

[Jesus said to the disciples,]
“Come away by yourselves to a
deserted place and rest a while.”

MARK 6:31

Dancing in the Dark

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1931, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz collaborated to write the song “Dancing in the Dark.” It’s said that the lyrics are primarily about how we feel our way through life, not sure where life is leading us and wondering why we’re here. There are many who feel they are “dancing in the dark.”

The Scriptures this week promise that God will shepherd us through difficult times, particularly when we feel lost amid uncertain choices we must make. Consequently, we are tempted to look for signs about what to do—paying attention to billboards, hoping a tune on the radio will give an answer, opening the Bible at random and pointing to a verse, multiplying prayers in hope of a sudden revelation.

The reality is that God does speak to us, but usually in the silence, in the quiet moments of a busy day.

At times, it may be when we begin to second-guess ourselves and realize we are becoming the sort of person we do not want to become. God’s voice may be camouflaged in our emotions, helping us recognize how our fears may be calling us to trust in him, or in our anxieties that move us to face the futility of a relationship. He might be calling us through friends who offer advice contrary to what we think, yet persistently insisting we face what we do not wish to see. It is in the silence that we begin to move from dancing in the dark to marching in sync with a divine rhythm. ●

Reflect

Have you ever emerged from a dark time feeling more in touch with God and God’s will for you?

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REFLECTIONS

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation A. S. A. P.? Without much thought most people can recognize this as an abbreviated way of saying "As Soon As Possible." In a sense, then, it has become another way of speaking of the hurry and stress of our lives, that is, the pressure to get it done now. However, what if we could think of this abbreviation in a different way, a way that leads to spiritual peace?

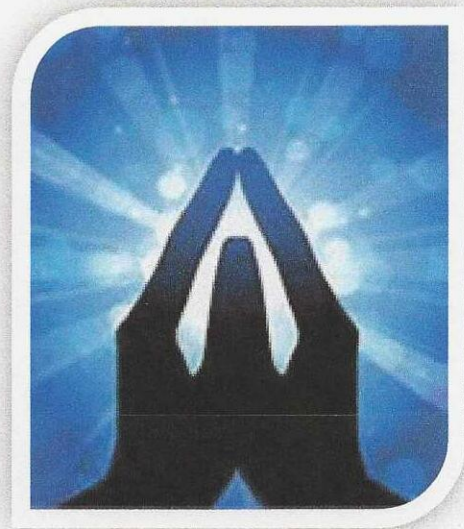
There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER!

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER!

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear;
Slow down and take a breather –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And God will respond to all your needs –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER!

From Father Ken



A.S.A.P.
always say a prayer

My brothers and sisters in Christ

The Sixteenth Week of Ordinary time has arrived. This coming Monday, July 22nd, we reflect on the Feast of Mary Magdalene. She was the woman healed of possessions by Jesus. She then became his disciple, was present at his crucifixion, and the first known witness to see the risen Lord.

On Tuesday July 23rd, we gather together in the PAX Center at 7:00 PM to make 500 sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Please come and assist the Knights in their monthly contribution to the homeless.

If you wish to serve in any Chapel Ministries, please contact the Chapel Office. All Ministry assignments require Safe Environment certification. We can arrange training for you if you are not certified.

Representatives from the Diocese will give us a refresher course for Safe Environment on September 3rd at 10:00 AM in the Chapel Building A and B Rooms. If you need to update your certification, contact Cat in the Chapel Office (817-292-3274) and she will reserve a space for you. If you have questions about your current Safe Environment status, contact Cat.

If you or someone you know is in need of Holy Communion at home or in a nursing facility, call Cat in the Chapel Office. She will schedule a Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to you or them.

Going forward, please remember to keep the number of individual Mass intentions requests to two or less for a single intention in any given month. Thank you for your understanding.



