

Dear Padre,

“Lead us not into temptation...” God does not lead us into temptation, so what is this saying?

You are of the same mind as the pope! In 2019, Pope Francis approved changing the Lord’s Prayer, that is, changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” Pope Francis said that the original appeared to suggest that God caused the temptation. However, most Scripture scholars agree that “lead us not into temptation” is the best translation from the Greek. It’s a subjunctive verb. It’s used in the second person, addressed directly to God. And it really does say “do not lead us into temptation.”

What did the pope hope to accomplish? Those who are most familiar with the pope say that what he was trying to clarify was not anchored in the intricacies of translation but rather anchored in pastoral life. He wanted to focus the attention of God’s people on their action, “falling into temptation,” and not on a misunderstanding of what Jesus was teaching. It was a point of focus and clarification to help us in our spiritual journey and our understanding of our relationship with God. Understood in this sense, the new translation would accomplish this pastoral purpose. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

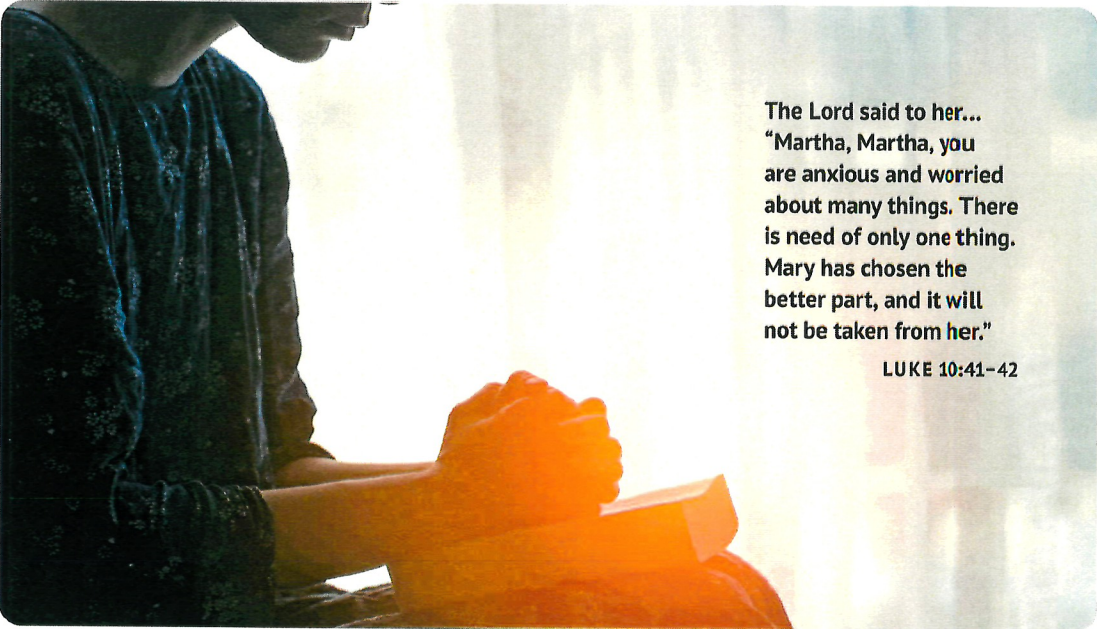
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The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Genesis 18:1–10a / Colossians 1:24–28 / Luke 10:38–42



The Lord said to her...
“Martha, Martha, you
are anxious and worried
about many things. There
is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the
better part, and it will
not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

These days, when people come to confession, they seldom list their sins by name and number. Quite often, it seems, they simply talk about their lives, about the chaos in which they seem to be living, about the relationships that are less than what they would hope, about the values they’ve let slide sometimes into the muck, about how they’ve turned in upon themselves, and about how caring for others has faded from their lives. After they’ve told their stories, I will usually ask if they take any time in the day to be quiet and if they pray in whatever way they find helpful and with some regularity. Invariably, they will say that they’ve let such prayer time slip away; that they have not been praying the way they once did. In such cases, I often suggest that as penance, they take some time—even just a

little time—in the next day or two to simply quiet themselves in the presence of God. Life will always tend to be chaotic. These days, there is too much going on for life not to be. But, quiet and reflective prayer seems to bring a balance, a refocusing upon what is important and what is trivial. Without that, we can become overwhelmed and lose our way. It is what the Martha/Mary story is about. It’s not that our own Martha-service is not worthwhile. It’s crucially important in order to make life hum along in an orderly fashion. But without Mary’s reflective part, our lives can become muddled drudgery. ●

Reflect

How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?

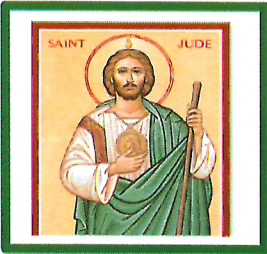


A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.

