



All for Jesus

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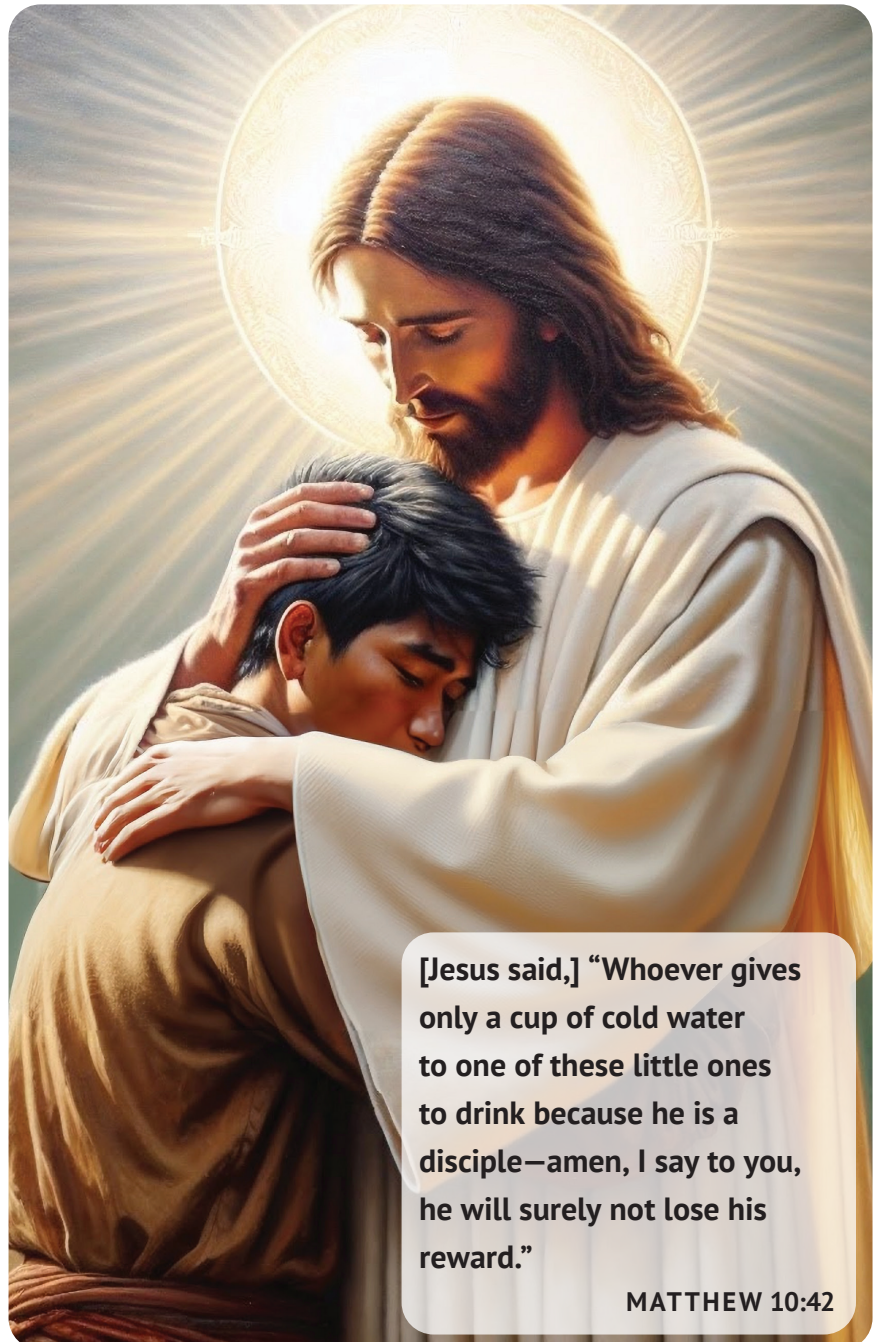
Today's gospel passage is challenging. If anyone other than Jesus told you that if you love your own family "more than me," you are "not worthy of me," you would laugh in their face! Or, is this what scholars call a "semitism"—a culturally conditioned exaggeration used for effect? What about you are "not worthy of me" unless you "take up [your] cross and follow me," or "whoever finds his life will lose it"? Does Jesus mean these literally, or are these metaphors? And what is "a prophet's reward"?

A friend of mine tried an experiment. He took the Gospel of Matthew and read it through from start to finish as if he had never seen it before. He was astonished! Jesus was serious. He meant it—all of it. Try it yourself without looking for loopholes.

The key in the reading today is "for my sake." The standard, the rule, that absolute mark is "me," that is, Jesus himself, only Jesus, always Jesus. And Jesus sets that mark very high. Take up your cross? Jesus was abandoned on the cross. Jesus gave away his Mother from the cross. Jesus lost his life on the cross. But he found that life: resurrection! That is "a prophet's reward," is it not?

