



# Doubting, Remembering, then Believing

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

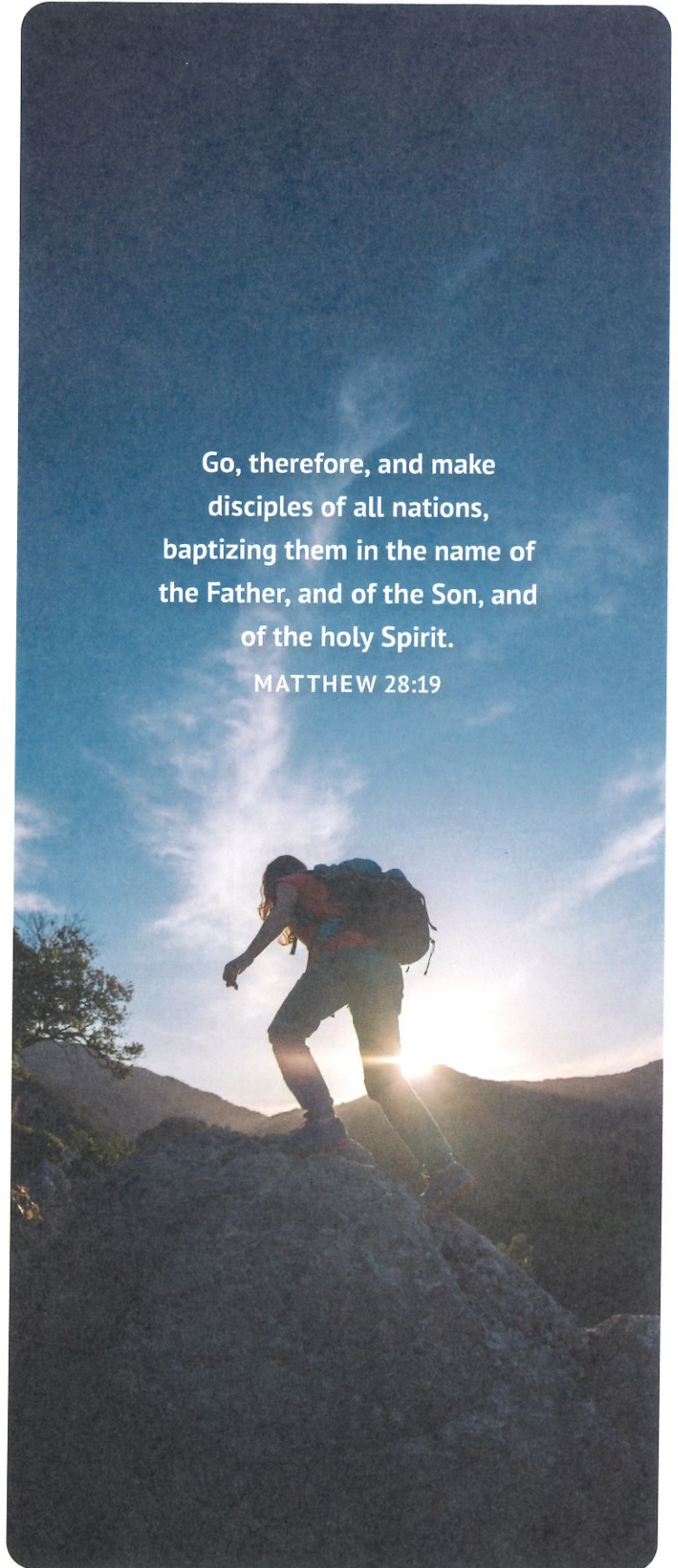
Voltaire, the French author, once commented that God created us in God's image, and ever since we have been trying to pay God back. When we fail to forgive, we may not believe that God forgives us. If we hate another person (or another nation), we may imagine that God agrees with us. "God is on our side," presumes that God is rooting only for our team. In other words, we tend to think of God being like us rather than discovering how we reflect God.

It is little wonder, then, that amid such confusing images we can find ourselves wondering who God is or even doubting God's existence. Yet faith of its nature tends to be sown with doubt simply because faith does not bring the kind of certainty we think science does. This week's Gospel tells how "the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:16–17). From the beginning believers seemed to be inclined to uncertainty and doubt.

