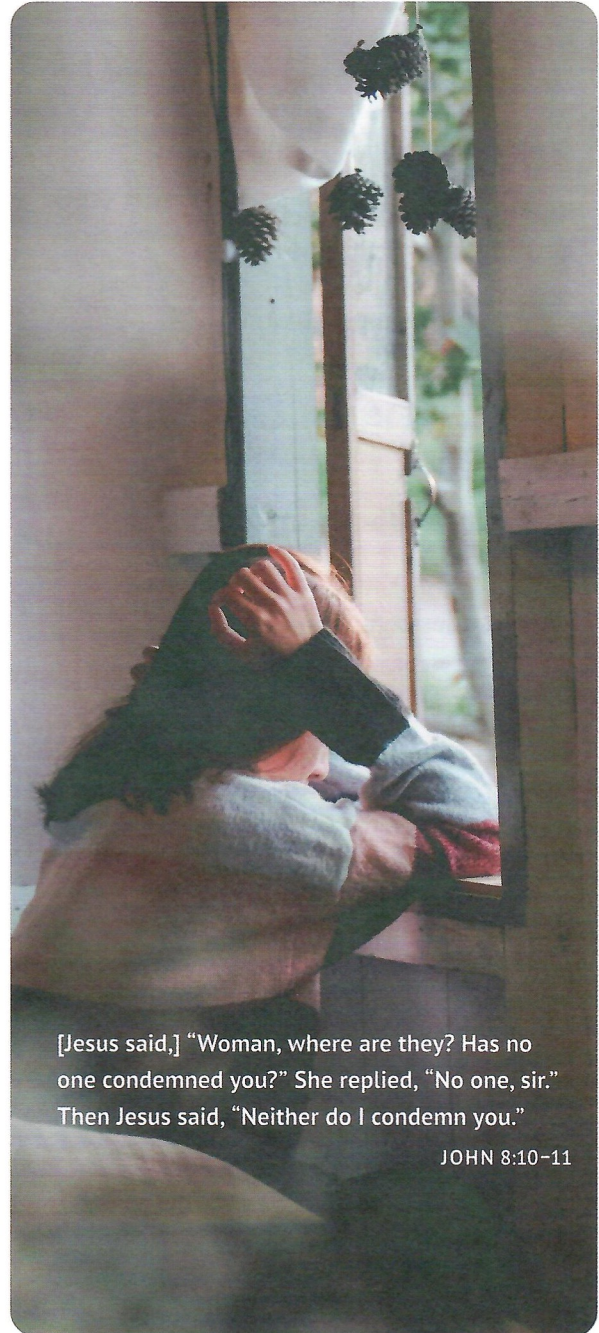
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**S**ometimes human beings seem to be evolving into more than what we have been. Gradually, we become capable of experiencing more than what we pick up through our five senses. We listen to our intuition; we pay attention to our sixth sense; we discover a spiritual side to our personalities. More and more, we notice people in need. We find ourselves becoming better listeners as people unburden themselves to us. We may be more aware of some stirring deep within ourselves. All such moments may be seen by people of faith as God bringing us to a new place in life.

Just as Isaiah speaks of God doing something new among the Israelites in distant exile, God continues to guide us to becoming more completely human. By his life, passion, and death, Jesus shows us most clearly what sort of person our God is drawing us to be: compassionate and just, generous and merciful, loving in a wasteland of indifference. So, when we hear the story of Jesus not condemning the woman caught in adultery, we may find ourselves becoming conscious of our own need to stop judging, stop condemning. Most of us have not yet evolved to the point of doing what Jesus would do. Instead, we condemn others while overlooking our own culpability. We are still in the process of learning to follow Jesus, to act as he would act, to love as he would love. It is God at work in us. ●

### Reflect

***Am I a condemning or a forgiving person?  
Do I accept forgiveness when it is offered?***



[Jesus said,] "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you."

