



Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.” Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

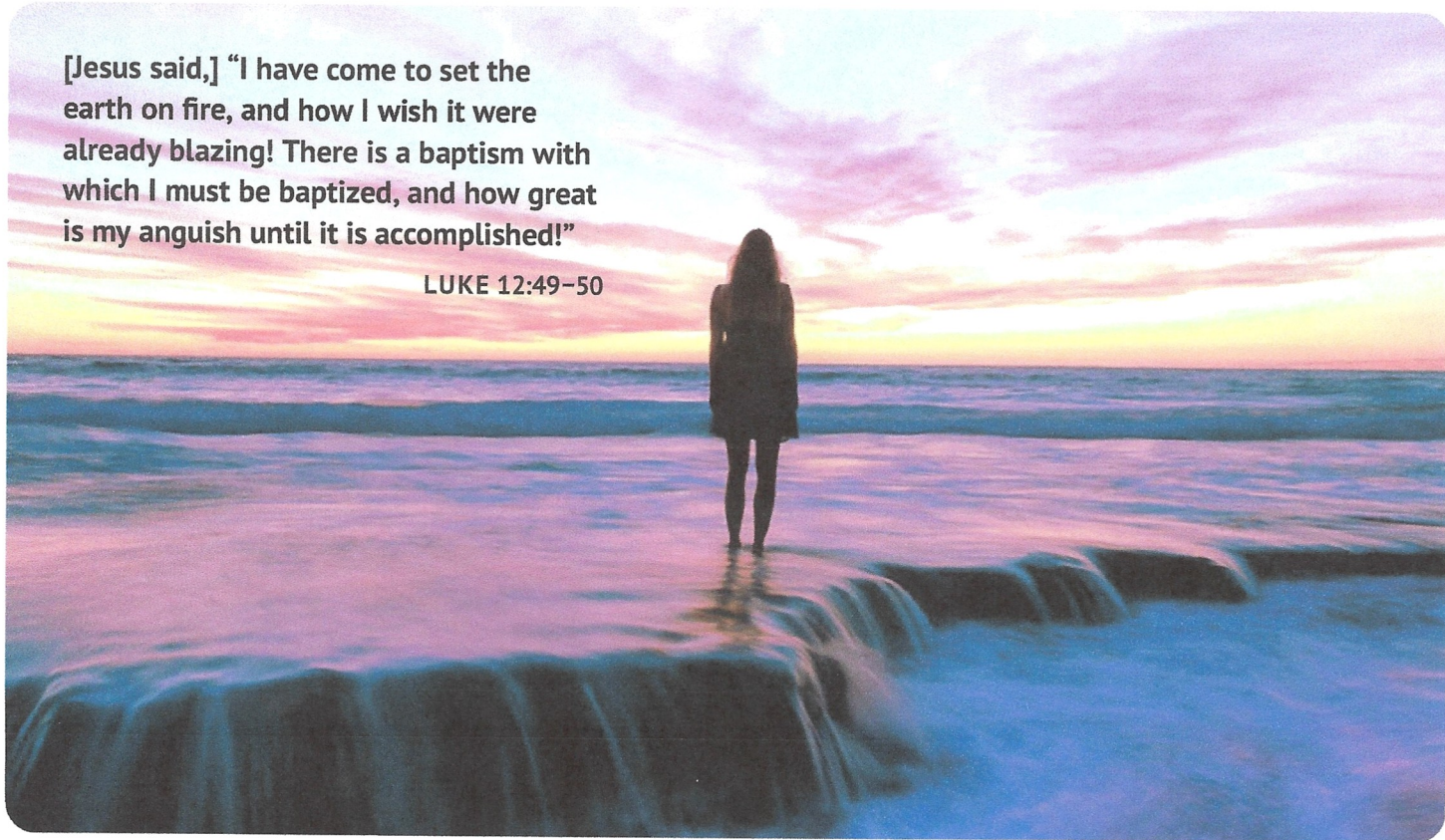
the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?

[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49–50



"Lord, come to my aid!" Psalm 40

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16th: St. Stephen of Hungary

4:00pm Mass: †Leon Dunson by Trudi Dunson

Sunday, August 17th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Tuesday, August 19th: St. John Eudes, Priest

8:00am Mass †Mary & Mike Debrincat by Debrincat family

Wednesday, August 20th: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

12:00pm Mass †Patricia Rybicki by Russ and Lisa Rybicki

12:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Thursday, August 21st: St. Pius X, Pope

**8:00am Mass Deceased members of the Laforest family
By Barb Mumich**

6:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass †Mandy Lercel by her family and friends

8:30am Holy Hour of Adoration

Saturday, August 23rd: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

4:00pm Mass: Pro Populo (For the People)

Sunday, August 24th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Mass: †Mandy Lercel by her family

Ministry Schedule for August 23rd and 24th

August 23rd: Saturday at 4:00pm

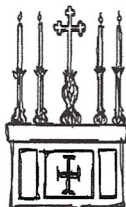
Lector: Kim Carr

Ushers: Tom Long and Monica Spencer

August 24th: Sunday at 9:00am

Lector: Matt Stevenson

Ushers: Tom Kupovits and Michelle Kupovits



Parish Hospitality

WE HAVE a Couple of PARISHIONERS Who will HEAD Up the HOSPITALITY! Now we need the supporting cast!

