



## The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ver the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

### Reflect

*Who do you say  
Jesus is and how  
does your answer  
make a difference  
in your life?*

[Jesus] said to [his disciples], "But who do you say that I am?"

MATTHEW 16:15





# Catholic Communities



## Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.  
Fayette, OH 43521

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel  
Pat Eisel  
Ray Hollstein  
Mike Burkholder  
Traci Maginn  
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor  
**Rev. William Pifher**  
419-446-9288

## OLM PARISH OFFICE

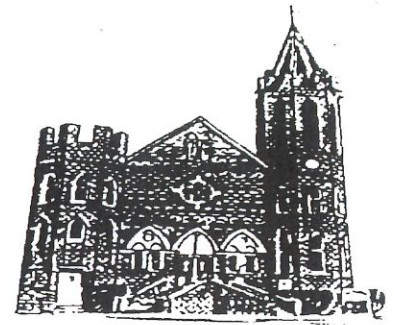
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Fayette, OH 43521

**Phone:** 419-237-2441  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday

### PARISH STAFF

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## St. Peter

614 N. Defiance St.  
Archbold, OH 43502

### MASS SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of month 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.

### Parish Secretary

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### Religious Ed

Deb Herring  
Parish Council President  
Stephen Bernath

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office *six months* ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please note that the bulletin deadline is Tuesday, Noon. Please either call, email at [ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyfayette@gmail.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin



# SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Ordinary Time

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY FEAST DAY & FESTIVAL (Save the Date)

Our Lady of Mercy will be celebrating our Feast Day and Festival on September 24, 2023. Come and enjoy a day of fun & food. Starting the day is a very Special Celebration of Holy Mass followed by a light breakfast, silent auction, special activities and ending with an Our Lady of Mercy Festival dinner. More information to follow.

### FULTON COUNTY FAIR – CATHOLIC BOOTH DAYS

It is that time of year again!! Our Lady of Mercy has 3 days that we are asked to help at the Fulton County Catholic Churches fair booth. Friday, Sept. 1 – 8 p.m. -10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5 – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 7 (Our Lady of Mercy's full day) Noon – 10 p.m. This is a GREAT way to evangelize and help support our Catholic faith. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the entrance. Should you have any questions please see Sherry Renner or call 419-388-5695. **PLUS** – you get to enjoy all the yummy fair food.

### PREVIOUS WEEKS BULLETINS

For your convenience, the previous weeks bulletin will be on the back table.

### SHARING YOUR FLOWERS WITH MARY

If you have any flowers out of your garden that you would like to share with Mary, there will be extra vases on the back table every Sunday to put them in and then you can place by the statue of Mary.

### THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS – Introduction by Matthew Kelly

"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross." - St. Anthony of Padua

### Do Something Beautiful for God – The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa

**Aug. 27** – What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight: Build anyway.

**Aug. 28** – If you hear of someone who doesn't want to have her child, who wants to have an abortion, try to convince her to bring the child to me. I will love that child, who is a sign of God's love...I don't think any human heart should dare to take a life, or any human hand be raised to destroy life. Life is the life of God in us. Life is the greatest gift that God has bestowed on human beings, and man has been created in the image of God. Life belongs to God, and we have no right to destroy it.

**Aug. 29** – The greatest disease in the West today is not tuberculosis or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are so many people in the world who are dying for a piece of bread, but there are many more people dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty – it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also a profound spirituality poverty. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God.

**Aug. 30** – Lord, Grant that I may always bear in mind the very great dignity of the life you have called me to and all its responsibilities. Never let me dishonor it by being cold, or unkind, or impatient.

**Aug. 31** – Jesus loves you. Even more – He longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you, even when you don't feel worthy.

**Sept. 1** – Be a soul of prayer. If we don't learn to pray, all of our life will be handicapped.

**Sept. 2** – If you want to become holy, become poor. Jesus became poor to save us, and if we really want to become poor, like Jesus, then we have to be really poor, spiritually poor.

