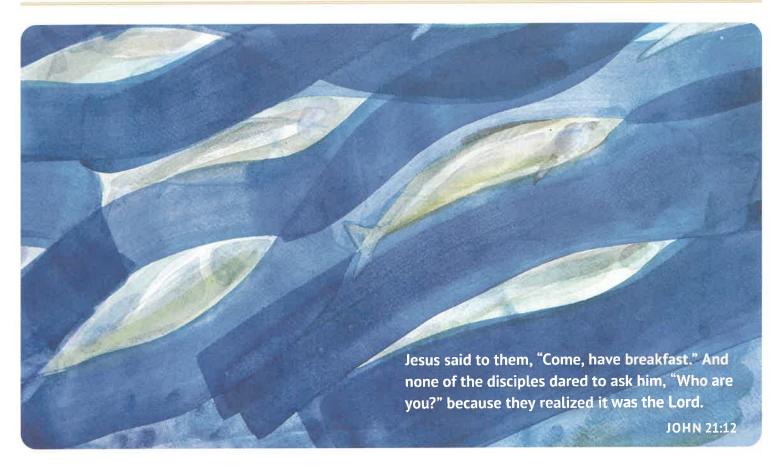
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Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Revelation 5:11-14 / John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



# The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, "It is the Lord!" For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. •

Reflect-

Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?



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			+	Mike Manley, Sr.
		10:30am	+	Jason Powell
			+	Linda Baustian
		4:00pm		For The Faithful
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Wednesda	y 5/07	8:30am	+	Darlene Miles
			+	Caroline Lee Minh Viem
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#### "Peace be with you."

These are the first words Jesus speaks to His disciples when He appears to the apostles. Simple words, yet they carry such depth. Just days before, they had abandoned Him. Peter denied Him. They watched Him die. Their world collapsed. But Jesus doesn't come back with condemnation or bitterness. He comes with peace.

And this is the heart of the Easter message: Christ's resurrection is not just about victory over death—it's about reconciliation, healing, and mission.

We as followers of Jesus we've failed him many times, after we've sinned, after we've run away from God, we often expect judgment. But Easter tells us that God runs toward us, not away. He comes into our fear, our locked rooms, our doubts—and He offers peace.

Jesus still in our midst, he continues to open our minds to understand the Scriptures. As He reminds the apostle he also tells us that everything—from the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms—pointed to Him: that the Christ would suffer, die, and rise again. And then He gives the apostles a mission: "You are witnesses of these things."

This is our calling, too. We are not just spectators of the Resurrection. We are witnesses. We are called to tell the world—through our words and through our lives—that Christ is alive, that forgiveness is real, and that peace is possible.

This is especially urgent in our world today. We live in a time of division, doubt, and despair. But Easter people carry a different message: that death is not the end, that love is stronger than hate, that mercy triumphs over judgment.

May we echo those first disciples, who moved from fear to joy, from hiding to proclaiming, because they knew the Risen Lord walked with them.

"Peace be with you."

# "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Thousands were fed with just five barley loaves and two fish. But Jesus sees something deeper—and He calls it out:

"You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

Jesus is inviting the crowd—and us—to look beyond our physical needs to our deepest hunger: the hunger of the soul. We all need food, shelter, security. But we also hunger for meaning, for love that lasts, for truth, for a life that doesn't end in death. These are spiritual hungers—and only God can satisfy them. That's why Jesus says,

"Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."

He's not saying our daily work, our responsibilities, or our needs don't matter. But He is warning us not to make them our ultimate goal. So much of our life can be consumed by chasing things that fade: money, status, pleasure, comfort. These things may satisfy for a moment—but they don't last.

And Jesus knows that, which is why He offers us Himself. He says the food He will give—the bread of life—is what truly endures. And He'll say more about that as this chapter unfolds.

The people then ask Him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" It's a sincere question—one we ask ourselves all the time. And Jesus gives a surprising answer:

"This is the work of God: that you believe in the one He sent."

Not a list of rules, not a checklist of religious duties—but faith. Faith is not just believing that Jesus exists. It's entrusting ourselves to Him. It's saying: Lord, I believe that You alone can satisfy the hunger in my heart.

#### A Blessed Encounter with Blessed Carlo Acutis

Visiting the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi, Italy was a moving experience—truly one of the great blessings of our pilgrimage.

Blessed Carlo Acutis body is in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore also known as the Sanctuary of the Spogliatoio (the Sanctuary of the Renunciation) in Assisi, where St. Francis once left behind his worldly clothes to follow



Christ, the body of this modern teenager—dressed in jeans and sneakers—lies as a quiet yet powerful witness to the timeless call to holiness.

For many of us pilgrims, especially the young, encountering Blessed Carlo was deeply personal. He reminds us that sanctity is not reserved for the ancient past or for monasteries far removed from the world. It is possible here and now—in our daily lives, online and offline, through acts of charity, love for the Eucharist, and devotion to God.

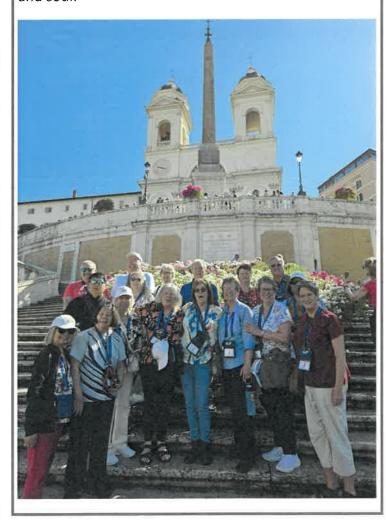
It was a special grace that our pilgrimage coincided with the canonization of Blessed Carlo, allowing us to see his body just as the Church officially recognized his sanctity. In a world hungry for authentic role models, God has raised up a teenager from our own time to inspire hearts across generations.

