



Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?***

**St. Mary's & St. John's  
Brush CO & Stoneham CO**

**Pastor:** Rev. Herman Nsubuga  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Maurice Okeke

**Masses:**

Brush: Sat. - 5:00 PM, Sun. - 10:00 AM  
Thurs. - 5:30 PM, Fri. - 8:00 AM  
Stoneham: Sun. - 12:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Brush: Sat. - 3:00 PM  
1/2 hr. before weekday Masses  
or by appointment  
Stoneham: Sun. - after Mass

**Adoration & Benediction:** 1st Friday of the  
month immediately after Mass (till 9:00 a.m.)

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**Office:** Thursday & Friday  
Leave a message **970-842-2216**

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. May 3** **Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. †Leo Ertl - BD  
**Sun May 4** **Mass/3rd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. †Mary Ellen Uhrig - GS  
12:00 p.m. †Margie Samber - JJD

**Thur May 8** **NO Mass**  
**Fri. May 9** **Mass/**  
8:00 a.m. **Graces/Charlotte Chapman**

**Sat. May 10** **Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. **For Mothers (living/deceased)**  
**Sun May 11** **Mass/4th Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. **For Mothers (living/deceased)**  
12:00 p.m. **For Mothers (living/deceased)**

**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, Caiden Lee, Paula & Delbert Meier, Sheryl Garvik, 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, Anne Mertens, Carter Wiedrich, Apolonio Ramirez, Felix Acosta, Aurelia Lopez, Dave Willich, Chuck Blackwelder, Honey Riter, Peter Deditz, Tom Morrow

**For the Soul:** Romie Baltazar



**Congratulations  
and our prayers**  
To all who celebrated  
Confirmation/First Communion  
Friday evening!

To all Graduating Senior Students



St. Marys' Parish Family is  
praying for You and Your  
immediate Families.

*May God bless you!*

**Congratulations!**

**May 5-8 / Priests Convocation**

Annual meeting with Archbishop Aquila.  
Please keep our Priests in your prayers.

**May 5 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration**



**Monday 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
*Come, spend time with the Lord!*

We give Praise and Gratitude  
to Mary, the Mother of God  
and our Mother.

Our thanksgiving will be expressed on **May 3rd**.



**Novena to St. Isidore the Farmer**  
*Farmer's Patron begins on May 6th*

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

/Novena found in the vestibule/



**ARCHBISHOP'S  
CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

**May 3-4**

**APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

See the Archbishop's message for the  
2025 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal in the  
new video at [archden.org/givetoday](http://archden.org/givetoday). Your  
gift is an act of love for the Lord, helping  
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through various ministries that support  
Northern Colorado.

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**Please note.....**

If you need to see or meet with **Pastor,  
Fr. Herman**, officially he will be in the  
office the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month  
during the office days and hours. You can  
also call on other weeks for an appointment.

However, if you just need a priest,  
**Fr. Maurice** resides here to receive you,  
apart from Monday, his day off.

If you know someone in need of prayer,  
call a **Prayer Warrior Coordinator**:

**Jimmie Likely 970-768-3692**  
**Janet Wilson 720-982-1208**



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

**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,

***I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?***

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection.

It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## 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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 13:14, 43-52
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:44-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022**