JOHN 8:10-11

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. April 5 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. Graces/Tom & Jessica - MK  
**Sun April 6 Mass/5th Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. †Patrick Aaron O'Neil - RTH

**Tues April 8 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. †Denis Grau - MK  
**Wed April 9 Mass**  
6:00 p.m. †Patricia Means - JW

**Sat. April 12 Vigil**  
7:00 p.m. Graces/Jennifer Willeke - JW  
**Sun April 13 Mass/Palm Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. Graces/Madeline Willeke  
- Altar & Rosary

**In need of prayer support, call**

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**Please Pray For Our Sick:**

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Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Terry Hart, Pauline  
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Taylor Elder, Bridget Glosson, Ken Kuntz,  
Randy Kraich, Carol Benjamin, Maria Foy,  
Don Mollendor, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia  
Dreher, Bibiana Camacho, John Stair,  
Robert McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook,  
Ken Richards

**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**

**Lenten Penance Services at 6:00 p.m.**  
**April 8 / Tuesday / St. Joseph, Akron**  
**April 10 / Thursday / St. Mary, Brush**

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**LENT 2025 - Wednesdays**  
 5:00 p.m. - Confessions  
 5:30 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 6:00 p.m. - Mass  
 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper  
 Dates: April 9, 16

**Lay Minister Schedule**  
**April 13, 2025**  
**Natalie Gross 620-952-9208**

**Greeters/Gifts:** Luke & Kristen Crumley  
**Pianist:** Julie Green  
**Cantor:** M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly  
**Lector:** Tracy Samber  
**Altar Svrs:** A Willeke, G McFadden, T Weis  
**Head Usher:** Chris Packer  
**Euch Ministers:** Monte & Peggy Willeke

**Holy Week 2025**

**Holy Thursday, April 17**  
 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's  
 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's\*  
*\*Adoration after Mass till 9:00 p.m.*

**Good Friday, April 18**

**St. Joseph's**  
 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 from the cemetery  
 3:00 p.m. Liturgy

**St. Mary's**  
 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy\*  
*\*Afterwards Divine Mercy Novena*

**St. John's**  
 6:30 p.m. Liturgy

**Holy Saturday, April 19**  
 8:15 p.m. - St. Joseph's  
 8:15 p.m. - St. Mary's

**Easter, April 20**  
 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph's  
 10:00 a.m. - St. Mary's  
 12:00 p.m. - St. John's

**April 13, 2025 Breakfast**  
 Youth Group Fundraiser

**St. Joseph's corner:**  
 "Compassionate Joseph, give us the courage to welcome those who stretch our hearts to love across difference and division. Amen"

**2025 Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Christians are now less than 2% of the population. Conditions are such that they are in need of everything. With your help the Franciscans can be a light of hope and also help preserve the sacred shrines.

**Prayer and Repentance**

A simple, heartfelt prayer is powerful. God welcomes a humble heart. (Ps. 51:17) – "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (1Jn. 1:9) – "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us..."

**God's Grace is Sufficient**

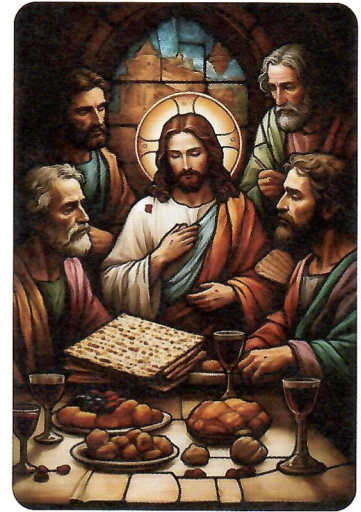
No one is perfect, and Lent is not about self-punishment but growing in grace. (2Cor. 12:9) – "My grace is sufficient for you..." (Ph. 4:13) – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

# Dear Padre,

**A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?**

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus'] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.***



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**HOMILY, MALTA, APRIL 3, 2022**

## **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**

April 7  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:12–20

### **Tuesday**

April 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### **Wednesday**

April 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

### **Thursday**

April 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

### **Friday**

April 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### **Saturday**

April 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### **Sunday**

April 13  
*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
Lk 19:28–40  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Lk 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49

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