



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

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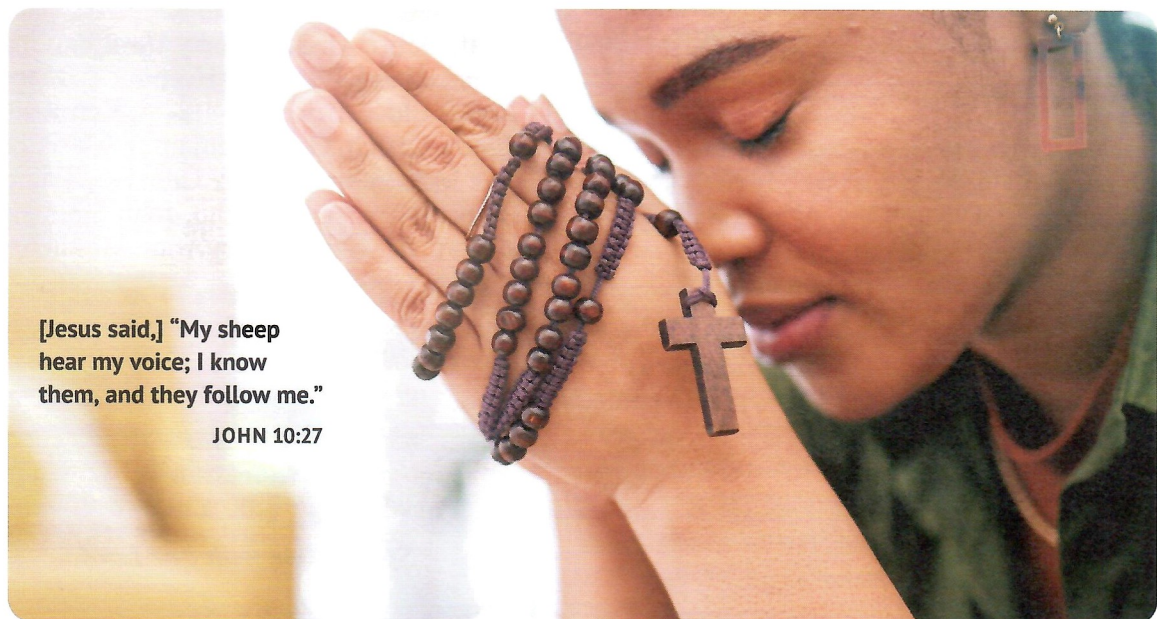
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his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

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Mass Intentions

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)

Thur May 15 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Marj Chapman

Fri. May 16 Mass
8:00 a.m. †Ausencio Perez

Sat. May 17 Vigil
5:00 p.m. †Robert Guzman Sr.

Sun May 18 Mass/5th Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. †Bonaventure Shea and
Graces for family

12:00 p.m. †Sherri Picciano - JJD

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

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.*



May 12 / 3-Hour Perpetual Adoration

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

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

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

**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!

St. Mary's Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Friday, May 16 after 8:00 a.m. Mass

May 22 / Catholic Grandparents Group
Thursday, at 6:15 p.m. in the RE building

*"Unbaptized Grandchildren:
How We Can Help".*

All grandparents are welcomed.
For more: call **Maria at 970-405-3770**



Anointing of the Sick
May 24/25 after each Mass



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

May 10-11
(APPEAL FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND)

Love is more than a feeling — it is an
action. Your generosity is an expression of
Christ's love, bringing hope and healing to
those in need. Join the mission by giving to-
day.

**visit archden.org/givetoday
or call 303-867-0614**

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.



**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,

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. ●



PEAKSTOCK / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 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 |

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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