# **Dear Padre**,

### My Protestant friends asked me why we call priests "Father" when Jesus said not to. I don't know how to answer.

Jesus instructs his disciples, "As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (Matthew 23:8-9). Taken in context, Jesus is denouncing the scribes and Pharisees for bestowing honors and titles on themselves. If taken literally, this passage would also prohibit us from calling our biological fathers by that name, or our instructors "professor."



Jesus assures us that God is Father of us all. The early Christian community adopted family terms-father, mother, brother, sister-to show their affiliation through baptism and their mutual faith in the Lord (See Luke 8:21, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.")

Thus, St. Paul refers to Timothy as his "child in faith" (1 Timothy 1:2; Philippians 2:22). He also tells his Christian converts, "I am writing...to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:14–15). Like St. Paul, who speaks of himself as a father in nurturing the faith, priests are called "Father" for their pastoral role in the Church.

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#### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Benedict,	Weekday	Weekday	Fifteenth Sunday
Hos 2:16, 17c-	Hos 8:4-7,	Hos 10:1-3,	Abbot	Hos 14:2-10	ls 6:1-8	in Ordinary Time
18, 21-22	11-13	7-8,12	Hos 11:1-4,	Mt 10:16-23	Mt 10:24-33	Am 7:12-15
Mt 9:18-26	Mt 9:32-38	Mt 10:1-7	8e-9			Eph 1:3-14
			Mt 10:7-15			or 1:3–10
						Mk 6.7–13

#### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

The radical change Jesus brought about commits his disciples of both yesterday and today to a personal and community [self] examination.... Today, the Lord asks us to adopt an attitude of humble listening and docile expectation because God's grace often manifests itself in surprising ways that do not match our expectations.

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### **Our Parish** COMMUNITY

he prophets were the truth-sayers of their day. They were willing to say difficult things-at times to kings, sometimes to religious leaders, and still at other times to the entire community when the community was unfaithful to the Lord God. In our own time, we continue to need those who speak the truth to us. While it is not always pleasant, it is a grace to have people in our lives who smooth out our rough edges. Spouses can be that for one another. Parents are that for their children, as they teach, correct, and discipline in ways that nurture the young ones into adulthood. Presidents need someone willing to say difficult things to them, as do pastors of parishes and anyone in a position of responsibility.

Sometimes social movements rise up and call our attention to injustices that need to be addressed.



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ezekiel 2:2-5 / 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 / Mark 6:1-6a



# **Truth-Sayers**

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Those voices can be prophet-like in our own time. The Church is such a voice when it advocates for the protection of the unborn, the immigrant, and those oppressed. The civil rights movement is such a voice in the face of violence and injustice to people of color. There are voices who call the Catholic Church to be accountable for abuse. Scientists call on us to pay attention to the environment. Whenever and wherever truth-sayers call human beings to become their better selves, there lies the Spirit of God raising a prophetic voice.

#### Reflect-

Who has been a truth-sayer for you? How have they impacted your life?



Finding Joy in the Midst of Suffering :Chris Stefanick Show: In suffering we find STRENGTH, and in suffering we find Joy. In this episode, Ella Rose and Adrian's....

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such an outstanding parish!!!

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Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you are in!

#### **Quote of the Day:**



you are tired of remember to write a check or fill you envelope. There is a flier the narthex if you are inter

	WeAre The Body of Christ We walk by faith. On the journey to the king- dom. Called to serve. We, are the Body of Christ! This is our mission. This is our time to come together as one faith community answering God's call to serve and to witness! All parishion- ers from St. James, St. Joachim, St. Joseph and St. Stephen are invit- ed and encourage attend our joint Parish Mission from September 29 - October 3, 2024. This will be an opportunity for renewal! So please, mark your calendar and plan to join us each night of our mis- sion this fall! Fr. Tom Santen will be leading us on the journey during these days of prayer, reflection with inspired teaching.						
nth	Mission Theme: We are the Body of Christ As Catholics we are on the journey to the kingdom, united as one faith community comprised of all the faith communities in Washington County including St. James, St. Joachim, St. Stephen's and St. Joseph led by our Pastor, Fr. Tony Dattilo.						
	<ul> <li>Mission Leader: Fr. Tom Santen has been invited by Fr. Tony to lead us on this mission journey through his inspired preaching of God's wordI</li> <li>Mission Schedule: The joint parish mission will be held five consecutive nights from Sunday, September 29 through Thursday, October 3, 2023. St. Joachim Parish will host the mission on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. St. James Parish will host the mission on Monday and Tuesday.</li> </ul>						
to : Ad-	Mission Format: Each night will include praise & worship music prior to the evening's themed message given to us by Fr. Santen. Afterwards, everyone is encouraged to participate for refreshments and social gathering in the parish hall. A penance service will be incorporated into the mission schedule and a closing Mass will be held on the last night of the mission. There are plans to have some version of the mission incorporated into the morning Masses that week as well.						
y for	Who can attend: This mission is an opportunity for all of us to gather in days of prayer including our school children, youth, young adults, and adults (with graying hair!). This mission is open to all Each night's message will be unique so you are strongly encouraged to attend every night! If you can only attend a couple nights, please do so! We are all in this together!						
- er e of	What you can do: Pray for a successful mission. The mission prayer will be recited at or before Mass from now until the time of the mission. Prayer cards will be in the pews. It will appear in the parish bulletin for you to pray the mission prayer at home. Plan to attend. Volunteer to help if asked. Updates will be provided in the bulletin and the schedule will be more detailed as we get closer to the mission.						
s nild pli- = ral rais- ne	PARISH PICNIC NEWS!! There are so many things being set up for the picnic!!! Many hands make the work light. Col- lecting bottles is only the beginning. Ideas are always welcome and there is always room for you. Please contact Jamie or Don Thompson or Kim Coleman.						
n if ing ır in rest-	St. James PSR NEWS         PSR Registration and Pool Party!!!!         Wed., July 17 <sup>th</sup> Anyone wanting to register for fall PSR please contact         Laura Allen.         There will be some changes with PSR classes this fall.         Join our Facebook page for all the latest and greatest information.						