

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)
Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Revelation 7:9, 14b–17 / John 10:27–30



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

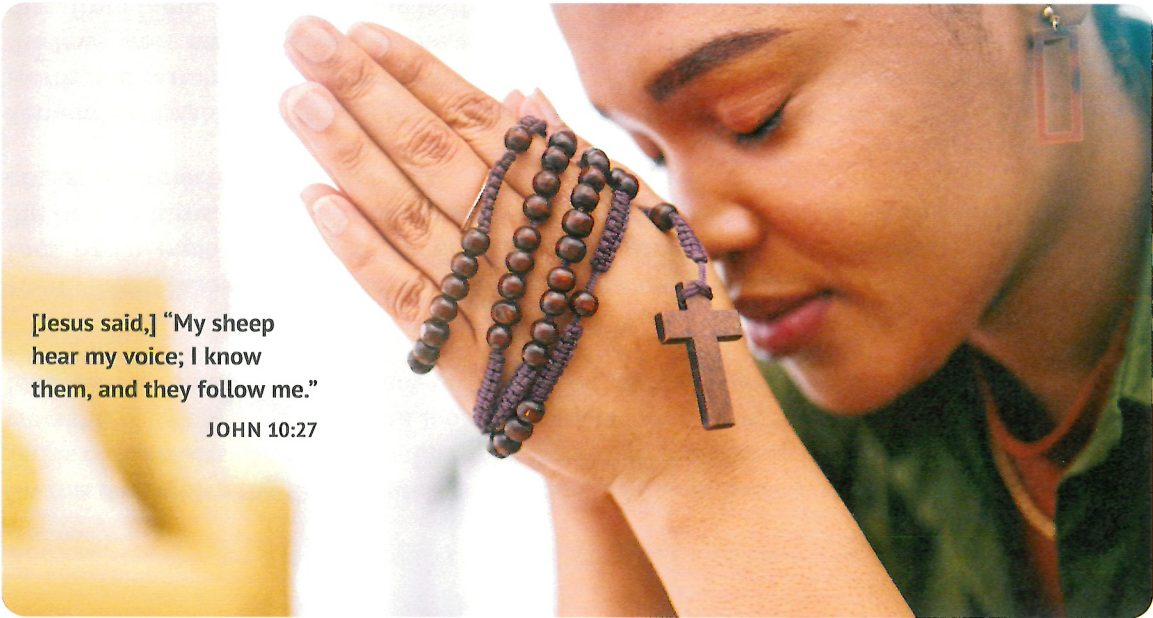
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One’s core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

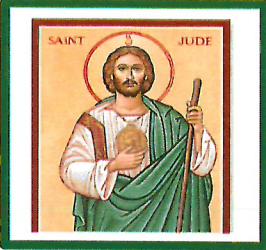
Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?



[Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

JOHN 10:27

May 11, 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter



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WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR: Confession: Thursday Mornings after Mass CELEBRANT:

Sunday	May 11, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	May 15, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Sunday	May 18, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	May 22, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	May 11, 2025	Chuck & Berniece Cozzolino	By: Nancy Cox
Thursday	May 15, 2025	Marie & Stephen Keller	By: Marie Keller
Sunday	May 18, 2025	The People of St. Jude Parish	By: Pro populo
Thursday	May 22, 2025	Avery & Helen Morris	By: Claire Miller

TODAY:

SUNDAY: 5-11-25

NEXT SUNDAY: 5-18-2025

Reader	Rocky Karsen	Reader	Bruce Herschleb
EO Ministers	Tony & Jenny Karsen	EO Mins.	Dan & Lorie Wahmhoff
Servers	Daisy, Bo, Ryan, Emma	Servers	Alexa, Lydia, Noah, Carlena

OFFERTORY COLLECTION						
Sunday	Apr. 27 2025	Target	\$ 1,900	Offered	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 322.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 85,600		\$ 87,454.70	\$ 1,854.20
Attendance		109	Year To Date Attendance			5223

We Are His People, the Sheep of His Flock

On this day, which the Church refers to as Good Shepherd Sunday, our first reading provides a series of contrasts. On the first sabbath Paul and Barnabas spent in Antioch, many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed them, and the disciples urged these followers to remain faithful. Many recognize the truth and goodness that Paul and Barnabas proclaim.

Then, on the following sabbath, almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. Again, multitudes are responding to God speaking through his disciples. But here, it turns. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and, in violent abuse, contradicted what Paul said.