### ST. PETER NEWS

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

*Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.*

### FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---May 6 – Oct. 28 – Farmer's Market @ Fayette Opera House Parking Lot – Saturday's 9 am – 1 pm

---Sept. 20 – Community meal – Fayette Methodist Community Center – 5 – 6 p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to [OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com)

**Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email Anita Van Zile at [vanzilej@hotmail.com](mailto:vanzilej@hotmail.com) or call Pat Eisel at 419-737-2163.**

**Privacy Issues for Parish Office: IMMEDIATE FAMILY** – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.





# MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington DC

# JANUARY 18-20, 2024

*Join high schoolers, college students, and young adults age 18-35!*

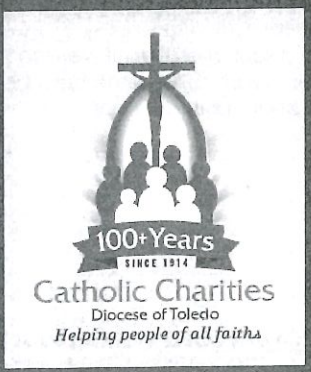
## \$200

Covers two nights in hotel, bus, and more!

*Register and make a payment at:*

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**SECURE YOUR SPOT BY DECEMBER 1, 2023**







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## Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

PROTECT

# Women.

PROTECT

# Children.

PROTECT

# Families.

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

Vote **NO**  
Nov. 7



Join us in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this amendment.

Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here, or at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).





# WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



## THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

### THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

### PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws\* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

### ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,\*\* "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

### IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

## ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

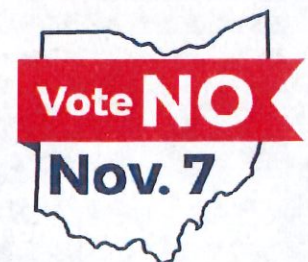
*The Right to Reproductive Freedom  
with Protections for Health and Safety*

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

\* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303

\*\* Based on Doe v Bolton

[www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org)





# Saints of the Day ([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of August 27– September 2

**Sunday, August 27–St. Monica** - St. Monica (322-387 A.D.) was raised in a Christian home in Tagaste, North Africa. Early in life she struggled with alcoholism, sneaking draughts of wine from the family cellar, before being caught and overcoming the habit. She was later given in marriage to an ill-tempered and adulterous pagan Roman official. She suffered greatly on account of her husband, and that of her unkind mother-in-law with whom she lived, and she fervently prayed for their conversion over the course of many years. Her patience and kindness became a source of encouragement to other unhappy housewives with whom she came in contact. Monica gave birth to three children, and she was grieved that her husband would not allow them to be baptized. Her eldest son, Augustine, was a wayward child and caused her the most pain, and she prayed fervently for decades for him to become a Christian. Through her persistence in prayer and good example, her husband was converted shortly before his death. When Augustine became entrenched in heretical sects and moved to Milan, St. Monica followed him. Monica befriended the Bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, who consoled her by saying, "The child of those tears shall never perish." Augustine was eventually brought into the Church by St. Ambrose. Everything we know of St. Monica's heroic virtue is from the writings of her son, who became the great St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential saints in Church history. St. Monica is patron of housewives, difficult marriages, alcoholism, mothers, widows, abuse victims, victims of adultery, and disappointing children. Her feast day is August 27th.

**Monday, August 28 –St. Augustine of Hippo** - St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) was born in North Africa to a pagan father and a Christian mother, St. Monica. His mother did her best to raise him in the Christian faith, but Augustine, a brilliant and promising young student, was carried away into worldly attractions, lust for women, and pagan philosophies. This put his faith and morals into a state of crisis for many years. His waywardness gave his holy mother great pain and anxiety as she watched her son pursue materialistic ambitions and keep company with heretical sects. Through her constant prayers and the holy preaching of St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, St. Augustine came to recognize the truth of Christianity; but only after several spiritually tumultuous years of seeking God through his philosophical studies. He underwent a profound conversion and was baptized, after which he lived a holy life of purity, prayer, and penance. His life is one of the greatest sinner-to-saint stories in the history of the Church. St. Augustine eventually became a priest, bishop, theologian, writer, and the founder of a religious order of priests. He was declared a Doctor of the Church and is considered one of the most influential saints and theologians to have ever lived, one whose writings are widely read to this very day. His feast day is celebrated on August 28.

