



I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

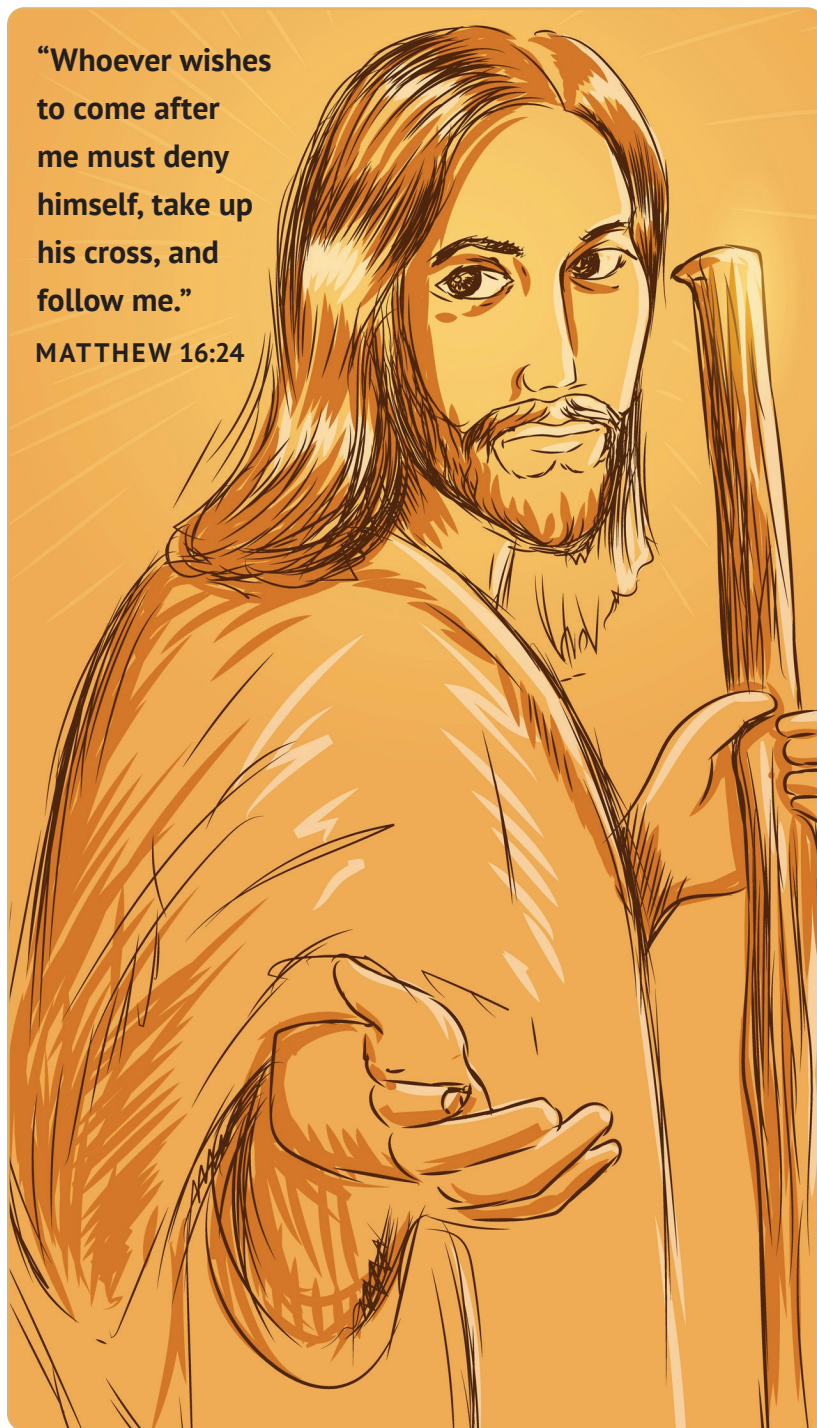
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●



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MATTHEW 16:24



Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?



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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Aug 29	6:15 pm	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Aug 30	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Sept 1	8:30 am	
Sept 2	8:30 am	
Sept 3	8:30 am	Mary Calleja+
Sept 4	8:30 am	
Sept 5	6:15 pm	Maria de Lourdes & Herminio Soares Furtado++
Sept 6	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 SVPD envelopes and place them 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 – August 29/August 30, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Aug 15/16 \$ 1,499.00

Aug 22/23` \$ 2,039.00

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 August 30: Annette and Steve

Sept 6: Annette and Pat

Saturday August 29

Lector: Alice Astwood-Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Levy Rodrigues

Collection: Alice Astwood-Smith & Pat Rodrigues

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday August 30

Lector: Sylvester Augustine

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Saturday Sept 5

Lector: Annette Boyle

Eucharistic Minister: Raynae Fleming

Collection: Pat Rodrigues and another

Hospitality: Jackie Tailford

Sunday Sept 6

Lector: Felicity Davidson

Eucharistic Ministers: Anabelle Saunders, Julita Looby & Louise Vizion

Collection: Kenrick Shillingford & Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality: Denis Thornhill

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow Catholics.

Father Manuel Russo, rector of the San Marco convent on Via Cavour in Florence, was sorting through the pharmacy archives when he came across a yellowed promotional flyer he did not recognise. It described an *elixir vinoso ricostituente*, a restorative wine elixir, made from 10 grams of Bolivian coca leaves and 30 grams of kola nut, blended with wine, and promoted as a tonic against fatigue caused by illness and aging. The flyer is believed to date back to the mid-to-late 19th century.

The ingredients were familiar. They are, essentially, the same ones American pharmacist John Stith Pemberton used in 1886 when he created the syrup that eventually became Coca-Cola. Pemberton's formula, also combining coca leaf extract and kola nuts, used carbonated water instead of wine, after local alcohol laws prevented him from replicating the wine-based version he had originally developed. As The Florentine noted, the discovery "provides a fascinating reminder that Florence's convent pharmacies were once centres of scientific experimentation as well as spiritual life."

"Up until Bolivian coca leaves were banned," Father Russo told *Euronews*, "because by that point it was understood that cocaine was a problem more than a cure - I would say that it was one of our bestsellers."

Have a peaceful weekend and a blessed week!
Bishop Wes

Reminders

The Portuguese Mass at 9:00 am on Saturdays at St. Theresa's has resumed. .

Apartment Wanted

Urgent: Accommodation required - one or two bedroom or studio apartment for a new parishioner. Please call Alex (via WhatsApp) +919552912054. Thank you.



Summer Lunch & Movie Program

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined our summer Thursday Lunch & Movie gatherings throughout July and August. It was a real joy to share these afternoons together, enjoying good food, good company, conversation, laughter, and simply the opportunity to spend time together.

A special word of thanks goes to all those who volunteered their time, talent and treasure, and energy to assist with the preparations, organisation, and leading of these gatherings. Your generosity and willingness to help made everything possible. Thank you all for making these summer Thursdays such a happy and memorable experience of community and togetherness.

It is my hope to resume this project during the season of Advent.

Prayer For Teachers and Students

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have committed to your holy Church the care and nurture of your children. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: Freely modified from A Book of Collects in Two Parts, John Wallace Suter and John Wallace Suter, Jr., Milwaukee: Morehouse Publishing, 1919.

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World



War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.

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Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20