

[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again,
“Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.”
And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21-22

From Anger to Peace

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

***Do I bring my faith to the news of the day;
do I pray for peace?***

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Mass Intentions

Sat. April 26 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces/Caleb Poss
- Altar & Rosary
Sun April 27 Mass/Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. †Robert & Mary Diamond
- GDM
Tues April 29 Mass/St. Catherine of Siena
5:30 p.m. †Donald Stockley - RSS
Wed April 30 Mass
7:30 a.m. Graces/Emily Williams
- Altar & Rosary
Sat. May 3 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces/Brooklyn Reid
- Altar & Rosary
Sun May 4 Mass/3rd Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. Graces for Confirmation &
1st Communion Candidates

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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,
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Don Mollendor, Beverly Gebauer, Tricia
Dreher, Bibiana Camacho, John Stair,
Robert McMillion, MaryAnne Middlebrook,
Richard Gebauer

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

April 27th / Divine Mercy Sunday
3:00 p.m. Holy Hour
All are welcomed!

St. Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, help me to recognize and be thankful for the many ways that I have been warmly received by others. Assist me to be a beacon of hospitality to all I meet. Amen"

Pope Francis's secrets to happiness

Published in part in the Argentine weekly "Viva" July 27, 2014, he listed his top 10 tips for bringing greater joy to one's life:

- 1 "Live and let live."
- 2 "Be giving of yourself to others."
- 3 "Proceed calmly"
- 4 "A healthy sense of leisure."
- 5 "Sunday is for family"
- 6 "Dignity is given to you when you can bring food home"
- 7 Respect and take care of nature.
- 8 "Letting go of negative things quickly is healthy."
- 9 "We can inspire others through witness"
- 10 Work for peace

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

Intention Name: _____
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Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Lay Minister Schedule
Natalie Gross 620-952-9208
May 4, 2025

Greeters/Gifts: Noel & Heather Weis
Pianist: Julie Green
Cantor: Madelyn, Lydia, & Avery Willeke
Lector: Terry Hart
Altar Srvrs: M Hart, A Sauer, C McFadden
Head Usher: Chad Gross
Euch Ministers: Brian Etl, Jim Kuemmerig

May 4, 2025
No Religious Education

Please keep in your prayers children and their families, and other individuals who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, and First Communion.



Sunday, May 4th at 8:00m



Anointing of the Sick
April 26/27 after each Mass



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April 26-27
(ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND)

Join us **next weekend** for the special release of the latest Archbishop's Catholic Appeal video. This year, consider making a gift to the appeal, which extends the love of Jesus through various ministries that care for the needs of our neighbors each day. To give today visit archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.

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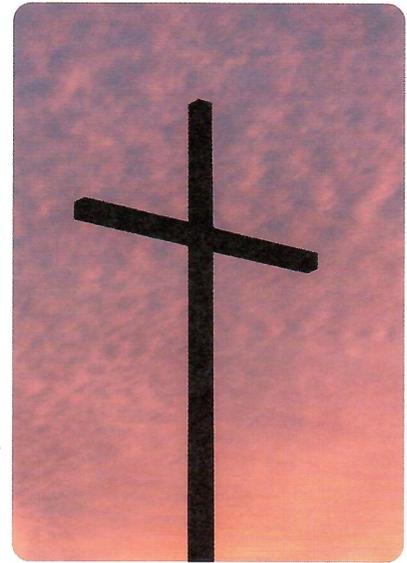
Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| April 28 | April 29 | April 30 | May 1 | May 2 | May 3 | May 4 |
| <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | <i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i> | <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> |
| Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8 | Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15 | Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21 | Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36 | Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15 | 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14 | Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14 |



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

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