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

Sunday	July 20, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Schmidt
Thursday	July 24, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Creagan
Sunday	July 27, 2025	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Fabio
Thursday	July 31, 2025	9:00/10:30 a.m.	Adoration/Mass	Fr. Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	July 20, 2025	The People of St. Jude Parish	By: Pro populo
Thursday	July 24, 2025	Pat Loomis & Edith O'Donnel	By: Anne & Larry Loomis
Sunday	July 27, 2025	Fran Sage	By: Laura Woods
Thursday	July 31, 2025	Deborah Doolin	By: Claire Miller

TODAY:

SUNDAY: 7-20-2025

NEXT SUNDAY: 7-27-2025

Reader	Tony Karsen	Reader	Luke Sage
EO Ministers	Tony & Jenny Karsen	EO Mins	D. Herschleb & D. Hanchak
Servers	Daisy, Bo, Hazyl, Noah	Servers	Alexa, Lydia, Emma, Bella

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	July 13, 2025	Target	\$ 2,200	Offered	\$ 1,980.50	\$ 219.50
Year to Date		Target	\$ 4,400		\$ 3,746.50	\$ 653.50
Attendance		127	Year-To-Date Attendance			264

Fear not! ... The Lord himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still

When Pharaoh's army pursues the Israelites, they understandably panic. They cry out to God and complain to Moses. "Why didn't you let us stay in Egypt? Slavery in Egypt would be better than dying in the desert." Moses answers the people, Fear not! ... The Lord himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.

Moses was encouraging the people to trust what they had already seen. That is, they were leaving Egypt because, after witnessing God's power through the ten plagues, Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Israelites go. God made their freedom possible. Yet, as we hear today, Pharaoh changed his mind, and the Israelites were very afraid. When faced with hostile pursuit by Pharaoh's army, they have doubts, lose faith, and question what lies ahead.

How often does this happen to us? We know God's will. We decide to follow it. But then, we see what lies ahead, and out of fear or stubbornness, we turn back to our old ways. When our hearts are hardened, we cannot see who God truly is. Like the Israelites, we prefer the enemy we know over the unknown trials that lie ahead. Conversion is an ongoing process of turning away from ourselves and toward God, trusting not in our own strength, but in His faithfulness.

In today's Gospel reading, some of the Scribes and Pharisees ask Jesus to perform a sign. They, too, have doubts, perhaps even fear, and they question what lies before them. Jesus tells them that a sign will do them no good. He is God's own Son. Yet the Scribes and Pharisees have accused him of being an agent of Satan just a few verses before this (see Mt 12:24). Jesus knows that no sign he performs will convince them otherwise, not even his resurrection.

Yet his resurrection is the very embodiment of the Lord himself fighting for us. It is not a "sign," but a reality: Just as Moses told his people, the prophets reiterated, and the angel Gabriel said to Mary – Fear not! God has heard us, God hears us, and he cares for us. He has freed us from slavery, sin, and death. The Lord himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.

Bishop Lohse Opens Applications for Deacon Candidates for The Diocese of Kalamazoo

Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Shortly after his ordination in 2023, Bishop Lohse appointed a deacon formation task force to work on developing an articulated vision for diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo in response to diocesan and parish needs and priorities. The task force's recommended revised formation process along with requirements and application procedures was accepted by Bishop Lohse and presented to the Presbyteral Council and the Deacon Community.

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.

DUE TO YOUR GENEROUS APPETITIES, OUR BAKE SALE RAISED \$311.00!!!
Thank you to all who purchased the delicious goodies!!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE - Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is QUANTITY time.

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.

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

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!

TELL MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS to support students in all schools: Lawmakers are currently working to finalize the state budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The budget allocates funding for services that benefit all Michiganders, including education for children.

Regardless of the type of school, all students benefit from essential support services that include safe and secure buildings, access to healthy meals and mental health assistance, and learning from quality teachers.

Michigan lawmakers should support all students in all schools, including nonpublic, when it comes to funding needs for these universal support services.

FROM THE DIOCESE

USCCB issues statement on recent interpretation of Johnson Amendment

Last week, in response to the recent interpretation of the Johnson Amendment publicized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered a statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, executive director of public affairs. The Johnson Amendment defines guidelines for the tax-exempt status of a church or other nonprofit regarding political activities and endorsing or opposing candidates for public office.

"The IRS was addressing a specific case, and it doesn't change how the Catholic Church engages in public debate. The Church seeks to help Catholics form their conscience in the Gospel so they might discern which candidates and policies would advance the common good."

Catholic Dioceses in the United States continue to maintain their stance of not endorsing or opposing political candidates.

Within our diocese, Bishop Edward M. Lohse instructed clergy to maintain the policy of non-endorsement or non-opposition of political candidates.

"The current policy of not endorsing or opposing any candidate or political party remains fully in force," said Bishop Lohse

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.

PLAY GOLF FOR A CAUSE Raising Green for Haiti Golf Scramble

Excitement is in the air! Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at St. Margaret Catholic Church's Haiti Golf Outing. Every registration to this event will bring us closer to achieving our mission to help those in great need. Together, we can create a brighter, more compassionate world for all.

WHEN: Saturday, August 16, 2025.

WHERE: **Shamrock Hills Golf Course, 31071 CR 390, Gobles.**

START TIME: Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

FORMAT: Four-person team scramble

COST: \$75 per player

INCLUDED: 18 holes with cart, lunch, general drawing and door prizes, games and more.

REGISTRATION: You can scan the QR code from the flyer on our bulletin board in the hallway or e-mail HAITIGOLFOUTING@GMAIL.COM