



Enough Is Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The radio program discussed whether Americans thought they were better or worse off today than one year ago. As you might expect, opinions were divided. Some believed we were better off—inflation had dropped 6 percentage points to about 3 percent, and while prices were higher, so were most wages. Others believed the opposite—many costs had risen, especially food, as well as big-ticket items like homes and cars. One of the panelists then suggested what she knew would be an unpopular opinion: while there were many still struggling to make ends meet and did not have enough, there were others who, because of the pandemic supplement, began to overspend and now could not maintain their lifestyle. Her opinion was that, for many, it was not an issue of having enough, but rather wanting too much and a lack of proper budgeting.

When Jesus fed the people gathered by the mountain, he provided not a feast but bread and fish, which was enough for them all. This is how God feeds us each day, with enough. We rise each morning sleepy, yet with enough energy to get us through the day. Our health may not be what it once was, but there is enough to keep us going. Our prayer may seem routine and lacking in heavenly inspiration, but somehow it seems to be enough for us to continue living with faith. God does feed us, not always with the abundance we may desire, but always with enough of what we need. ●

Reflect

*How does God feed you with what you need?
Is it enough?*



[The disciples] filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

JOHN 6:13

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REFLECTIONS

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

To be a faithful Catholic is much more than attending Mass or even volunteering for some particular ministry, important as those things are! Our Baptism calls us to live daily as faithful disciples in every activity of our lives. We spend more time in outside endeavors than we do in church and how we live our lives away from actual participation in church liturgies is an important sign of our Christian vocation and commitment to Jesus Christ. That enhanced discipleship includes being knowledgeable about the Church's social teaching. Indeed, our Church's social teaching is at the very core of our Christian faith. It is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living in holiness amid the challenges of modern secular society. These social teachings have been expressed over time through papal, conciliar and episcopal documents which are important reading for all Catholics. Over the next several weeks, the Pastor's Reflection will focus on seven (7) key Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

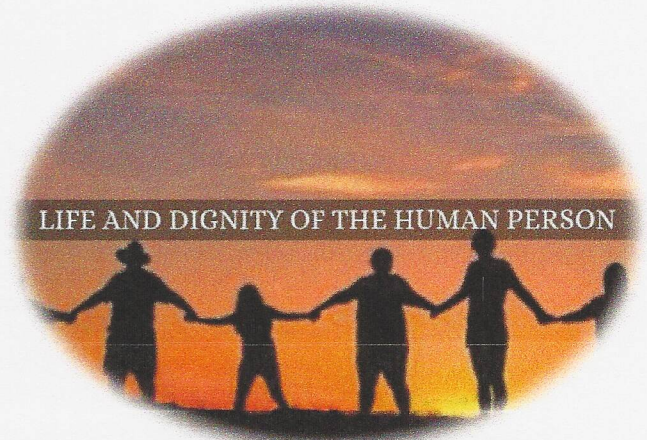
(1) LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:

Human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is foundational to any moral vision for society. This consistent teaching of our Catholic Church is vital because today many hold cheaply the basic value of human life. In a consumer-oriented society life can become merely a utilitarian commodity. Thus life is threatened by abortion,

euthanasia, genetic cloning practices, embryonic stem cell research, unjust war, unjust immigration practices as well as the death penalty, to name only a few of the most obvious threats.

In our Catholic tradition we emphasize that every person is precious from the moment of conception and that people are more important than things. Society has an inherent responsibility to provide for the protection of all persons, not because their deeds justify this protection but because human creation is in God's image. The ultimate measure of success of any government, institution or society is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time has arrived, and this week we begin the month of August. In speaking for the National Eucharistic Congress this past week, Bishop Michael Mulvey of the Corpus Christi Diocese made the following statement:

The Eucharist is not only for us... We are called to carry this gift that we received to the people we encounter, becoming a living sacrament for others. Mere boasting about receiving communion serves no purpose. Instead we must let the Eucharist impact our lives, which is to make us more like God and more like Jesus. As we embody Christ's teachings through acts of compassion, selfless service, and a genuine relationship with him our lives become a testament to the Eucharist's transformative power.