How then do we live in faith? The reading from Deuteronomy tells of Moses asking the people to remember how they had been freed from slavery in Egypt, how God had taught them and taken care of them. It is in remembering past blessings that we recognize a power at work greater than ourselves, a remembering that will lead to renewed faith. We are people who live with the promise of Jesus "to be with you always, to the end of the age." ●

## Reflect

***This week, perhaps you could spend some time remembering how God has worked in your life.***



Go, therefore, and make  
disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19

# Catholic Communities

Parish Pastor

Rev. William Pifher

419-446-9288



## 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.



## OLM PARISH OFFICE

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Tuesday and Thursday

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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.

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### 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.

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[OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com) or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin.

# SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

## The Most Holy Trinity

### 8<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

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

#### ADORATION, ROSARY & HEALING

May 29, 2024 at 7 p.m. we will have Adoration, Rosary & Healing with Father Bill.

#### THE MOST REVERAND DANIEL E. THOMAS

Exciting news Bishop Thomas will be celebrating Mass here at Our Lady of Mercy on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

#### NEW MISSALS

Starting on June 9, 2024, the "We Celebrate" Missals will be on a stand when you enter the church, please pick it up there. When Mass has concluded please return to the stand. Thank you for your understanding during this transition.

#### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419)214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, OH 43604.



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

"Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these, they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve."

*St. Francis of Assisi*

#### DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 1

135 During the third probation, the Lord gave me to understand that I should offer myself to Him so that He could do with me as He pleased. I was to remain standing before Him as a victim offering. At first, I was quite frightened, as I felt myself to be so utterly miserable and knew very well that this was the case. I answered the Lord once again, "I am misery itself; how can I be a hostage (for other)?" **You do not understand this today. Tomorrow, during your adoration, I will make it known to you.** My heart trembled, as did my soul, so deeply did these words sink into my soul. The word of God is living.

#### 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 4 – Sept. 28 – Farmers Market, Opera House parking lot 9 am – 1 pm  
---June 19 – Community Meal – 5 – 6 pm Fayette Methodist Family Life Center

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 [vanzilejn@hotmail.com](mailto:vanzilejn@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.

# **OUR LADY OF MERCY ADORATION, ROSARY AND HEALING**

**Please join us Wednesday,  
May 29, 2024 at 7 p.m.  
for a spiritual journey with our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
and  
His Mother, Mary Ever Virgin  
for a night of Healing**



# Saints of the Day

([www.morningoffering.com](http://www.morningoffering.com))

Week of May 26 – June 1

**Sunday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri** - St. Philip Neri (1515–1595) was born in Florence, Italy, to the noble class. He was a dutiful child with a cheerful disposition, making him popular with all who knew him. At the age of 18 he was to begin an apprenticeship for a career in business. However, after having a mystical experience, his life was radically changed. He traveled to Rome and entrusted himself completely to God's providence. He found living accommodations with a fellow Florentine in exchange for tutoring his sons, which Philip did with great skill. He then enrolled in philosophy and theology classes at a local monastery in order to become a priest. Although he excelled in his studies, he suddenly quit in order to spiritually serve the people of Rome. At that time, indifference, luxury, and corruption were widespread characteristics of the Roman clergy. Churches were neglected, flocks were abandoned, and the loss of faith was widespread. St. Philip Neri, with his commitment to a life of asceticism, was a contradiction to all of this malaise. With his characteristic good-naturedness, he led many to a life of virtue and love for God as he traveled through the streets of Rome. He began an oratory for laymen to gather together and practice greater spiritual discipline, which grew and became famous. In obedience to his spiritual director he finally became a priest at the age of 34. He also started a religious order known simply as "The Oratory." St. Philip Neri is known as the "Apostle of Rome." He is the patron of Rome and the U.S. Army Special Forces. His feast day is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury** - St. Augustine of Canterbury (d. 604 A.D.), also known as St. Austin, was prior of a monastery in Rome before being called by Pope Gregory the Great to be a missionary to the British Isles. The Pope received word that the pagans of Britain would embrace the faith in great numbers if priests were sent to teach them, and previous missionaries had been unsuccessful in the holy endeavor. In order to realize the Holy Father's desire to evangelize the island, Augustine set out on a new quest at the head of forty monks in 596 A.D. When they arrived in France they heard stories of the ferocity of the Anglo-Saxons. Out of fear, Augustine returned to Rome and asked the Pope to release him from the mission. Pope Gregory encouraged Augustine in his task and sent him back. When the monks landed in Kent they were treated kindly. The King of Kent himself accepted baptism and set up a residence for St. Augustine in Canterbury. There Augustine established a church and monastery as the center of his apostolic mission. Although his labor among the pagans was slow and difficult, his work bore much fruit and England eventually became a Christian nation. Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury, England, and is known as the "Apostle of England." His feast day is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, May 28– St. Bernard of Montjoux** - St. Bernard of Montjoux (c. 923–1008 A.D.), also known as St. Bernard of Menthon, was born to a wealthy and noble family in the Kingdom of Arles (present day France and Switzerland). As an adult he refused an honorable marriage and determined instead to give his life in service to the Church. He became a priest in northern Italy and spent more than four decades doing missionary work in the Alps. He built schools and churches, and is especially known for aiding travelers. The area where he ministered had an ancient, snowy, and dangerous pass winding through the mountains along which pilgrims traveled to and from Rome. To serve the pilgrims St. Bernard built a hospice at the highest point of the pass, 8,000 feet above sea level. Later he founded another hospice along another smaller pass. St. Bernard obtained papal approval for communities of priests to serve in the hospices, which have generously aided travelers for more than a millennium. The priests and their well-trained dogs (the St. Bernard breed named for the saint) would seek and rescue lost pilgrims. St. Bernard was declared the patron saint of skiers and mountain climbers by Pope Pius XI in 1923. His feast day is celebrated on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, May 29 – St. Bona** - St. Bona (1156 – 1207 A.D.) was born in Pisa, Italy. She experienced visions at a young age which led her into an ascetical life of penance and fasting. She dedicated herself to God at the early age of ten and became an Augustinian tertiary. At the age of fourteen she went on her first pilgrimage to Jerusalem where her father was fighting in the crusades. On her trip home she was captured and wounded by Muslim pirates and imprisoned, later being rescued by her fellow countrymen. She became fond of making