Fr. Matthew's 50th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 20th (App Night)

Sunday, September 21st (Breakfast)

Fr. Joe Graff visiting and

Deacon Mark's Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 27th (App Night)

Sunday, September 28th (Breakfast)



St. Joseph & St. John of Praga

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**Confession 30 minutes before all Masses or
by appointment**



**Please call the office if
you or someone you
know should be
included on this list**

Nancy Admunsen
Matt Barnadyn
Braylan Blackwell
Ray Borowiak
Connie Bricker-Shaler
Lee & Barbara Carlisimo
Pat Castaneda
Pat Chapman
Bonnie Courter
Roger & Nancy Danforth
Kendra Davis
Doug Drenth
John Ennest
Myron Ennest
Joe Gaffney
Issac Gardner
Padrick & Eileen Gardner
Douglas Hagedon
Gail Hagedon
Marian Hanson
Samantha Harris
Joyce Hoult
Elaine Hurst
Carol Kerr
Janet (Mumich) Krussell
Bobby Kupovits
Anne LaCross
Ellie Maza

Betty McKinnon
Pat Messink
Barb Mumich
Lilly Nowka
Tony Nessel
Mary O'Connor
Jeremy Palmrose
Steve Paterka
Gretchen Peck
Keith Peters
Bart Petrich
Abigail Ponchart
Lori Ponchart
Daniel Powers
John Powers
Tom & Ruth Repichowski
Gary Roberts
Tom Robison
Susan Shay
Michael Sheridan
Betty Skrocki
Josh Spears
Robbie Startzel
Phyllis (Jeanie) Sumner
Boden Vrondran
Virginia Wabamimkee
Grandvue Staff/ Residents
All Souls in Purgatory

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference Registration open now!

When: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025

Time: 9am - 5pm

Where: Lansing Center- Lansing, MI

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops.

Learn more and register today at
<https://michigancwc.org/>

Mass Intentions

All Weekend dates are full. **Weekday Masses are available.** To schedule, stop by, call the parish office or drop information in the collection basket

ONLINE GIVING

Check out our website for the tab at the top of the page or down at the bottom that says, **"Giving"**
The format is simple and easy.

Thank you for all your support to our parish!

We received for July: \$3,909.00

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesdays starting August 12th:
9:00am and 5:30pm

Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"

This will be an 8 week look into the meaning of the words and history of the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds. **Not always do the words match what we think the meaning is!** These studies are free and the books are provided. Books can be picked up in the parish office. Bring your Bible & your Catechism, but others will be available.

WEEKLY OFFERING

August 9th and 10th

Envelopes.....	\$1,389.00
Loose.....	\$1,540.00
Building Fund.....	\$16.00
Candles.....	\$20.00
OFFERING TOTAL.....	\$2,965.00

*Thank
You*

Jury Duty for Fr. Matthew

Fr. Matthew has been drawn for jury duty for August 21,22 and then August 25th through August 29th. Daily Mass and Adoration may be effected. We will let you know as soon as possible if there is a cancelation.



Marian Center at Joy Valley

2680 Maxwell Rd, Petoskey, MI 49770
Phone 231-347-6279

Open on Tuesday and Saturday:
10am to 3pm.

Educational Exhibits!
Great Gift and Book Store!



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Traveling Prayer Box

Pray for our diocese and parish by taking home this prayer box filled with devotional books and prayer cards. This statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel represents the patron saint of our diocese. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space.

We need each family to take this prayer box home as we continue our diocese pastoral planning!
Uniting our prayers together for our parish and community!



CARE & SHARE FOOD PANTRY

August collection items for St. Joseph is
Fresh Produce: Corn, Beans, Tomatoes and Squash and Peppers.

Additionally from all the churches they are looking for Toiletry Items: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hand Soap, Laundry items, Shampoo and Conditioners.



Food Pantry Collection August 16th and 17th

Collection envelopes and basket are in the gathering space. Along with a list of items needed. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection at Mass.

Thank you to all who are generous within our own community!



St. Joseph Parish T-shirts and Sweatshirts

Gray or red T-shirts for \$10.00.
Blue Sweatshirts with hoods for \$20.00.
Small to 2XL available.
Supports our Garden Ministry

Dear Padre,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness”... ‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Weekday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jgs 2:11–19	Jgs 6:11–24a	Jgs 9:6–15	Jgs 11:29–39a	Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22	Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17	Is 66:18–21
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Mt 20:1–16	Mt 22:1–14	Mt 22:34–40	Mt 23:1–12	Heb 12:5–7, 11–13
						Lk 13:22–30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

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