

[Jesus] said to the crowd,  
"Take care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may  
be rich, one's life does not  
consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

## Remember This

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**R**emember this: Jesus said, "one's life does not consist of possessions." But, if not that, what then?

Think back upon your memories: the first warm day of spring, when the fireworks of new life exploded upon you; laughing so hard that your sides hurt, and you and your friends could not stop laughing even to breathe; walking barefoot in the dewy grass; your best friend telling you you're best friends; learning to finally ride a bike no-handed and thinking that you moved up a rung on the ladder of awesomeness; the first time you dared to risk reaching for the hand of someone you discovered you liked more than anyone else; the unbelievable wonder at the birth of your child; making googly faces at a burbling baby, and the baby googling back; your child snuggling into

bed with you at two in the morning because she's frightened by the thunderstorm; talking with friends on and on into the night and wishing it could go on for forever; a cold beer, the reward for cutting the grass on a dizzying summer afternoon; being young with an abundance of dreams of what might be; growing old and thinking life was worth it all.

Remember this: there is so much more to life than one's possessions. We all know this, and yet we forget. Perhaps in forgetting, we might be surprised again and again by the beauty of what cannot be purchased and so recognize the loving touch of our God. ●

### Reflect

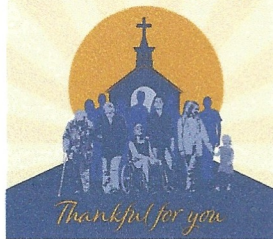
***What is more important to me than possessions?  
Does my life reflect this?***







### Mass of Thanksgiving



Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh is pleased to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in each vicariate of the Diocese of Gaylord in appreciation for the support of the Catholic Services Appeal. All those who have given to the Catholic Services Appeal in the past year are invited to gather for prayer, fellowship, and a brief overview of

how CSA dollars are active throughout our diocese.

Mass begins at 5:30pm with reception following. We look forward to seeing you then!

Please visit <https://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/mtc> or call 989-705-3581 by Tuesday, August 5th, to RSVP if you plan to attend the reception.

Parishioners of the central vicariate of the diocese are invited to join Bishop Walsh on

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at

St. Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral

606 N Ohio Ave

Gaylord, MI 49735

### 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.

### 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**

### 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

### Adult Faith Formation

Tuesdays starting August 12th: 9:00am and 6:00pm  
**Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"**

This will be an 8 week look into the history of the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds. We will also look at the meaning behind what we say. Not always do the words match what we think the meaning is! These studies are free and the books are provided. Bring your bible & your catechism or some will be at class.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

July 26th and 27th

Envelopes.....\$2,068.00  
Loose.....\$1,356.00

**OFFERING TOTAL.....\$3,424.00**

**Bishop Oliver Fund.....\$7,372.00**

### Catholic Calisthenics

#### Part 5: PARTICIPATING

*in Mass and Eucharistic Adoration*

*"Mass is so boring"*

*"I don't get anything out of the Mass"*

*"I can't sit for even 5 minutes in silence."*

Usually these comments are made by our children or grandchildren, but many adults continue to say these same things whenever Mass or Adoration attendance is brought up! Why do so many of us feel this way even when we do attend every weekend?

The word "feel" could be the issue!

We are so entuned in this world to how we feel emotionally and physically, that we forget that Mass is about spiritual. If we are unable to physically participate in the Mass gestures, we still can be "active" in the spirit. We lose sight of that for the most part, but Mass is a spiritual "exercise", not an emotional or physical one.

Most of us probably "ended" our spiritual growth sometime around 14 or 15 years old (confirmation age) or now at 8-9 years old (new confirmation age). If we "stopped" our emotional and physical development at these ages:

How well would we be functioning in this world?

Well, that is where most of us are spiritually! We have not feed the soul or we have feed it only with what we are "comfortable" in understanding. If we only ate the easy food, the stuff we liked as a kid, we would never discover the new and exciting foods we enjoy now. To only know easy-reading books, would be like only knowing the few basic stories of the Bible that we learned before we could read.

Mass IS Heaven and Earth meeting.

The Eucharist in Mass and in Adoration are where we have a Spiritual Encounter with God! Spiritual encounters take time. Just like learning to read and write or ride a bike did! Sitting in a pew needs to involve the work it takes to engage the heart, and not the emotional heart. The heart that Jesus wants to talk to. Listening is key. So sitting or being silent may seem boring, but it is where Jesus can begin His teaching and revealing of His love for you.

The rituals of Mass or Adoration are just to allow us to relax and listen to the HEART of JESUS speak!

Come and Listen at Mass and Adoration. Move away from this world. And allowing your spirit to open up and breath in Jesus. Instead of breathing in our own selves. Jesus has more for us than we do on our own. Participate with Jesus during these times.

St. John Nepomucene of Praga  
Offering for the month of July.



Donation.....\$300.00

Thank you for your support!

Thank  
You



# Dear Padre,

*Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a “Bible church” with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?*



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The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in “one mind and in one spirit.” It is an act of unity, a real “communion.” Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

| Monday                          | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                          | Thursday       | Friday                     | Saturday       | Sunday   |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| August 4                        | August 5                           | August 6                           | August 7       | August 8                   | August 9       | August 10  |
| <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i> | <i>Weekday</i>                     | <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                            |
| Nm 11:4b–15                     | Nm 12:1–13                         | Dn 7:9–10, 13–14                   | Nm 20:1–13     | Dt 4:32–40                 | Dt 6:4–13      | Wis 18:6–9   |
| Mt 14:13–21                     | Mt 14:22–36 or<br>Mt 15:1–2, 10–14 | 2 Pt 1:16–19<br>Lk 9:28b–36        | Mt 16:13–23    | Mt 16:24–28                | Mt 17:14–20    | Heb 11:1–2, 8–19<br>or 11:1–2, 8–12<br>Lk 12:32–48 or<br>Lk 12:35–40 |



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.*

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