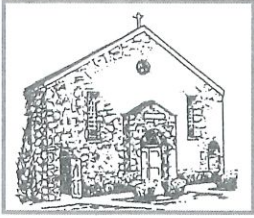
**(St. Bona – cont.)**

pilgrimages and returned to the Holy Land many times. She also led a large pilgrimage group along the Way of St. James (Santiago de Compostela), a 1,000 mile journey. She had a great devotion to St. James, whom she had seen in a vision as a child. She was named an official guide of the ancient route by the Knights of St. James. St. Bona made the Way of St. James a total of nine times. On her tenth trip she had to return home due to illness, and died soon after. St. Bona of Pisa is the patron saint of travelers, couriers, tour guides, pilgrims, flight attendants, and the city of Pisa. Her feast day is May 29th.

**Thursday, May 30 – St. Joan of Arc** – St. Joan of Arc (1412-1431) was born in Domremy, France to peasant farmers during the Hundred Years War between France and England. She was a pious child, and from age 13 she received visions of saints, most notably St. Michael the Archangel, St. Margaret of Antioch, and St. Catherine of Alexandria, who became her special patrons. Through these visions, voices, and other interior promptings, Joan understood that she was to help the King of France regain his throne. After overcoming her own reluctance, and that of the military and ecclesiastical authorities, she heroically led the French army in battle. With her leadership they recaptured Orleans and Troyes, which allowed Charles VII to be restored to the throne of France. All the while she wore the dress of a soldier to protect her virtue and modesty. The following year she was captured by the English, imprisoned, and placed on trial under accusation of heresy and witchcraft. She was treated unjustly and illegally during her captivity, and her trial became a circus. Under political pressure she was condemned and burned alive at the stake, even though she proved herself to be blameless and fearless in character and faith. As she burned she kept her eyes on a crucifix and repeatedly called on the name of Jesus. A second Church trial twenty-five years later nullified the earlier verdict and found her innocent of all charges, paving the way for her veneration as a saint. St. Joan of Arc is the patron saint of captives, rape victims, soldiers, and France. Her feast day is May 30th.

**Friday, May 31 – St. Pertronilla** - St. Petronille (1st c.), also known as Petronilla, was a virgin martyr of the early Church in Rome. According to tradition she was connected to St. Peter the Apostle; she may have been either his natural daughter, servant, convert (spiritual daughter), or co-laborer in the faith. It is also a tradition that St. Petronilla was cured of palsy by St. Peter. She is remembered for being beautiful, for refusing marriage to a pagan king due to her vow of chastity, and for suffering martyrdom for her unwavering faith. In the 8th century the chapel containing her relics became the burial place of French kings. This is due to the fact that she was the supposed daughter of St. Peter, and the French kings were considered the "adopted sons" of St. Peter; therefore, St. Petronille was invoked as an intercessor for all treaties between the Holy See and the French crown. Her relics were later moved to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and on her feast day Mass at St. Peter's is offered for France and attended by French residents living in Rome. St. Petronille is the patronness of the dauphins of France, mountain travelers, and against fever. Her feast day is May 31st.