I have to love Jesus' promise, a special "reward" for just sharing "a cup of cold water" with a "little one."

It reminds me of Honduras, where I live. Here, a cup of cold water can make the difference between life and death. And that is no exaggeration! ●



[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42



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Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

June 27	6:15 pm	Souls in Purgatory
June 28	11:30 am	Maria de Lourdes Furtado and Herminio Soares Furtado+
June 30	8:30 am	
July 1	8:30 am	
July 2	8:30 am	
July 3	8:30 am	
July 4	11:00 am	Filipino Mass
July 4	6:15 pm	Manuel Moura+
July 5	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or

US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin – June 27/ June 28, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

June 13/14 \$ 840.00

June 20/21 \$1,140.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –

BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and

US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – next weekend

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

Counting Ministry June 28: Annette and Rhea

July 5: Annette and Pat

Saturday June 27

Lector: Jackie Tailford

Eucharistic Minister: Pat Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday June 28

Lector: Felicity Davidson

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vzien

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday July 4

Lector: Alice Astwood-Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Raynae Fleming & Pat Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday July 5

Lector: Sylvester Augustine

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vzien

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

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Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

I have been hearing a lot of euphoric comments regarding the growing number of adults asking for baptism or reception into the Catholic Church in the Western World. I share the joy of seeing this happening. However, I believe that it is good for us to be aware of the entire image of the situation in order to avoid unnecessary triumphalism.

A study by the respected American research institution, the Pew Research Center, presents a picture of religious changes taking place among generations that are alive today. It examined religious shifts occurring between childhood and the time of the survey, which was conducted in 2023–2024. Assuming the population of the United Kingdom is approximately 69 million, nearly 700,000 people converted to Catholicism over recent decades despite not having been raised in that faith. At the same time, almost one-third of Britons left their faith during adulthood.

The study found that many people raised in countries with Catholic majorities still identify as Catholic, including 92 percent of all adult Poles. However, the findings also show that Catholicism lost more adherents than it gained in nearly all 24 countries included in the analysis. Hungary was the only country surveyed in which a greater percentage of people joined the Catholic Church (5 percent) than left it (2 percent).

The United Kingdom, Sweden, and Germany were identified as the countries with the largest net losses in the number of adults who were raised as Christians but declared themselves religiously unaffiliated in adulthood.

Have a restful Sunday and a good summer!
Bishop Wes

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

There will be no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at St. Theresa's. The last 12:10pm Mass before the summer will be celebrated on Friday, June 26th. There will be no 9:00am Portuguese Mass on Saturdays at St. Theresa's. The last Saturday morning Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 4th. Finally, there will be no evening Portuguese Mass on Wednesdays at St. Patrick's. The last Mass before the summer pause will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:00pm. Masses will resume in September.

Apartment Wanted

There is a parishioner in need of a studio apartment. This single man is hoping to rent for a maximum of \$1400 a month a studio or one bedroom, with washer and dryer, plus electricity included. The rent is paid directly into the landowner's account by financial assistance. He does not

have any pets, is quiet and not a smoker or drinker. Would prefer any area, hopefully not on a hill and that this place is safe. Hoping to move at the end of August. If you have such a place, please phone Fr. Joe at 705-0236.

Peter's Pence Collection June 27/28, 2026

On June 27th/28th, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Special envelopes will be made available for your donation or consider making an online donation to (your church info) and send an email notification of your deposit to your church office for proper distribution of your funds. Please be generous!

Important Message from the Bishop

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The announcement that was requested by Fr. Joe and published in the bulletins last Sunday, 21st of June 2026, has forced me to share this statement with you.

1. Canon Law regulates very clearly that the authority of establishing and closing a parish belongs only to the bishop. Any priest who even attempts to do this is subject to the sanctions determined by the same Canon Law.

2. In the past years, our Diocese has supported St. Michael's Parish with internal loans and extended credit which have reached the amount of \$317,660.00. Additionally, since June 2025 St. Michael's has been receiving from the Diocese a monthly subsidy of \$2,000.00. I believe that our Diocese has been truly generous in assisting this parish.
Bishop Wes

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Summer Lunch & Movie Program

On Thursday, the 2nd of July at 12:00pm in St. Theresa's Hall, we will begin our Summer Lunch & Movie Programme. As it has been announced in the bulletins, there will be soup with bread/sandwiches at 12:00pm and then a movie, with ice-cream during the intermission. The movie will be "Wonder", and it is suitable for all audiences.

Dear Padre,

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. Many mothers and fathers could probably carry on a good conversation with you about their concerns for the faith lives of their children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or may find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering with a community in which they find support, clarity, shared beliefs, or guidelines for living morally. For those of us who grew up believing, chances are, we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have the tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray for them. Trust this one to God and continue to be a good example. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14–15, 21–24

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30