



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel points out that God is always

the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - MAY GOD BLESS ALL FATHERS TODAY AND ALWAYS!



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Mass Schedule & Intentions

We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend.
May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MINISTRIES ...

JUNE 14/15th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM Lector: Kathy Anderson EM: Peter Marsh
10:15AM Lector: Cherry Ramdass EM: Willie Forbes
Collection: Pat Robinson

JUNE 21/22nd THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

5:00PM Lector: Joshua Blee EM: Fred Anderson
10:15AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Joyce Lee
Collection: Karen Marsh

MASS INTENTIONS ...

JUNE 14/15th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM For Healing of all those who are in need.
10:15AM Deolinda & Manuel Pacheco & Son, Victor

JUNE 21/22nd THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

5:00PM For our First Communicants and their Families
10:15AM Nyal & Josephine Clinton ++



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JUNE 7/8th COLLECTION: \$739.

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR MAINTENANCE.

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Bishops Corner ...



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Father's Day makes me poetic (as does Mother's Day as well). So, I would like to share with you a poem "Father's Song" by Gregory Orr, considered by many to be a master of short, lyric free verses.

*Yesterday, against admonishment,
my daughter balanced on the couch back,
fell and cut her mouth.*

*Because I saw it happen I knew
she was not hurt, and yet
a child's blood so red
it stops a father's heart.*

*My daughter cried her tears;
I held some ice
against her lip.
That was the end of it.*

*Round and round: bow and kiss.
I try to teach her caution;
she tries to teach me risk.*

Happy Father's Day to all fathers
physical and spiritual!

A restful weekend and a blessed
week to all!

+ Wes Jurek
Bishop Wes



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

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Collection June 28th and 29th

Pastor's Point . . .

Dear Parishioners -

#2 - THE MORAL OBLIGATION TO EXCLUDE AGGRESSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT

The Church affirms that when one approaches the end of earthly existence, the dignity of the human person entails the right to die with the greatest possible serenity. To hasten death or delay it through “aggressive medical treatments” deprives death of its due dignity. Medicine today can artificially delay death, often without real benefit to the patient. When death is imminent, it is lawful to forego treatments that provide only a precarious or painful extension of life. It is not lawful to suspend treatments that are required to maintain essential physiological functions, as long as the body can benefit from them (such as hydration, nutrition, and thermoregulation). The suspension of futile treatments must not involve the withdrawal of therapeutic care.

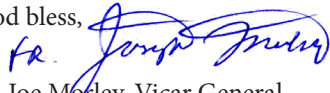
The renunciation of extraordinary and/or disproportionate means of care “is not the equivalent of suicide or euthanasia; it rather expresses acceptance of the human condition in the face of death.” The principle of proportionality refers to the overall well-being of the sick person. Every medical action must always have as its object the promotion of life and never the pursuit of death.

#3 - BASIC CARE: THE REQUIREMENT OF NUTRITION AND HYDRATION

A fundamental and inescapable principle of the assistance of the critically or terminally ill person is the continuity of care for the essential physiological functions. In particular, required basic care for each person includes the administration of the nourishment and fluids needed to maintain bodily homeostasis.

When the provision of nutrition and hydration no longer benefits the patient, because the patient's organism either cannot absorb them or cannot metabolize them, their administration should be suspended. In this way, one does not unlawfully hasten death through deprivation, but nonetheless respects the natural course of the illness. The withdrawal of sustenance is an unjust action that can cause great suffering to the one who has to endure it. Nutrition and hydration do not constitute medical therapy, but are instead forms of obligatory care. These can at times be administered artificially, provided that it does not cause harm or intolerable suffering to the patient.

God bless,



Fr. Joe Morley, Vicar General

SOURCE: Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Samaritanus bonus on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life: Compendium by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities on Pages 9, 2020.



WORDS OF LIFE:

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux “Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death?

Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive.

What about donating your body to science? Or cremation?

If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?



Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: “How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?” Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

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

What is Happening in Our Diocese?

THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION will take place on the week-end of June 28th and 29th

Envelopes will be available next weekend in preparation for the end of the month collection that supports the work of the Holy Father. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. MICHAEL'S

- EMMAUS Bible Study Tuesdays, at 3:00pm in the Pastor's Office
- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
 - **First Holy Communion** - Next Sunday, June 22nd, at 1pm
 - **Neocatechumenal Way** The celebration of the Eucharist - Saturday 8:00pm (Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist)

St. THERESA'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am.
- **12:10 Mass** is celebrated each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

St. ANTHONY'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated Tuesday - Friday at 8:30am

St. PATRICK'S

- Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00am
- The Rosary is recited every, WEDNESDAY at 10:00am
- A 6pm PORTUGUESE Mass followed by the Rosary each Wednesday at 7:00pm
- The Rosary and Adoration every THURSDAY at 7:00pm
- A mass in Tagalog takes place on, THE SECOND FRIDAY of the month at 7:00pm.

St. JOSEPH'S

- A Filipino mass is celebrated every, THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH at 11:00am

STELLA MARIS

- A Filipino mass is celebrated on the LAST Wednesday OF THE MONTH at 7:00pm

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP is open, TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS 10:00am-2:00pm

BINGO FOR SENIORS

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH Bingo for Seniors will be held on Saturday, June 28 in St. Anthony's hall from 1 pm to 2 pm. Everyone who attends is asked to bring one food dish -- either sandwiches or a dessert. **Bingo cards will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Blackout cards will be \$5 each.** Kindly notify **Annette Boyle at 517-9385** if you intend to come for a fun afternoon.

REQUEST FROM

Louise Vizien (St. Anthony's Parish): CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, Spain

I am a fit and energetic senior looking for a female walking partner to join me on this beautiful scenic and fun walk across northern Spain in September/October of this year. Age does not matter if you are fit enough to walk the distance. I would like to do part of the Camino Frances, leading up to Santiago, over approximately three weeks, with days off along the way. I would also like to work with my walking partner to decide on all the particulars leading up to the walk. If you would like to join me for this unforgettable experience, please contact me for further information at: louisevizien@hotmail.com

Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville

Although fathers do not physically carry their children from conception, fathers can still be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy. We Christians must support men who, in following the example of St. Joseph, choose to embrace their role as a father in all circumstances, but especially in challenging situations. St. Joseph was unexpectedly called to fatherhood amid extremely confusing and difficult circumstances. However, despite many obstacles, St. Joseph chose to be faithful. St. Joseph chose life by listening to God's will and consciously deciding to be a father to Jesus, the Son of God. Pope Saint John Paul II said that fathers are called to exhibit "generous responsibility for the life conceived under the heart of the mother" (*Familiaris consortio* 25). Like St. Joseph, all fathers are uniquely entrusted with the protection and defense of both mother and child and, in this way, safeguard the sanctity of human life. But biological fathers, because they do not physically carry the child, sometimes fail to truly father their children.

Our society increasingly tells fathers that they should have no say in the lives of their unborn children, no opportunity to choose to father their children. Our society seems to restrict the decisions regarding an unborn child solely to the discretion of the mother. In the face of false messages about fatherhood, we must respond with the truth that the role of a father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (*FC* 25). We know that the assistance and support of the father of a child, or lack thereof, can often be a deciding factor in a woman's decision to choose life. Tragically, there are men who sometimes pressure mothers to make the decision to abort the child, sinning grievously and making the cowardly choice. These men are not following the example of St. Joseph and are not exercising true, spiritual fatherhood.

This is because fatherhood extends beyond simple procreation and biology. Fatherhood is first a spiritual reality, because fatherhood has its origins in God who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special and unique role "in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God" (*FC* 25). Fathers have a vital, unique, and important role to play in the personal and spiritual development of their children, and in reflecting the love of God the Father himself. Fathers are called to show the world the virtues of a tender protector, while living out the virtues of humility and courage.

In all circumstances, but especially in difficult circumstances, a father needs to be encouraged to faithfully accept the role entrusted to him by God and support the mother of his child. Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!

At the time of writing, Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre was Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee against Racism, and a member of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Visit Bishop Fabre's Corner to read more of his writing.

<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/fathers-irreplaceable-role-welcoming-life>

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Our Sunday Readings

PROVERBS 8:22-31
PSALM 8:4-9
ROMANS 5:1-5
JOHN 16:12-15

From the Beginning

PROVERBS 8:22-31

Reading closely

1. How would you describe Wisdom's relationship to God?
2. What all does Wisdom do?
3. What does this passage reveal about God?
4. What does this passage reveal about creation?