We will have the Sacrament of Anointing during Mass on Thursday August 1st.

Our First Saturday morning Mass is this week on August 3rd at 9:00 AM.

Father Ken is continuing to celebrate Tuesday Masses while Father Bob is on vacation.

This coming weekend is Pack the Pantry weekend. The Pantry Volunteers have ask me to request donations of energy drinks, dried pasta noodles, paper products, various canned sauces, and personal care products.

St. Francis Village Catholic Chapel welcomes everyone to join in the many opportunities available for experiencing and growing in our Faith. Please consider attending the **weekly Bible Study** which meets each Thursday at 1:00 PM in the video room. The study includes discussion of scripture readings for the upcoming weekend Masses. Thanks to Stan and Susan Urbanek for their hard work and effort in leading this class.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in the Chapel Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM. **Morning Prayers and readings** led by Deacon Howard are conducted at 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday in the Chapel.

Please contact the Chapel office if you will not be able to fulfill your Chapel Ministry assignment.

In Closing, Pope Francis made the following five points about the Holy Eucharist and Adoration

*Adoration is essential for the world today
Adoration helps us understand our lives better
Adoration is how we embrace the incarnation
Adoration is how we discover God's limitless Love
Adoration is a path to Evangelization*

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

God Give You Peace

Mike Pierson



Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. ~ John 6:11

Mass Intentions	
<u>July 28, 2024</u>	<u>Intention of All SFV Catholic Chapel Attendees</u>
<u>July 29, 2024</u>	<u>Blessing and Celebration of the 59th Anniversary Of Leo & Jackie Becker's Wedding</u>
<u>July 30, 2024</u>	<u>Repose of the Soul of Teresa Lieng By Lucy Le</u>
<u>July 31, 2024</u>	<u>Repose of the Soul of Jennifer Kemp By Tom & Ruth Kemp</u>
<u>August 1, 2024</u>	<u>Repose of the Soul of Mable Groh By Jim Groh</u>
<u>August 2, 2024</u>	<u>Repose of the Soul of Liz Freeman By Pat Donahue</u>
<u>August 3, 2024</u>	<u>Intention of All SFV Catholic Chapel Attendees (9:00 AM 1st Saturday Mass)</u>
<u>August 3, 2024</u>	<u>Repose of the Soul of Al Kelsey By Jean Kelsey (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)</u>

Dear Padre,

Is there really an unforgivable sin?

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven (Matthew 12:31–32, Mark 3:28–29, Luke 12:10). This seems to imply the existence of a sin that God either cannot or will not forgive. Yet we have the overwhelming testimony of the Scriptures and Church teaching that God’s mercy and forgiveness are more powerful than any sin, no matter how serious or frequent it might be. This apparent contradiction disappears when we carefully consider the context of Jesus’ teaching on the “unforgivable sin.”

Jesus’ statements regarding blasphemy against the Holy Spirit occurred as part of his ongoing dispute with the scribes and Pharisees who witnessed Jesus’ exorcisms but attributed them to the power of Satan, thus denying the evidence of the Spirit’s saving action in Jesus’ work and teaching (Matthew 12:22–32). This denial is not simply a misunderstanding. Rather, it is willful, malicious, deliberate, and unrepentant. For such people, there can truly be no forgiveness, not because God is unwilling or unable to forgive, but because the people will not recognize their need for forgiveness.

The “unforgivable sin” is not an action so horrible that even God’s patience and mercy are exhausted. Rather, it is the attitude of people who reject the Lord’s presence in their lives. God’s offer of forgiveness is still universal. We need only respond to his grace and seek his forgiveness. ●



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Monday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 13:1–11
Jn 11:19–27 or
Lk 10:38–42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 14:17–22
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 15:10, 16–21
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 18:1–6
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Jer 26:1–9
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 26:11–16, 24
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 4
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Every day...around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition.... Jesus also addresses an invitation to us...
“Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply.”*

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