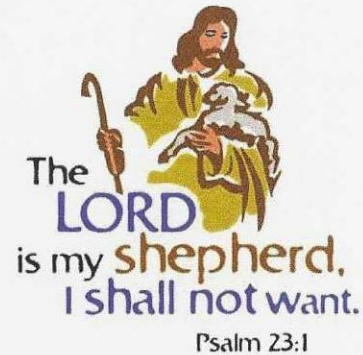
In closing, in keeping with our Three-Year Eucharist Revival I came across the following article in Catholic Outlook:

Each day in the Mass Christ gives us the gift of himself. He asks nothing of us other than to receive him in gratitude and faith. Christ uses everyday things and raises them into something sacred and holy. He does this respecting their very ordinariness: The Bread remains our daily bread and the Wine our daily drink. He gives himself to us daily through these species in the Holy Eucharist.

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God Give You Peace

Mike Pierson



Mass Intentions	
July 21, 2024	Intention of All SFV Catholic Chapel Attendees
July 22, 2024	Repose of the Soul Rebecca Sue Callahan By Louise Roberts
July 23, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Cecelia Men By Lucy Le
July 24, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Jack Parkhurst By Patty Parkhurst
July 25, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Mable Groh By Jim Groh
July 26, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Julie Ellen Schneider By Jack & Genie Kearney
July 27, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Joe Manalisay By Connie Manalisay (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

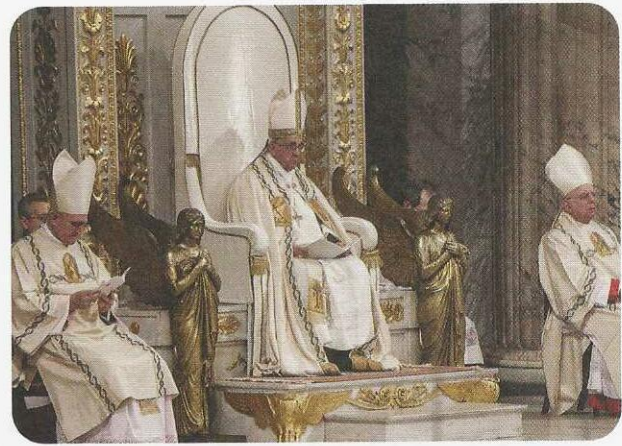
Dear Padre,

What does it mean to call the pope infallible?

Jesus established the Church, gave Peter a special place in it, and promised that the powers of evil would never overcome the Church (see Matthew 16:13–19). This promise indicates that Jesus would not allow the Church to be misled in essential matters of faith or morals. In these matters, Jesus grants the gift of infallibility...not only to the pope, but to the bishops and the faithful in union with the pope.

The pope speaks infallibly when he teaches *ex cathedra* (“from the chair”) as the leader of the whole Church, expressly defining doctrine as a matter of faith or morals (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 891). The pope has done this only once in the past one hundred years, when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

The Church’s understanding of infallibility reflects our Catholic belief that God will not allow evil to lead the Church astray. It helps us to distinguish what is essential from what is not. A clear understanding of infallibility and its limits may be seen as a safeguard against the misuse of authority. Understood in this manner, infallibility is another gift the Lord gave to the Church. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

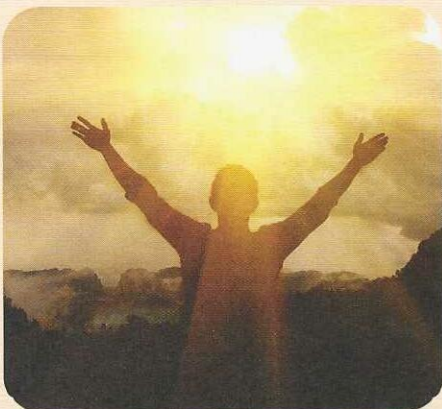
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. James, Apostle</i>	<i>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20	Jer 1:1, 4–10	2 Cor 4:7–15	of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jer 7:1–11	2 Kgs 4:42–44
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18	Mt 12:46–50	Mt 13:1–9	Mt 20:20–28	Jer 3:14–17	Mt 13:24–30	Eph 4:1–6
				Mt 13:18–23		Jn 6:1–15

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus’] tender invitation—rest a while—should accompany us. Let us beware...of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

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