Living the word

5. How would you describe Wisdom?
6. How much do people value wisdom today?
7. Do you want to be a wise person?
8. How does this passage invite you to act toward the rest of God's creation?

THE FIRST READING

In the beginning

The Old Testament includes the biblical wisdom tradition in which God's wisdom is personified as "Lady Wisdom." In this passage Wisdom is linked to creation, for God created everything through her. Wisdom is an attribute or quality of God and therefore divine in origin. Because God created through Wisdom, the world reveals the justice and orderliness of God.

Wisdom christology

When the early Christians reflected on the ministry and identity of Jesus, they drew from the biblical wisdom tradition. Jesus did many of the things that Lady Wisdom did. If Jesus acted similarly to God's wisdom, then Jesus himself must be from God; he must be divine in origin.

Ancient cosmology

The people of the ancient near east believed that the world had been created out of a dark, swirling mass of water. The sea represented this primordial, threatening abyss. The LORD shows his power over the sea by constraining it (v.29) and bringing forth the land and sky (vv.27-28).

Delighted

Having established Wisdom's closeness to God, the author concludes by highlighting her closeness to human beings. Wisdom reveals God and draws people to God. Those who seek God should seek Wisdom. By following her, people will share in her joy and in the fullness of life that she brings forth.

JOHN 16:12-15

Reading closely

1. What more do you think Jesus might want to tell his disciples that he doesn't say?
2. What all do you think the disciples believe about God's Spirit given their Jewish background?
3. How do you think the disciples imagine the experience of receiving the Spirit?
4. What reservations might the disciples have about receiving the Spirit?
5. What does this passage reveal about the relationship between God, Jesus, and the Spirit?

Living the word

6. How are the Father, Son, and Spirit one God?
7. How are the Father, Son, and Spirit different?
8. How does the Spirit glorify Jesus today?

THE GOSPEL READING

Saying goodbye

This passage is part of Jesus' last formal words to his disciples. In this farewell speech, unique to John's Gospel, Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for his arrest and the events that will follow. If Jesus spells out exactly what is going to happen as well as who he is, his disciples will be too horrified and confused to understand (v.12).

Spirit of truth

People will accuse Jesus' followers of speaking falsely about Jesus' identity and, therefore, of God. Jesus assures his followers that what the Spirit will help them to believe and profess will be true. The Spirit's words are true because *he speaks what he hears* (v.13), that is, the Spirit speaks what God commands him to speak, just as Jesus did.

The things that are coming

As well as helping the disciples make sense out of what happened to Jesus, the Spirit will help them understand where God is leading them. Ultimately the Spirit enables the followers of Jesus to know God's great love and to discern how best to share this love with others, despite sometimes dangerous opposition.

TRINITY SUNDAY

A big question Christians had to answer was how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were one God. This issue was vigorously debated in the fourth and fifth centuries. The Nicene Creed was written during this time.

By the eighth century some people were celebrating a Mass in honor of the Trinity. Others argued against such a Mass by pointing out that every liturgy is a celebration of the Trinity. Nonetheless, in 1334 Pope John XXII established the devotional Mass for the whole Church. Trinity Sunday is one of the few solemnities that doesn't celebrate a person or an event but doctrine.

"He will glorify me"

Since the Spirit will clarify the meaning of what happens to Jesus as well as Jesus' identity, the Spirit's testimony will further glorify Jesus. That is, the disciples will be better able to love Jesus and to honor what he did. Also, more people will come to believe in Jesus.

Just as God fully shared his love and plan of salvation with Jesus, so will Jesus communicate all of this to his followers through the Spirit. Thus, the Father, Son, and Spirit share the same perfect love for the world. The Father made the plan of salvation; first the Son and now the Spirit fulfill it.

PRAYER

*Alternative Opening Prayer for Trinity Sunday
(Roman Missal, 1985)*

God, we praise you:

Father, all-powerful,
Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior,
Spirit of love.

You reveal yourself in the depths of our being,
drawing us to share in your life and your love.

One God, three Persons,
be near to the people formed in your image,
close to the world your love brings to life.

We ask you this, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, true and living, for ever and ever. Amen.