

# Dear Padre,

*I am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?*

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204).

Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

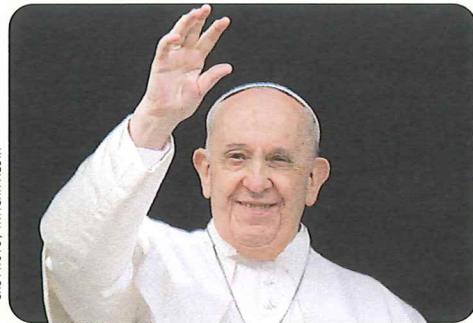
The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22	Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6	Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12	Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21	Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all. He knows that we are always using the words “my” and “our”: my things, our people, our community.... But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.**

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34



## Who’s Calling?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

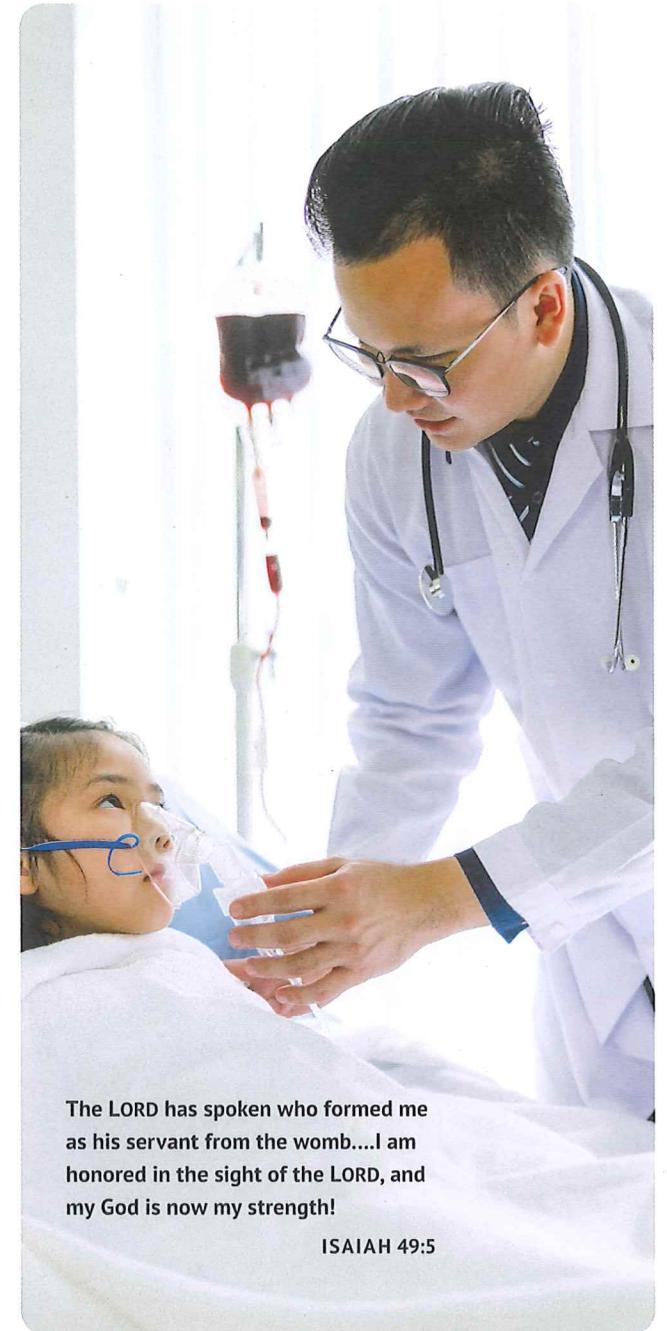
**G**od called Isaiah: “You are my servant... I will make you a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: “The one who sent me to baptize with water...” (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: “Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus...” (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, “What are we called to do with our lives?”

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world’s great need meet. As he explains, the world’s great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer. ●

## Reflect

**What is God calling you to do now, and how has God’s call changed over the years?**



The LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb....I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

ISAIAH 49:5



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 Altar Society President, Nanette Rice 355-7676  
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 Prayer Line Starters, Allison Bushek 355-1696  
 & Nanette Rice 355-7676

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)**

**01/14/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**  
**Servers:** Lucy Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett  
**Reader:** Tom Bachman  
**E.O.H.C:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter  
**01/15/2023—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Servers:** Kingston Guerrero, Cade Berning, Jace Berning  
**Reader:** Hannah Schauf  
**E.O.H.C:** Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (green)**

**1/21/2023 -Saturday 4:00 p.m.**  
**Servers:** Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Rayann Bamberger  
**Reader:** Debbie Frederick  
**E.O.H.C.:** Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden  
**1/22/2023 –Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
**Servers:** Volunteers  
**Reader:** Alvin Bergkamp  
**E.O. H.C.:** Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, Jan. 14</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mike Dykstra</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 15</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Suellen Bergkamp</b>
<b>Monday, Jan.16</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Gary Sack</b>
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 17</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Thursday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Friday, Jan. 20</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>For Moisture</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 21</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Juan &amp; Rosie Perez</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Ruth Gorge</b>

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL**

When Jesus is coming toward John the Baptist, pointing out to Jesus, John says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” He does so, basing on, “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” Can you and I see and believe and trust (in faith) that God’s Holy Spirit has indeed come down and remains with us?

