



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

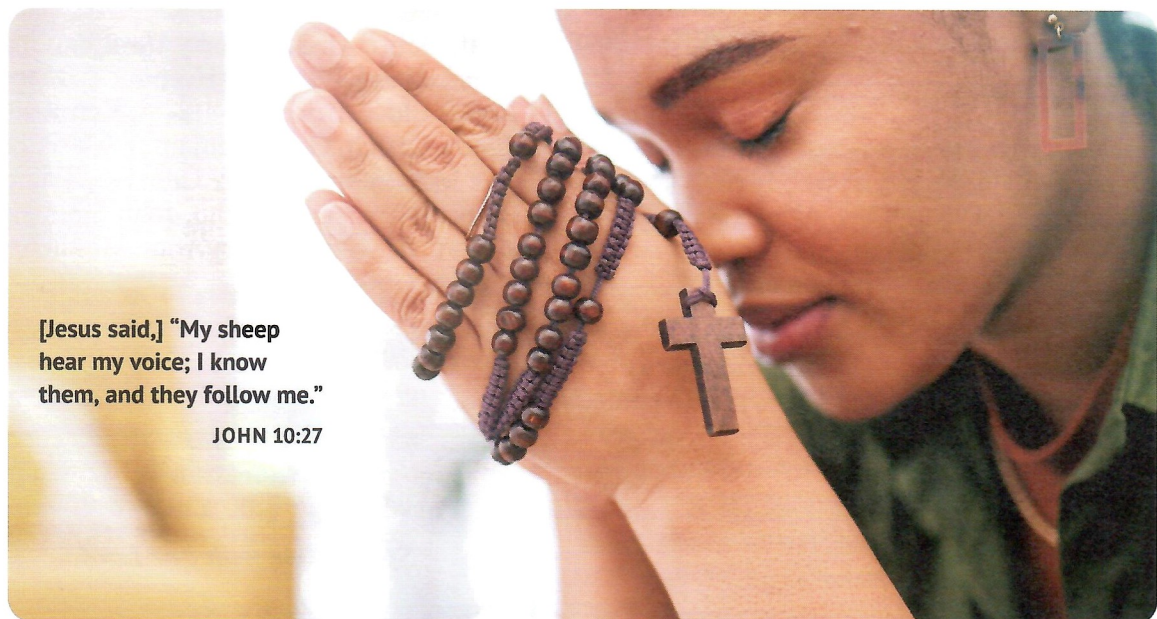
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?**



**[Jesus said,] "My sheep
hear my voice; I know
them, and they follow me."**

JOHN 10:27

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 Tues. - 5:30 PM Wed. - 7:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
1/2 h before daily Masses or by appointment
Sat. 1/2 h before 7:00 PM Mass and after
Sun. - 7:00 AM

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Mass Intentions

Sat. May 10 Vigil
7:00 p.m. For Mothers (living/deceased)
Sun May 11 Mass/4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. For Mothers (living deceased)

Tues May 13 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Avis Willeke - JW
Wed May 14 Mass/St. Matthias
7:30 p.m. Graces/Reese Sauer
- Altar & Rosary

Sat. May 17 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Ed Dreher - SRS
Sun May 18 Mass/5th Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. †Paul Halligan - DKH

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

For the Soul:

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph
Tuesdays / 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Spend time with our Lord....

Congratulations!

To all the Confirmandi upon their achievement. Our prayers for their success in their witness to the Gospel/Jesus.

A Blessed & Happy Mother's Day!

Your advice *is respected.*
Your prayers *are welcomed.*
Your love *is treasured.*
Your kindness *is admired.*
Your compassion *is valued.*
Your wisdom *is sought after.*



CALLED BY NAME HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN

Next weekend is Called By Name Sunday, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Archbishop Aquila has written a letter to us about this important campaign, which we encourage you to read. (Letter found in the vestibule). Next Sunday, the archbishop is inviting all parishioners to submit names of young men who exhibit leadership and a heart for service. These men will receive a letter from the archbishop, invitations to discernment events and ongoing support from our Vocation Team.

Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those who entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen

Lay Minister Schedule Natalie Gross 620-952-9208 May 18, 2025

Greeters/Gifts: Josh & Jamie Sauer
Pianist: Julie Green
Cantor: M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly
Lector: Monte Willeke
Altar Servers: K Etl, J Gertge, T Weis
Head Usher: Chris Packer
Euch Ministers: Frank & Esther Weis

St. Joseph's corner:

“St. Joseph, pray for us on our journey in life. Deepen our faith and gratitude that we may willingly accept all that God has planned for us. Amen”

May 6th - 14th / Novena to St. Isidore the Farmer

With the Intercession of St. Isidore, we pray for our farmers as they work the soil. May God bless our Farmers and their Families!



Anointing of the Sick
May 24/25 after each Mass



**ARCHBISHOP'S
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May 10-11 (APPEAL FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND)

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

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18 Jn 10:1–10	Acts 11:19–26 Jn 10:22–30	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	Acts 13:13–25 Jn 13:16–20	Acts 13:26–33 Jn 14:1–6	Acts 13:44–52 Jn 14:7–14	Acts 14:21–27 Rv 21:1–5a Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



NANCY BAUER / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022