# 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."



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

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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| 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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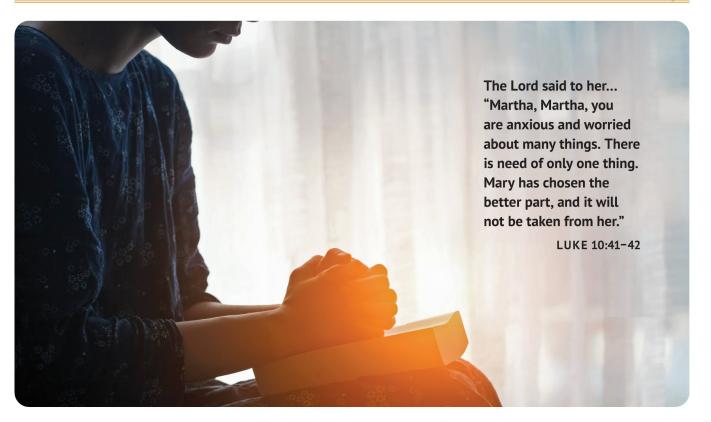
# Our Parish

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke 10:38–42





# **Keeping Your Balance**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

hese 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**

**Parish Calendar** 

JUL 20, SUN | Storehouse Community Food Pantry Drive

weeks of July 14th and 21st

JUL 23, WED Lunch and Scripture: 12:00 PM at Billy's

No Daily Mass or Adoration during the

Renee Turner and Bruce Ebersole

#### 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.

JUL 21, MON Offertory Counters:

#### **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 |
|--------------|---------|
|--------------|---------|

| ıly 5 & 6 | ••••• | \$5,224 |
|-----------|-------|---------|
|           |       |         |

| uly 12 & 13 | ••••• | \$5,774 |
|-------------|-------|---------|

| July 19 & 20 | <br>\$ |  |
|--------------|--------|--|

| July 26 & 27 | ••••• | \$ . |
|--------------|-------|------|
| July 20 & 2/ |       | Ψ,   |

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 <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/">www.osvhub.com/</a> st-paulscatholic-church

### **Knights of Columbus**

https://facebook.com/kc898 www.ms-kofc.com/898

Become a KNIGHT. Scan this OR code to join the Knights today!



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

tion of officers.

July 29 Tuesday, July 29: Rosary @6:30 followed by installa-

#### Weekend Mass Schedule<sup>†</sup>

#### **Saturday**

**‡Confession** 3:15-3:45 PM 4:00 PM Mass

#### Sunday

**‡Confession** 9:45-10:15 AM 10:30 AM Mass

#### Daily Mass Schedule<sup>†</sup>

| Monday    | 7:00 AM  |
|-----------|----------|
| Tuesday   | 12:00 PM |
| Wednesday | 7:00 AM  |
| Thursday  | 12:00 PM |
| Friday    | 7:00 AM  |
|           |          |

<sup>†</sup> All schedule updates can be found in the Parish Calendar section of the bulletin.

## **Today's Readings**

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

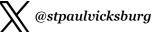
### **Sanctuary Flowers**

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

#### **Check out our Social Media!**



St. Paul Catholic Church





## **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<br>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

Office Manager Office Assistant **Pastor** 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 Mahonev Bill Fulcher Bereavement **RCIA** 

Hosemann,

Connie and David Story Ebersole **Altar Flowers** Cynthia Montalbano

**Baptism Prep** 

Barbara Hill

and Bruce Ebersole Homebound

Meals On Wheels Jan Jackson, Christy Guizerix,

and Rae Perry

Children's Church

Janis Koestler Mary Katherine Ellis

call the Parish Office.

<sup>‡</sup> For Confessions during the week, please