You see, God’s Spirit is not simply dwelling in a few people we will never meet, the chosen few who are called by God to do some pretty incredible, loving, other-centered things. No --- God’s Spirit is hopefully vigorously alive in you and in me.

If so, do we have the courage and wisdom to do what we can to fuel the fire of the Spirit inside of us, striving to be more and give more and love more? Do we truly believe that God wants to do great things through us --- and makes this possible through his very presence in the deepest recesses of our being? Or has the Spirit been given only to a few? I think we know the answer.

Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for January 8, 2023: Envelopes: \$1710.00; Loose: \$266.00; Online Giving: \$1922.67; Total 3898.67 Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under +2137.50

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$19059.27 *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**PARISH BREAKFAST— SUNDAY JANUARY 29—RIGHT AFTER MASS** You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on January 29th served by our K of C Council.

**BUDGET SHOP** We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, January 14th and Tuesday, January 17. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And “Thank You” ahead of time.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from a poem by St. Hildegard of Bingen)** Holy Spirit, you bestow life unto life, moving in all. You are the root of all creatures. You wash away all impurity scour guilt, and anoint wounds. You are radiant and praiseworthy. Awaken and re-awaken us to your presence, and guide the world to salvation. We ask this by your wisdom and strength in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen. .

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (John 1: 29-34)**

**Hearing from John’s Gospel** Each liturgical year the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is from John. This Gospel is very different from the other three. John focuses exclusively on Jesus’ identity: the purpose of everything that Jesus says and does is to reveal that God has sent him as savior of the world. The reading for today transitions us from the Christmas season, with its feast days that highlight Jesus’ divinity, back to Ordinary Time, when we hear about Jesus’ public ministry. As we continue through the liturgical year, we remember that the one who is proclaiming and bringing about God’s kingdom is God’s own Son.

**Why John baptized** In the other Gospels John the Baptist baptizes people who want to repent because they believe that God’s judgment is coming. In John’s Gospel the focus is entirely on the one who is coming. The reason John baptizes people is unimportant; what matters is what God reveals during Jesus’ baptism. John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus is so important that we only hear about Jesus’ baptism from him.

**Giving testimony** John’s Gospel is like a courtroom drama in which people must decide whether or not Jesus is from God. John the Baptist is the first witness to take the stand. He testifies to at least three things about Jesus. First, Jesus is the Lamb of God, a title that alludes to Jewish ritual sacrifice. A Jew could offer a gift to God for any number of reasons. Jesus offered his very self for the salvation of all who believe in him. Second, God filled Jesus with the Spirit so that Jesus could fulfill his mission. This is the same Spirit that some prophets of the Old Testament said God would pour out on his people at the start of a new age (Isaiah 44:3; Joel 3:1). Third, to make his testimony quite clear, John the Baptist declares that Jesus is the Son of God. Although John began his ministry before Jesus arrived on the scene, Jesus existed before him (v. 30). Therefore, Jesus has a divine origin. As this Gospel unfolds, people will struggle to accept John’s testimony and the testimony of others, including Jesus himself. (oursundayreadings.wordpress.com)

**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING** (Isaiah 49:3-,5-6)

**From the womb** The book of Isaiah contains four “Suffering Servant” passages in which God speaks to a servant whose identity is not always clear. This is the second such passage. Here the servant is an Israelite whom God has chosen to urge his people to return to Jerusalem. God wants the Israelites to rebuild their city and temple, which the Babylonians destroyed in the sixth century BC.

**Light to the nations** The servant’s task of restoring Israel sounds really hard, but for God it’s too little (v.6a)! God has bigger plans in mind. Once God’s people rebuild their nation, they will become a sign of God’s presence on earth. People from all over the world will be drawn to this sign and convert to faith in God. Then the servant will be Israel itself.

**Jesus and the Church** When this passage is proclaimed to Christians, the identity of the servant takes on new meaning: the servant is both Jesus and the Church. Jesus has gathered us together and given us new life. As his body, the Church, we must be a light for others, showing them the way to salvation.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Professional wrestling is a sight to see. The tag team matches are especially fun to watch. Each team of course has one man in the ring doing their thing. Meanwhile, sitting to the side is his teammate chomping at the bit to get in the ring. Each wrestler has his own style and technique. In order for teammates to swap roles they have to slap hands. Sometimes it’s not so easy. Either the man in the ring can’t reach his teammate, or he is in control and is not ready to come out. When they do “tag” hands, the teammate entering is full of vim and vigor as he assumes his role. Cha cha cha! The match is reinvigorated with fresh energy. Stewardship is a tag team endeavor. It takes the right person with the right gifts at the right time. John the Baptist knew it was time to tag out. Even Pope Emeritus Benedict felt called to step aside. Is there a role in your life where God is calling you to tag out? “Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will”!

