Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is "in" or "out." St. Paul teaches us, "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right" (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a "good conscience" is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God.

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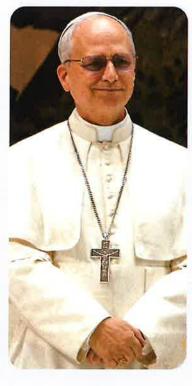
Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM **POPE LEO XIV**

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us..."build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace."





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| October 17 |
| St. Ignatius of |
| Antioch, Bishop |
| and Martyr |
| Rom 4:1-8 |
| Lk 12:1-7 |
| Saturday |
| October 18 |
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| 2 Tm 4:10-17b |
| Lk 10:1-9 |
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| Ex 17:8-13 |
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October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19



Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ere is a quick self-test: Name three things in your life for which you are grateful. Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God.

Reflect What are three reasons I have for gratitude? What blessings do I forget?



Lk 11:47-54