Remember: Israel's vocation was to recognize the Messiah when he came. By heeding the words and warnings of their prophets, by rejecting idolatry, and worshiping the one true God, the Jews were meant to prepare the world for Jesus. They were to be a people set apart so that, from them, God could bring forth a Savior who would redeem the whole world.

With Jesus' coming and the inauguration of the Church, this became the Christian vocation, which is our vocation today! By virtue of our baptism, we are meant to recognize Jesus, love Him, be in relationship with Him, and proclaim Him to the world through our words and our lives.

My sheep hear my voice; Jesus says in today's Gospel. I know them, and they follow me. For us who are meant to be Jesus' "sheep," today's first reading can be and should be an examination of conscience for us. We are called to know him and to follow him. Do we recognize Jesus and listen to him? Or are we like those in Acts who, filled with jealousy, were deaf to the Good News as it was proclaimed in their midst?

Likely, we are both. We may have moments where we can hear, and moments where distractions, struggles, busy schedules, pride, or any other number of things deafen us to our shepherd's voice.

Today, let us pray for new hearts, open ears, and the knowledge to follow Christ in this season and always. Let us seek out the silence, the stillness, the prayer, and the wise friends who can help us hear the voice of our shepherd more clearly. Let us have the humility to seek and find him on his terms, not our own. May the One we encounter in this Eucharist shelter us, shepherd us to springs of life-giving water, and wipe away every tear from our eyes. May we be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit and be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth!

FROM THE DRE

No class May 11th - Happy Mother's Day!
May 18th - Final Class/Clean-up Day

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Fr. Jorgensen, Brian and Sonny Laughlin, Julie Haley, Steve Klein, Barb Percival, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, David Vana, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, and those on our prayer chain.

GET READY FOR OUR MEMORIAL DAY WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE!! SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, AFTER MASS

Yes, folks, it's that time of year again!

Get ready to purchase some amazing and delicious baked goods

Just in time for your holiday weekend enjoyment!

If you wish to donate a baked good or two, contact Laine Reisch at 269-655-6298.

JOIN FR. BOB CREAGAN FOR A JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025. This faith-based journey will consist of opportunities to strengthen your spiritual bond via daily Mass and visits to shrines, cathedrals, monuments, and more! Space is limited, so secure your spot today! There is an initial deposit of \$200 per person, with final payment due June 30, 2025. For more information on the itinerary and pricing, contact Keith Tharp at 517-285-3087.

SENIORS TOGETHER – Please join us for lunch on Thursday, May 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Paw Paw Brewery. All are welcome! Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 13th, by contacting Linda at the St. John Bosco parish office at 269-668-3312.

On Mother's Day, Catholics recognize the mothers in our lives and Mary, Mother of God, in celebration of all that mothers do and the beauty and significance of motherhood.

Pope Francis said this about mothers: "A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. ... *"Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."*

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE – Here at St. Jude, you can sign up to have a loved one remembered by having the Sanctuary Candle lit for one week in their name (which will be announced in the bulletin). Donations are \$10.00. If you are interested, please call the office at 269-628-2219.

POPE FRANCIS' FINAL GIFT TO GAZA: POPEMOBILE WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO MOBILE CLINIC FOR CHILDREN - With the declining situation in Gaza always in his heart, in his final months, Pope Francis bequeathed his Popemobile to Caritas Jerusalem and directed the agency to turn it into a mobile health station for the children in Gaza.

When access to food, water and health care is cut off, children are often the first and hardest hit, with infection and other preventable conditions putting their lives at risk, Caritas Sweden and Caritas Jerusalem said in a press release.

The vehicle will be staffed by a driver and medical doctors and is currently being fitted with equipment for diagnoses, examination and treatment, including rapid tests for infections, suture kits, syringes and needles, oxygen supply, vaccines and a refrigerator for medicines, and will be ready for use once the humanitarian corridor to Gaza reopens.

BISHOPS'S ANNUAL APPEAL - As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, our theme for this year's appeal is "Pilgrims of Hope: Making an Impact Together." Our support of this appeal will benefit both parish and diocesan ministries. **This year our parish goal is \$17,991.00.** As in past years, 100% of all pledges collected over that amount will be returned to our parish for our local use. Remember that pledges are payable over several months. Extra envelopes are on the table in the hallway.

All checks for the appeal should be made out to The Diocese of Kalamazoo.

FROM THE DIOCESE

THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.