**Saturday, June 1 – St. Justin Martyr** - St. Justin Martyr (100–165 A.D.) was a pagan philosopher from Samaria. After meeting a Syrian Christian who convinced him that the biblical prophets were more trustworthy in the pursuit of truth than worldly philosophers, St. Justin renounced his paganism and studied Sacred Scripture. The bold witness of the early Christian martyrs led to his own conversion to the Catholic faith. St. Justin then used his philosophical and rhetorical skills to defend Christianity, the "true philosophy," against rival pagan philosophies and political powers which maligned and persecuted the Church. He traveled throughout Asia Minor teaching, arguing, and persuading others to accept baptism and follow Christ, before arriving in Rome where he settled and started his own school. Justin was arrested for his faith in Rome and ordered to make sacrifice to false gods, which he refused. He was martyred by beheading along with several of his students. Justin Martyr is famous for writing the Church's first "Apology," or defense of the Christian faith, showing that Christianity was superior to the pagan religions, and that Christians were model citizens and should not be mistreated. His writings are a prime source of the history of the primitive Church in worship and sacraments, including the Holy Eucharist. He is one of the first great apologists of the Church, and for this he is the patron saint of speakers, apologists, and philosophers. His feast day is June 1st.



# Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MAY 26, 2024



## 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. May 26	8:00a.m.	OLM	Ronald & JoAnn Keil Mike & Joyce Dwyer
	10:30a.m	SP	For the People
Tues. May 28	7:00 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed. May 29	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs. May 30	9:00a.m.	OLM	Joy Short
Fri. May 31	9:00a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat. June 1	4:30p.m.	SP	Loman Radabaugh
Sun. June 2	8:30a.m.	OLM	For the People
	10:30a.m	SP	Cathy Warner, Gina Damman

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- May 5 – 31 – Altar Rosary Jewelry Display on exhibit in lower level
- May 29 – Adoration, Rosary, Healing 7 p.m.
- June 8 – 14 – Catholic Heart Workcamp, Louisville, KY
- June 16 – Donuts for Dads after Mass

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for May 19, 2024

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (12 envelopes)	\$ 781.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 175.00
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,747.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 906.00)
<b>OTHER COLLECTION</b>	
CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 21.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday &amp; Other)</b>	<b>\$ 1,027.00</b>

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

	June 2, 2024
Greeters/Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Reader	Pat Eisel
Servers	Evan Beauregard Micah Maginn
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Phil Baker Barb Bruggeman Terry Kovar

**Word(s) of the week** (from The America College Dictionary)

TRINITY – the union of three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in one God-head.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Revelation 1:8**

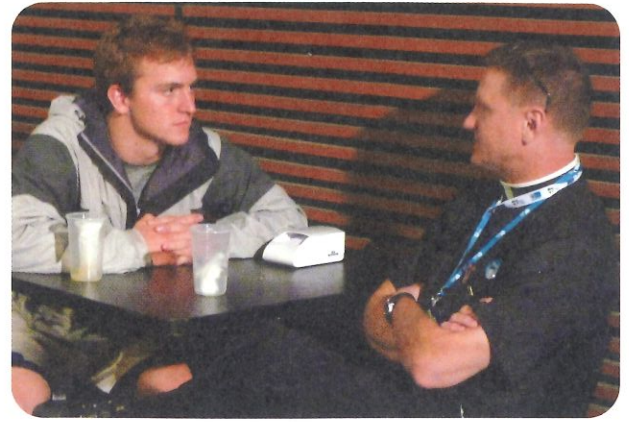
# Dear Padre,

*I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?*

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.**

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



### MONDAY

May 27  
Weekday  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Mk 10:17–27

### TUESDAY

May 28  
Weekday  
1 Pt 1:10–16  
Mk 10:28–31

### WEDNESDAY

May 29  
Weekday  
1 Pt 1:18–25  
Mk 10:32–45

### THURSDAY

May 30  
Weekday  
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12  
Mk 10:46–52

### FRIDAY

May 31  
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16  
Lk 1:39–56

### SATURDAY

June 1  
St. Justin, Martyr  
Jude 17, 20b–25  
Mk 11:27–33

### SUNDAY

June 2  
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
Ex 24:3–8  
Heb 9:11–15  
Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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