



## Truth-Sayers

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**T**he prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things—at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice. ●

### Reflect

*Who has been a truth-sayer for you?  
How have they impacted your life?*

Whether they hear or resist—they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2:5



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## REFLECTIONS

### A DAILY PRAYER

ETERNAL GOD,  
YOU ARE THE LORD OF TIME.  
HELP ME TO SEE  
THAT EACH PHASE OF MY LIFE  
HAS ITS OWN PURPOSE AND VALUE.

WHETHER I AM YOUNG OR OLD  
YOUR LOVE SUPPORTS  
AND GUIDES ME.

DO NOT ALLOW ME TO PINE  
FOR THE PAST  
OR RUSH TO THE FUTURE,  
BUT TEACH ME HOW  
TO LIVE THIS DAY,  
THANKFUL FOR WHO I AM  
AND FOR WHAT YOU ARE  
CALLING ME TO DO.

There is profound wisdom in recognizing that today is the first and last day of our lives. That is, we have only this day in which to live, to love and to serve God through our service of others. Yesterday is history and we can never have it again. Tomorrow is only potential and if it arrives, it will be today.

Teach us daily, Lord, not to be so focused on the superficial things of our lives that we miss the essentials. Help us to live fully the opportunities of each day, focused on the current moment when we can do something, with God's grace, to make a difference and to live faithful lives of holiness. May we choose always to live in the present which the Lord provides!

*From Father Ken*



Yesterday is gone.  
Tomorrow has not yet come.  
**We have only today.**  
Let us begin.

*Mother Teresa*

## My brothers and sisters in Christ

As we enter the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time, we continue our three-year journey in the Eucharistic Revival. On June 23, 2024, Pope Francis made the following statement:

*Jesus does not spare us from difficulties but strengthens us with the Eucharist to have the courage to face those difficulties. Jesus is always with us and comes to our aid particularly in the Eucharist.*

On Thursday July 11th Father Ken will have Anointing of Sick during the 9:00 AM Mass.

Beginning next week (July 15th), Father Bob will be on vacation for five weeks. The Tuesday Masses will be celebrated by Father Ken. Pray that Father Bob has safe travels on his much-deserved vacation. We offer a special thank you to Father Ken for celebrating Masses on these Tuesdays, which are his normal days off from the Chapel.

The Secular Franciscans will have afternoon prayers in the Chapel next Sunday July 14th at 2:00 PM. Prayers will be followed by a special presentation in the Chapel Building A & B Activity Rooms. Refreshments will be provided.

If you have completed Safe Environment Training and wish to participate in a Chapel Ministry, contact Cat in the Chapel Office. If you have been assigned a Ministry and cannot fulfill the assignment on a particular day, please contact Cat in the Chapel Office so she can arrange coverage.

The Diocese has given us dates and names of past Safe Environment Classes attendees. Cat will notify you when you are required to take a refresher course. All refresher courses will be offered at SFV. The new refresher courses are approximately one-and-a-half hours in length. The Diocese of Fort Worth requires this course for all who wish to participate in Chapel Ministries.

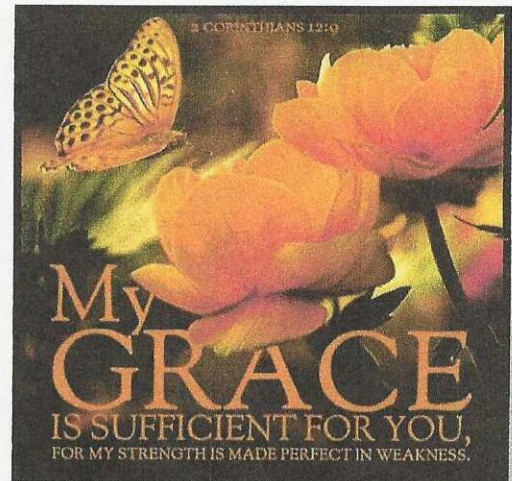
In closing I was given a reflection by the Holy Family of Nazareth Sisters and would like to share it with you here:

*Today God wants us to know that there are times when a change of direction is for your highest good. It takes courage to change directions. Choose the path you heart agrees with and walk with you head high and your eye open. Let the wind of the spirit take you where it will. Don't be afraid.*

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

*God Give You Peace*

*Mike Pierson*



Mass Intentions	
July 7, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Maurice Gagnon By Doris & Mike Pierson
July 8, 2024	In celebration of Ruth Kemp's Birthday By Tom Kemp
July 9, 2024	Father Bob Strittmatter Intentions
July 10, 2024	Repose of the Souls of I.R. & Dorothy Becker By Jackie & Leo Becker
July 11, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Mable Groh By Jim Groh
July 12, 2024	Repose of the Souls of Jonathan & Devin Massey By Mel & Julie Miller
July 13, 2024	Repose of the Soul of Edward Pick By Mary Schwartz (5:00 PM Vigil Mass)

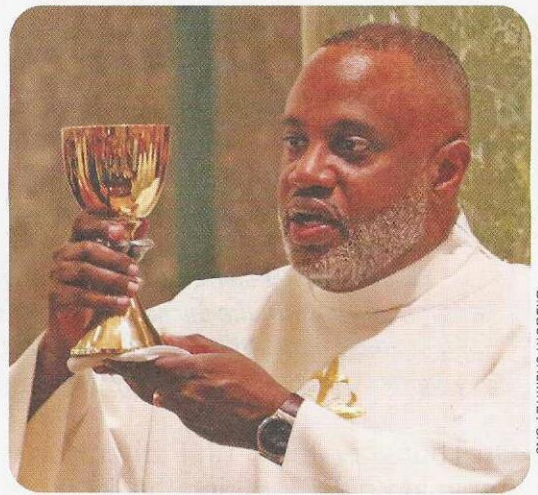
# Dear Padre,

*My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests “Father” when Jesus said not to. I don’t know how to answer.*

Jesus instructs his disciples, “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (Matthew 23:8–9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors “professor.”

Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms—father, mother, brother, sister—to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”)

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his “child in faith” (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, “I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called “Father” for their pastoral role in the Church. ●

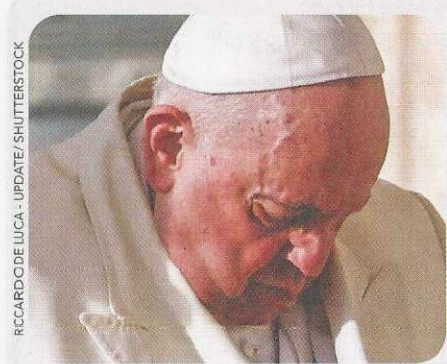


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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Benedict, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hos 2:16, 17c- 18, 21-22	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9	Hos 14:2-10	Is 6:1-8	Am 7:12-15
Mt 9:18-26	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	Mt 10:7-15	Mt 10:16-23	Mt 10:24-33	Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God’s grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.*

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