

Dear Padre,

“Lead us not into temptation...” God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord’s Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It’s a subjunctive verb. It’s used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God’s people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James,	Sts. Joachim and	Seventeenth
Ex 14:5–18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1–5, 9–15	Ex 19:1–2, 9–11,	Apostle	Anne, Parents	Sunday in
Mt 12:38–42	Sg 3:1–4b or	Mt 13:1–9	16–20b	2 Cor 4:7–15	of the Blessed	Ordinary Time
	2 Cor 5:14–17		Mt 13:10–17	Mt 20:20–28	Virgin Mary	Gn 18:20–32
	Jn 20:1–2, 11–18				Ex 24:3–8	Col 2:12–14
					Mt 13:24–30	Lk 11:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke 10:38–42



The Lord said to her...
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a

little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God.
Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

Reflect

How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?



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Parish Announcements

Fr. Rusty's Vacation

Fr. Rusty will be out of town July 7th and will return later in July. During this time, Fr. Curley will celebrate the weekend Masses, there will be no Daily Mass, and the office will remain open.

Lunch and Scripture

12:00 PM, July 23 at Billy's
Speaker: Josh Statham
Pizza and salad lunch paid for by St. Paul's; donations are greatly appreciated.
RSVP at 601-636-0140 or reply to the St. Paul Lunch & Scripture post on Facebook.

Fraud Prevention Hotline

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese

English speaking USA: 888-830-0004

Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288

Offertory Summary

Weekly Budget\$7,700

Online Giving

July 7—July 13 \$2,487

Weekend Offertory

June 28 & 29 \$3,856

July 5 & 6 \$5,224

July 12 & 13 \$5,774

July 19 & 20 \$ __, __

July 26 & 27 \$ __, __

While you travel throughout the summer and attend Mass in other parishes, please remember us at St. Paul in your giving by visiting our online giving site.

Sign up for automatic online giving at www.osvhub.com/st-paulscatholic-church

Weekend Mass Schedule†

Saturday

#Confession 3:15-3:45 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday

#Confession 9:45-10:15 AM

Mass 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule†

Monday 7:00 AM

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Thursday 12:00 PM

Friday 7:00 AM

† All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

‡ For Confessions during the week, please call the Parish Office.



Today's Readings

Visit bible.usccb.org or scan this QR code to find the readings



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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers placed at the ambo are in memory of Marie Antoine Davis.

Parish Calendar

JUL 20, SUN

Storehouse Community Food Pantry Drive

No Daily Mass or Adoration during the weeks of July 14th and 21st

JUL 21, MON

Offertory Counters:
Renee Turner and Bruce Ebersole

JUL 23, WED

Lunch and Scripture: 12:00 PM at Billy's

Knights of Columbus

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www.ms-kofc.com/898

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July 22 Tuesday, July 22: Rosary @6:30 PM followed by Recruitment and Retention social. All Catholic men are welcome.

July 29 Tuesday, July 29: Rosary @6:30 followed by installation of officers.

Mass Intentions

JUL 21, MON

No Daily Mass

JUL 22, TUE

No Daily Mass

JUL 23, WED

No Daily Mass

JUL 24, THU

Joan Hennessey
Koestler

JUL 25, FRI

Jimmy Kendrik

To request a Mass Intention for a Daily Mass or the Saturday Vigil Mass, please call, email, or visit the parish office. Each Mass with no intention is offered for all St. Paul's parishioners.

St. Paul Parish Staff

Pastor	Office Manager	Office Assistant
Fr. Rusty Vincent	Ashley Roesch	Janis Koestler

Bookkeeper	Maintenance	Organist
Beverly Connelly	Charles Hahn	Karen Harrison

Leadership & Ministries

Parish Council President	Finance Council Chair
Kevin Mahoney	Bill Fulcher

Bereavement	RCIA	Meals On Wheels
Story Ebersole	Connie and David Hosemann, and Bruce Ebersole	Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix, and Rae Perry

Altar Flowers	Homebound	Children's Church
Cynthia Montalbano	Janis Koestler	Mary Katherine Ellis
Baptism Prep		
Barbara Hill		