

## Dear Padre,

*At Mass during the Our Father, should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or keep our hands to ourselves?*

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father. The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation. Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed.

The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. The problem is when people become distracted or judgmental of others. As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass," written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003, "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and mind' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. 🌱

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The disciples were sent two by two, not individually... Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view; whether we do so in community, not by ourselves.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022

#### Monday

July 7  
Weekday  
Gn 28:10–22a  
Mt 9:18–26

#### Tuesday

July 8  
Weekday  
Gn 32:23–33  
Mt 9:32–38

#### Wednesday

July 9  
Weekday  
Gn 41:55–57;  
42:5–7a, 17–24a  
Mt 10:1–7

#### Thursday

July 10  
Weekday  
Gn 44:18–21,  
23b–29; 45:1–5  
Mt 10:7–15

#### Friday

July 11  
St. Benedict, Abbot  
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30  
Mt 10:16–23

#### Saturday

July 12  
Weekday  
Gn 49:29–32;  
50:15–26a  
Mt 10:24–33

#### Sunday

July 13  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 30:10–14  
Col 1:15–20  
Lk 10:25–37

## Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 66:10–14c / Galatians 6:14–18 / Luke 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9



## Bloom Where You Are Planted

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**f you could change one aspect of your life, what would that be? Financial instability? Arthritis? Addiction? A disruptive family member? Work's daily grind? Finding love? No doubt the answers are as varied as the people who answer the question.

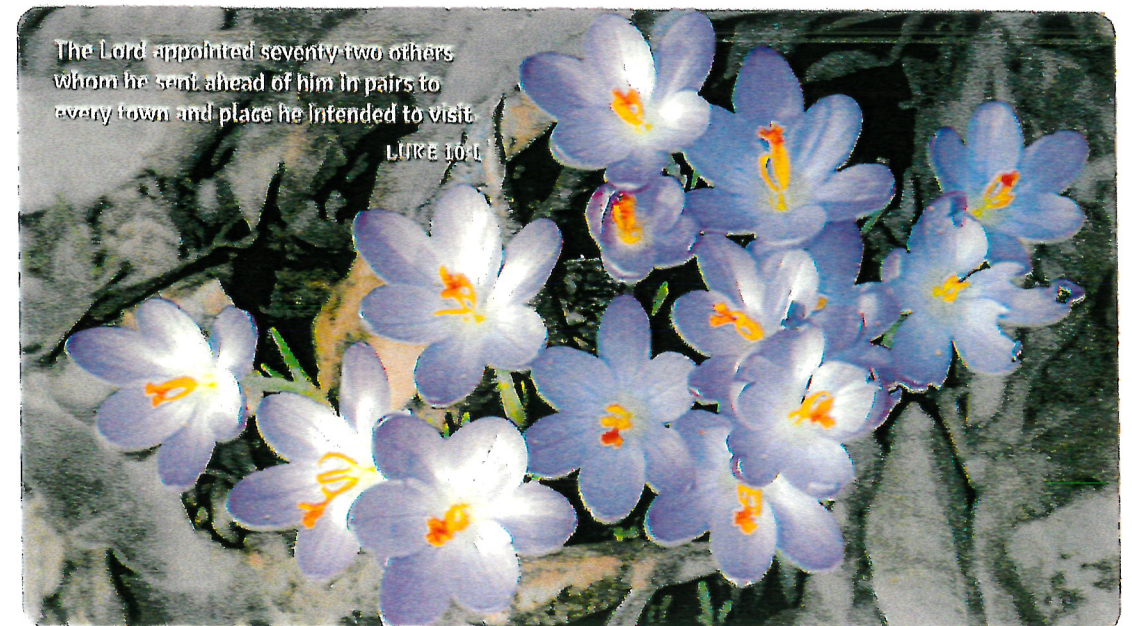
Though the old poster advises us to "bloom where you are planted," sometimes we can feel as if we've been planted among weeds—the people we've been given, the problems that continually pop up, the conflicts that all too often shut out the peace we seek. Just as Jesus sends disciples into every place he intends to visit, the reality for us may very well be that he sends us into the very lives we live even though we wish we could change them. Where we are is where we've been sent. It is in the lives we have that we

work out our salvation, for Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9).

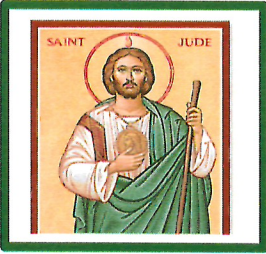
St. Paul emphasized how important it is for disciples of Jesus to live out their identity as a new creation. British artist and sculptor Henry Moore made the observation that, in life, it is most important that we give ourselves over to a goal or dream, something so all-consuming that we live it morning, noon, and night. And the most important aspect of it, he said, is that it must be something we cannot possibly accomplish. For the followers of Jesus, it is the lifelong task to bloom where we've been planted. 🌱