**Tuesday, August 29– St. Sabina of Rome** - St. Sabina (d. 126 A.D.) was a wealthy Roman noblewoman, a widow and the daughter of Herod Metallarius. She was converted to Christianity by her virtuous female slave, St. Serapia, a devout Christian from Antioch who entered into voluntary slavery with Sabina after forsaking marriage and consecrating herself to Christ. Following her conversion, St. Sabina's home became a secret meeting place for Christians where the sacraments were celebrated. St. Serapia was discovered to be a Christian and was burned alive and beheaded. St. Sabina recovered Serapia's body and buried it in a tomb. Within the same year St. Sabina was also killed for her faith and buried alongside Serapia. After Christianity was legalized in the 5th century, a basilica was built over St. Sabina's home on Aventine Hill. Originally dedicated to both saints, it is known today as Santa Sabina, one of Rome's most ancient churches. St. Sabina's feast day is August 29th.

**Wednesday, August 30– St. Fiacre** - St. Fiacre (d. 670 A.D.) was born in Ireland and was raised from childhood in an Irish monastery. There he grew in knowledge as well as holiness, and became a priest. He retired to a hermitage to live in prayer and solitude, but men began to flock to him to imitate his way of life and become his disciples. To escape them, Fiacre left Ireland to establish a new hermitage in France. He went to the bishop and asked for land to plant a garden to grow food as well as herbs for medicinal healing, a science which he studied in the monastery. The bishop agreed to give Fiacre as much land as he could entrench. Fiacre picked a plot of land and walked around its perimeter, dragging his shovel behind him. Wherever his spade touched the ground, the land was miraculously cleared and the soil became entrenched. St. Fiacre lived a life of great mortification in prayer, fasting, vigils, and manual labor in his garden. Disciples gathered around him again, and soon formed a monastery. St. Fiacre then built an oratory in honor of the Virgin Mary, a hospice in which he received strangers, and a cell for his own dwelling. His fame for performing miracles became widespread, and his garden became a place of pilgrimage for centuries for those seeking healing. St. Fiacre is best known as the patron of gardeners, florists, and cab drivers. His feast day is August 30th.

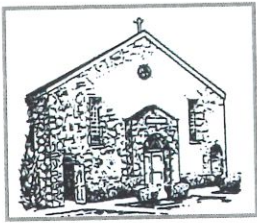


**Thursday, August 31– St. Raymond Nonnatus** - St. Raymond Nonnatus (1200-1240) was born in Catalonia, Spain, to a noble family. His life was saved by caesarean section after his mother died in childbirth, earning him the name 'Nonnatus' meaning 'one not born'. Raymond was a pious child drawn to the religious life, but his father had plans for him to serve in the royal court of the King of Aragon. To distract Raymond from his vocation, his father sent him to tend the family fields. This had the opposite effect and gave Raymond greater opportunity to pray in the country chapel. His father eventually allowed him to join the Mercedarians, a religious order which ransomed Christian slaves from their Muslim captors. Raymond became Master General of the order and personally freed hundreds of prisoners. When he ran out of money, he ransomed his own life to release Christians held in captivity. St. Raymond was tortured throughout his imprisonment, yet he converted numerous people to the Christian faith. To prevent him from preaching Christ, his captors pierced his lips with a red-hot iron and closed them with a padlock. He was eventually ransomed by his order and returned to Spain, and died a year later. After his death there was a dispute over who had the right to bury his body. To settle the matter, his body was placed on a blind mule and set loose. The mule went to the country chapel where Raymond had prayed in his youth, and it was there that he was buried. Many miracles were attributed to St. Raymond Nonnatus both before and after his death. He is the patron of children, childbirth, pregnant women, infants, and midwives. His feast day is August 31st.

**Friday, Sept. 1– St. Giles** - St. Giles (7th c.) was born to a wealthy and noble Greek family. He devoted his life to the things of God and grew in sanctity, but found that his material and spiritual riches drew unwanted praise and attention. To escape prestige, he sold all of his possessions, gave his wealth to the poor, and moved away to Gaul (present day France) to live in solitude in the wilderness as a cave-dwelling hermit. He lived in this way without companionship for many years while practicing severe penances. He became so impoverished that God sent a deer to be his companion and to nourish him with its milk. One day a royal hunting party in pursuit of the deer chased it into the saint's cave. A hunter shot an arrow into the cave, and instead of hitting the deer, he injured the saint. St. Giles was discovered and soon became known throughout the countryside as a holy hermit, the king himself often coming to visit him. St. Giles consented to receive disciples who desired to imitate his way of life. The king built a monastery for these followers, who lived as monks under the Rule of St. Benedict with St. Giles as abbot. St. Giles was known as a miracle worker during his life, and his monastery and the town that grew around it became a shrine and place of pilgrimage, especially for crippled beggars. St. Giles became one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages, and is the patron of many causes including lepers, hermits, cripples, epileptics, cancer patients, the mentally ill, the disabled, and the poor. St. Giles' feast day is September 1st.