La lucha libre profesional es un espectáculo impresionante. Los combates por equipos son especialmente divertidos. Por supuesto, cada equipo tiene a un hombre en el cuadrilátero haciendo lo suyo. Mientras tanto, sentado a un lado, su compañero está deseando subir al cuadrilátero. Cada luchador tiene su propio estilo y técnica. Para que los compañeros cambien de posición, tienen que tocarse las manos. A veces no es tan fácil. O el hombre que está en el cuadrilátero no alcanza a su compañero, o éste tiene el control y no está listo para salir. Cuando por fin logran tocarse las manos, el compañero que entra está lleno de brío y vigor al asumir su rol. ¡Cha cha cha! El partido se revitaliza con nueva energía. El stewardship es una labor de equipo. Requiere la persona adecuada con los dones adecuados en el momento adecuado. Juan el Bautista sabía que había llegado el momento de retirarse. Incluso el Papa Emérito Benedicto sintió la necesidad de renunciar. ¿Será que Dios te está llamando a dejar algún rol en tu vida? “Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad.” (Catholicdioceseofwichita.org)

# PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

Dodge City

JANUARY 28

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 A.M.  
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ABORTION?  
DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

10:30 A.M.  
PILGRIMAGE TO CHURCHES  
DCMS TO CATHEDRAL/CROSS CONNECTION

11:00 A.M.  
HOLY MASS  
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

11:00 A.M.  
PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, & MEAL  
CROSS CONNECTION

12:00 P.M.  
LUNCH  
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



# PEREGRIANCIÓN POR LA VIDA

Dodge City

28 DE ENERO

## HORARIO DEL EVENTO

10:00 A.M.  
¿QUÉ DICE LA BIBLIA ACERCA DEL ABORTO? (INGLÉS)  
EN EL AUDITORIO DE LA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA DE DODGE CITY.

10:30 A.M.  
PEREGRINACIÓN A LAS IGLESIAS  
DE LA ESCUELA INTERMEDIA PARA LA CATEDRAL O  
PARA LA IGLESIA CROSS CONNECTION

11:00 A.M.  
SANTA MISA (BILINGÜE)  
EN LA CATEDRAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE  
GUADALUPE

11:00 A.M.  
ORACIÓN, ACOMPAÑERISMO Y COMIDA EN LA  
IGLESIA CROSS CONNECTION

12:00 P.M.  
COMIDA EN LA CATEDRAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA  
DE GUADALUPE



## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS NEEDS YOU!

**SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS** Individual registration for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 has been extended to February 2023. If you are interested in learning more about the Congress and possibly being part of a diocesan delegation to the July 17-21, 2024 Congress in Indianapolis, please contact Father Tim S. Hickey as soon as possible at [tshickey@icloud.com](mailto:tshickey@icloud.com) or at 203-996-7854 (text/voice). This is not a commitment to attend but only an expression of your interest in the Congress. Please be sure to include the number of tickets you are interested in and your parish.

## ¡EL CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO NACIONAL TE NECESITA!

**INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL CONGRESO EUCHARÍSTICO NACIONAL** La inscripción individual para el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional de julio de 2024 se ha extendido a febrero de 2023. Si está interesado en obtener más información sobre el Congreso y posiblemente ser parte de una delegación diocesana al Congreso del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024 en Indianápolis, comuníquese con el Padre Tim S. Hickey lo antes posible en [tshickey@icloud.com](mailto:tshickey@icloud.com) o en 203 -996-7854 (texto/llamar). Esto no es un compromiso de asistir sino solo una expresión de su interés en el Congreso. Asegúrese de incluir la cantidad de boletos que le interesan y su parroquia.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—Tend your inner lamp

Why do we take so many pictures of sunsets and sunrises? Why fill our homes with chandeliers, lamps, and candles? To the eye, light is incredibly attractive. It illuminates all that surrounds it, offering us not simply its own glow, but redeeming the whole environment swallowed by darkness and delivering it back to us. People who carry an inner light are similar. We're attracted to their aura, but even more so to how clear and bright reality appears when we're in their company. Saints attract others with their light long before the church bestows on them the customary halo. Let your light shine! (Preparetheword)

## SEGUNDO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO—Cuida tu lámpara interior

¿Por qué tomamos tantas fotos de atardeceres y amaneceres? ¿Por qué llenamos nuestras casas de candelabros, lámparas y velas? Para el ojo, la luz es increíblemente atractiva. Ilumina todo lo que la rodea, ofreciéndonos no sólo su propio resplandor, sino redimiendo todo el entorno engullido por la oscuridad y devolviéndolo. Las personas que llevan una luz interior son similares. Nos sentimos atraídos por su aura, pero aún más por lo clara y luminosa que aparece la realidad cuando estamos en su compañía. Los santos atraen a los demás con su luz mucho antes de que la Iglesia les otorgue la aureola habitual. ¡Deja que brille tu luz!