



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14



## The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**E**very family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

### Reflect

***What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?***

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Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat Jan. 25 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. †Angelina Springer - JW  
**Sun Jan 26 Mass/3rd Sunday Ord. Time**  
10:00 a.m. †Maria Rivera Rojas - EP  
12:00 p.m. †Ray Johnson- DN

**Thur Jan 30 Mass**  
5:30 p.m. Graces for Ramon Elder  
**Fri Jan. 31 Mass/St. John Bosco**  
8:00 a.m. †Kenneth Bach

**Sat Feb. 1 Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. †Toby Padilla - CT  
**Sun Feb. 2 Mass**  
**Presentation of the Lord**  
10:00 a.m. †Ron Uhrig - KK  
12:00 p.m. ...

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our Sick:** Joseph Wilson, Gia Marquez,  
Rosa Maria Santos, Jan Yokum, Deja Adam,  
Kane Schrock, Bernice Padilla, Rosemary  
Garcia, Sean Gleason, Ben Mettlen, Arabella  
Macias, Brianna Hill, Gina Mortenson, Paula  
& Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, Caiden Lee,  
Izaac Morales, Kayla Albrant, Stan Prather,  
Christy Chapman, Anthony Steven Villarreal,  
Shelby Daughenbaugh, Norma Wolfe, Stella,  
Fritz & Irene Ramirez, Amanda Weisensee,  
Eloy Padilla, Nadine Odell, Jennifer Romero,  
Pennie Haller, Armando Saucedo, Carmona  
Family, Leo Millburg, Gary Bloemker, Josie  
Contreras, Emmalyn Potts, Elizabeth Trujillo,  
Anne Mertens, Carter Wiedrich, Apolonio  
Ramirez, Felix Acosta, Aurelia Lopez

**For the Soul:** Mary Jane Pacheco, Ken Bach

### January 25-26 / Church in Latin America

A percentage of the collection will go to this fund. Also, checks may be made out to the parish, with a note in the memo line directing the donation to the Church in Latin America.

### Jan. 27 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration Monday

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Come, spend time with the Lord!*

### January 28 / Bible Study

6:30 p.m. in the RE building

All are welcomed!

### Divine Mercy Prayer Group of St. Mary's

Friday, January 31

after 8:00 a.m. Mass

### WHAT IS A JUBILEE?

It is a HOLY YEAR of forgiveness of sins, conversion and joyful celebration. "*Jubilee*" comes from the Hebrew word "*yobel*" referring to *the ram's horn* used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament.

This was time for the Israelites to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another (Leviticus 25:10). In the Old Testament the jubilee was celebrated after every 49 years have elapsed. The 50<sup>th</sup> year was the jubilee.

The Church, however, first celebrated jubilee years every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300. (To be continued)

### Catholic Grandparents Group

First Meeting

Friday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m.

in the RE building

**Purpose:** To support each other in our very special role as CATHOLIC grandparents. All are welcome!!

For questions call Maria at 970-405-3770

### 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."**

at St. Helena's Catholic Church

917 W. 7th Ave. Fort Morgan, CO

from 8am and close with the 5 pm Mass.

The cost is \$20 per person. REGISTER

ONLINE NOW @[https://](https://www.stmarybrush.org/lenten-retreat.html)

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Register by March 28th.

For more information or to volunteer please contact **Jeanett Baker 303-902-9994**

or email **Bridget Link** at

[nocoretreat@gmail.com](mailto:nocoretreat@gmail.com)

### From Brush Community Cupboard.....

*Thank you!!! St. Mary's*

For your cash donations of \$4,655 plus all donated items weighed and calculated to be \$1,119, contributed greatly to the 2024 year of service to our community.

*Blessings to all!*



### Food Drive - Help feed families

Consider canned goods & items for the Brush Food pantry.

Monetary donations welcomed.

*Drop off at St. Mary's*

*Thank you for your support!*

# Dear Padre,

***At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?***

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



HOT CHEESE MEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

## **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**

January 27

*Weekday*

Heb 9:15,  
24–28

Mk 3:22–30

### **Tuesday**

January 28

*St. Thomas*

*Aquinas, Priest  
and Doctor of  
the Church*

Heb 10:1–10

Mk 3:31–35

### **Wednesday**

January 29

*Weekday*

Heb 10:11–18

Mk 4:1–20

### **Thursday**

January 30

*Weekday*

Heb 10:19–25

Mk 4:21–25

### **Friday**

January 31

*St. John Bosco,*

*Priest*

Heb 10:32–39

Mk 4:26–34

### **Saturday**

February 1

*Weekday*

Heb 11:1–2,

8–19

Mk 4:35–41

### **Sunday**

February 2

*The Presentation*

*of the Lord*

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or  
2:22–32



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## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.***

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