

[Jesus] said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

Reflect

What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?

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Mass Intentions

Sat. June 7 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Patrick O'Neil - RH
Sun June 8 Mass/Pentecost Sunday
8:00 a.m. †Jay & †Leota Hickert - RH

Tues June 10 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Janet O'Halloran - GO'H
Wed June 11 Mass/St. Barnabas
7:30 a.m. Graces/Tom & Jessica - MK

Sat. June 14 Vigil
7:00 p.m. For Fathers-living & deceased
Sun June 15 Mass/The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 a.m. **Father's Day**
For Fathers-living & deceased

In need of prayer support, call
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Please Pray For Our Sick:
Kane Schrock, Mary Ann Kreutzer, Barbara
Wolf, Bobby Dreher, Terry Hart, Dan Killip,
Ray Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Maria Foy, Don Mollendor,
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Bibiana Camacho, Robert McMillion,
MaryAnne Middlebrook, Richard Gebauer,
Gene Hottinger, Don Cook

For the Soul: Greg Ewing, Pauline Frenzl

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

From Engineer to Missionary

While driving to a social event in Denver six years ago, Sam Schultz saw a group of people sharing a meal with those experiencing homelessness in a park. Moved by something he couldn't quite explain, Sam turned his car around.

"That decision changed my life," Sam said. "I was inspired by the missionaries and staff to think about Jesus' invitation to love the poor in a new way. The community was vibrant, authentic and free." Before long, he left behind his plans to pursue engineering and joined Christ in the City.

Today, as Director of Mission Operations for Christ in the City, Sam trains and accompanies young adult missionaries as they form real friendships with those living on the streets of Denver. Through presence, trust, and deep listening, they bring the love of Christ to people who often feel unseen and forgotten.

Sam's role goes beyond logistics and training. He sees his mission as one of discipleship—following Christ to the margins and helping others do the same. For Sam, discipleship is all about loving those with the same tenderness that Christ shows us. "The deepest poverty is a lack of being wanted, loved and known," he said. "No amount of transactional service can heal that wound. Only love can."

Help Requested

We will be printing our own bulletins and would like to get a group to **Prepare, Print, & Fold** the bulletin.

If interested, please reach out to:

Kathy McFadden 970-301-2306

Lay Minister Schedule Natalie Gross 620-952-9208 June 15, 2025

Greeters/Gifts: Noel & Heather Weis Family
Pianist: Julie Green
Cantor: M Hottinger, S Samber, E Friedly
Lector: Tracy Samber
Altar Servers: E Koch, A Koch, H Etl
Head Usher: Mark Hart
Euch Ministers: Monte & Peggy Willeke

St. Joseph's corner:

"St. Joseph, I ask for your intercession for my prayer intentions today. Move my heart in love as you protect and guide me to live a life of mercy and compassion. Amen"

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests Friday, June 27, 2025

/ The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart /

All are welcome to join in prayers and Mass.
Sacred Heart Catholic Parish
(2760 Larimer Street Denver, CO 80205)

There will be Adoration at 6 p.m. and
at 7:00 p.m. a bilingual Mass celebrated by
Fr. Eric Zegeer.

A potluck will follow.



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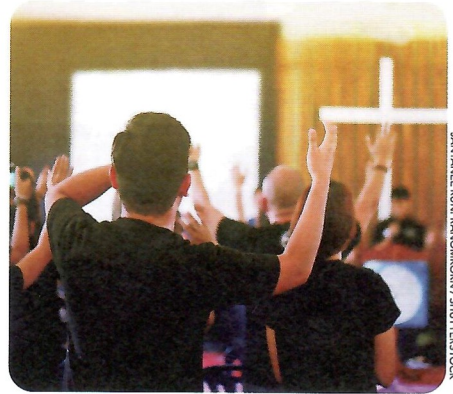
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Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34	2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:17-19	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 5:27-32	2 Cor 5:14-21 Mt 5:33-37	Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022

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