**Saturday, Sept. 2– St. Brocard** - St. Brocard (d. 1231 A.D.) was a Frenchman who traveled to the Holy Land to enter into religious life there. He was among the first group of hermits to establish a community of monks on Mount Carmel. Details of his life are scarce, but it is believed that St. Brocard was the prior of the community after the death of St. Berthold, who is considered to be the founder of the Carmelites. Brocard, as the new leader of the community, desired to formalize the monks' way of life on Mt. Carmel. He requested that St. Albert, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, write and establish a rule of life for the community, which he then imposed on the group as their discipline. The Rule of St. Albert established the Carmelites as a new religious order. St. Brocard was considered an expert on Islam and Eastern affairs and was to accompany St. Albert to the Fourth Lateran Council, were it not for St. Albert's murder before the Council convened. The Council suppressed the creation of new religious orders, which put the Carmelites in a tenuous position as they were not approved by the Holy See prior to this new decree. St. Brocard led the community through an uncertain period until they achieved special approval from the Holy Father. St. Brocard's feast day is September 2nd.





# Our Lady of Mercy Parish



AUGUST 27, 2023

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. Aug. 27	8:30 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella Ron Lichtenwald
	10:30 am	SP	Mary Grime
Tues. Aug. 29	7 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. Aug. 30	9:00a.m..	SP	For the People
Thurs. Aug. 31	9:00a.m.	OLM	For the People
Fri. Sept. 1	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. Sept.. 2	8:30a.m.	SP	For the People
	4:30p.m.	SP	For the People
Sun. Sept. 3	8:30a.m.	OLM	Karl & Lotte Obermoser
	10:30a.m	SP	Pat & Juanita Arend Mike & Barb Britenriker

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- Sept. 1 – Catholic Fair Booth help 8 p.m.-10p.m.
- Sept. 5 - Catholic Fair Booth help 2 p.m.-4p.m.
- Sept. 7 – Our Lady of Mercy's day at Catholic Fair Booth help 10 a.m. - 9p.m.
- Sept. 13 – Religious Ed. starts
- Sept. 21 – Finance Council 5:30 p.m.  
Pastoral Council - 6:15 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day & Festival starting with 8:30 a.m. Mass

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT Reported for August 20, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes)      \$ 581.00  
 LOOSE OFFERINGS                              \$ 495.00

**BUDGET**    \$ 1,747.00  
 Over/(Under)                                      (\$ 671.00)

#### OTHER COLLECTIONS

Postage Help                                      \$ 2.00  
 Assumption of Mary                            \$ 33.00  
 Votive Candles                                 \$ 1.00  
**TOTAL COLLECTION**                         \$ 1,112.00

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	September 3, 2023
Reader	Mary Bird
Servers	Maeve & Micah Maginn
Greeters/ Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Ushers	Phil & Tami Baker
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil & Tami Baker Barb Bruggeman

### Word(s) of the week (from Merriam-Webster online dictionary)

**BIND** – to constrain with legal authority  
**LOOSED** – to let loose

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” **Matthew 16:19**



# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

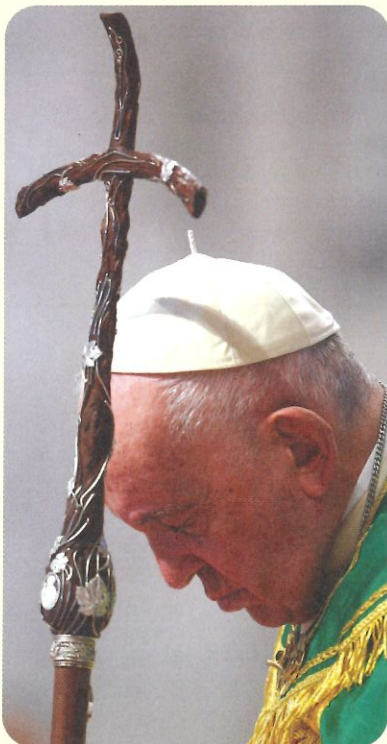
Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



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[DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014

#### MONDAY

August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29  
*Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27

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