### Reflect

*What is the hardest part of my life right now?  
What is the most blessed?*







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

Sunday	July 6, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Thursday	July 10, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan
Sunday	July 13, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Creagan
Thursday	July 17, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	July 6, 2025	Jim & Marilyn Cusack and Mary Beth Bentley	By: James & Deborah Cusack
Thursday	July 10, 2025	Howard & Giannina Lounsbury	By: Jake & Sharon VanDam
Sunday	July 13, 2025	Fran Sage	By: Jon & Rose Wood
Thursday	July 17, 2025	Lillian A. Wheeler	By: Rick & Beth Beam

TODAY: SUNDAY: 7-6-2025 NEXT SUNDAY: 7-13-2025

Reader	Carolyn Noack	Reader	Brianna Price
EO Ministers	K. Boyer & J. Price	EO Mins	Dan & Lorie Wahmhoff
Servers	Bo, Noah, Carlana, Lydia	Servers	Bella, Sadie, Emma, Alanah

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	June 29 2025	Target	\$ 1,800	Offered	\$ 2,184.00	\$ 381.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 101,000		\$ 103,659.20	\$ 2,183.20
Attendance		127	Year-To-Date Attendance			6214

My parish family,

I want to express my gratitude for being part of this parish; it is an honor to serve as your administrator. The way our parish has come together in the past month to not only reach our BAA goal but also prepare for our 40th anniversary is truly inspiring. Once again, thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thanks to your support, we successfully met our goal, which allowed us to save on our budget, and the funds allocated for our BAA shortfall will be reserved in our savings for the garage renovation.

I was so happy to see most of our parishioners who could attend last weekend's celebration. I know some couldn't be there; we missed you and were sorry you couldn't join us—you missed some great food. A big shout-out to Jeff Gilbert for the wonderful pig he cooked for us; it was fantastic. Bishop Bradley was impressed by how beautiful the mass was and the warm welcome he received.

I want to take a moment to thank our parish picnic committee: Tammy Bauer, Sara Bauer, Diane Hanchak, Lauren Gilbert, Laura Woods, Jennifer Price, Laine Reisch, LeeAnn Wurl, Sadie Payne, Beth Beam, Lexie Fath, Rose Wood, Karen Boyer, Cheryl Sherman, Mary Carpenter, and Aimee Martin. The hours they dedicated through numerous meetings organizing our parish celebration really showed. The parish appreciates all the hard work you've done. We are very grateful that each of you was willing to contribute your time and talents to make this celebration a remarkable success. Many of you took time out of your day to help set up and clean up before and after the picnic. Remember, there's no "I" in team, and our team did an amazing job!

The preliminary silent auction totals exceeded \$2000 raised in our auction. Thank you to everyone who placed bids. Congratulations to all the winners!

We have many more plans for parish gatherings and fellowship events in the upcoming year, including coffee, fruit, bagels, doughnuts, parish breakfasts, and soup suppers. If you have any other suggestions or ideas to bring us together, please reach out to the picnic committee. I would like to see our parish not only come together at mass but also at our other parish events so we can grow closer, from our older parishioners to our youngest. May God bless and keep you and your families close to Him as we all strive to grow in our faith and love for each other, just as Jesus loves us.

In Christ Service,

Deacon Jim



**DUE TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY HOLIDAY  
THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH MONDAY, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**DEACON JIM WILL BE ON VACATION** from July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>. He can still be reached by cell in case of an emergency.

**A BIG THANK TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH  
AND ATTENDED OUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!**

**The food was delicious, the kids' activities were fun, the entertainment was great, and the pie in the face was awesome! Here is a picture of Emma and Alanah, who were able to "pie the deacon" for their near-perfect attendance.**

**A good time was had by all!  
(Next week's bulletin will have the Silent Auction total.)**



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Sonny Laughlin, Julie Haley, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Lillian B. Wheeler, Donna Murphy, Jack Secondi, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark and those on our prayer chain.

**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.

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH, WELCOME!** – We love to see new faces! To get to know you better, please see Deacon Jim or stop by the office to fill out a registration form.

**ROSARY** – Just a reminder that we recite the Rosary on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

**PRAYER CHAIN** – Please remember that “PRAYERS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”. Pray as you want – say a Rosary, pray to a Saint, however you wish. Let's pray for our St. Jude Community and their families, relatives, and friends. If you wish to add someone to our prayer chain, please contact Claire Miller at 269-628-5667

#### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025**

As I mentioned at Mass this weekend, we have reached our goal, and thank God, people are still responding, which is great, since that money will come back to us to support our parish projects. The numbers listed below are through 26 June 2025.

**GOAL: \$17,991.00      PLEDGED: \$19,190.92      COLLECTED: \$16,585.92**

I know Father Bob, and my goal was to achieve 100% participation. We asked if you couldn't contribute financially, to say a prayer, and still respond. Out of 97 families, 58 responded, which means we had 60 percent participation, up from 45 percent. We are very grateful to all of our parishioners for your prayers as well as your contributions.

**NEXT SUNDAY WE HAVE THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** - Your support for the Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper – and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** - Just like the seventy-two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words and lifestyle we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

#### **FROM THE DIOCESE**

**Bishop Lohse has committed to providing professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can access 24-hour support through the crisis hotline established by Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.**