Seeing his body was more than a historical moment—it was a spiritual awakening. His life, though brief, was radiant with Eucharistic love, simplicity, and evangelizing joy. Being present there felt like being invited into that same spirit.

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Saint Carlo Acutis, and for allowing us, as pilgrims, to experience this sacred moment firsthand. May his example continue to lead many souls, especially the youth, closer to Jesus in the Eucharist—the source and summit of our faith.

### Pilgrimage experience

My best experience in Rome was truly unforgettable. From the moment we arrived, everything was good, although we are all tired of the long flight but with the kindness of our driver who welcomed us with a smile, and to the knowledgeable different city tour guides who brought history to life at every stop. The food was absolutely delicious; every meal felt like a celebration, whether it was fresh pasta, creamy gelato, or espresso sipped in the corner. Visiting the churches was a deeply moving experience. Each one, especially St. Peter's Basilica, and the other basilica's left me in awe with its history, beauty, reverence, and sense of peace. What made the trip even more special were the fellow pilgrims I traveled with—they were kind, joyful, and respectful, and the laughter and the life experience sharing specially in this spiritual journey- making it all the more meaningful. Rome truly filled both my heart and soul.



#### Rome

Rome, the capital city of Italy, is one of the most historically rich and culturally significant cities in the world. Often referred to as "The Eternal City," Rome has a legacy that spans over 2,500 years. It was the heart of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic, and, most famously, the Roman Empire, which once controlled vast territories across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East.

At the center of ancient Rome was the Forum, a bustling hub of political, religious, and commercial life. Nearby stood the Colosseum, an iconic amphitheater





where gladiators once fought for glory. Other landmarks like the Pantheon, with its massive

dome, and the Appian Way, one of the earliest Roman roads, are testaments to Roman engineering and architectural brilliance.

Rome is also the seat of the Vatican City, an independent city-state that is the spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Church and home to the Pope. Within the Vatican are some of the world's most treasured art and architectural masterpieces, including St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo's renowned ceiling frescoes.

Modern Rome seamlessly blends the ancient with the contemporary. Its streets are lined with bustling cafes, high fashion boutiques, and vibrant piazzas, all set against the backdrop of ruins and Renaissance palaces. It's a city where every corner tells a story—from emperors and artists to saints and scholars.

Father Arbel celebrated the Holy Eucharist at the tomb of Saints— There is a profound and indescribable joy I felt in celebrating the holy Eucharist at the tomb of the saints. Standing in the very place where holy men and women once lived, served, and died for their faith and I am in awe and gratitude for what they have done in their lifetime.

To say Mass at a saint's tomb is unforgettable. I knew I am surrounded by a sacred history—one of courage, sacrifice, and unwavering trust in God. Their presence, though unseen, is deeply felt and the altar becomes not only a table of sacrifice but a gathering of saints and our humble offering and the glorious witness of those who now rest in the light of God. Their lives remind us of what it means to follow Christ fully, and their intercession strengthens our prayer and purpose.

Pilgrimage- A pilgrimage to holy sites is far more than just a journey—it is a spiritual experience that touches the soul and deepens our connection to God. Walking in the footsteps of saints, prophets, or even Jesus Himself allows us to step away from the distractions of daily life and focus fully on our faith. In these sacred places, prayer feels more profound, Scripture comes alive, and our hearts are opened to grace in a powerful way.

Pilgrimage renews our belief by reminding us that our faith is not just a set of teachings, but a living, breathing relationship with the divine. Seeing the beauty of holy churches, hearing Mass where so many have prayed before us, and sharing the journey with fellow believers all help to strengthen our sense of community and belonging in the Church. It brings clarity, healing, and often, a renewed sense of purpose.

Whether it's kneeling before the tombs of saints, lighting a candle at a centuries-old altar, or quietly reflecting at a sacred site, a pilgrimage enriches our soul. It helps us return home not only with memories, but with a deeper peace, a stronger faith, and a heart more open to love, service, and prayer.





Assisi, Italy, is a small hill town in the region of Umbria, world-renowned as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved saint known for his life of poverty, humility, and love for all of God's creation.

#### Some churches in Assisi:

#### 1. Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi

Overview: The most famous church in Assisi, built shortly after St. Francis's canonization in 1228.

Structure: Composed of two main levels—Upper Church (Gothic) and Lower Church (Romanesque)—with the crypt housing the tomb of St. Francis.

Spiritual Significance: A living testimony to Franciscan spirituality, emphasizing poverty, peace, and devotion to Christ.

#### 2. Basilica of Saint Clare (Santa Chiara)

Overview: Dedicated to St. Clare of Assisi, a follower of St. Francis and founder of the Poor Clares.

Contains St. Clare's tomb in the crypt.

Displays the San Damiano Crucifix, which spoke to St. Francis and called him to rebuild the Church.

Spiritual Focus: A tribute to the feminine side of Franciscan spirituality, marked by humility, silence, and deep contemplation.

#### 3. Cathedral of San Rufino

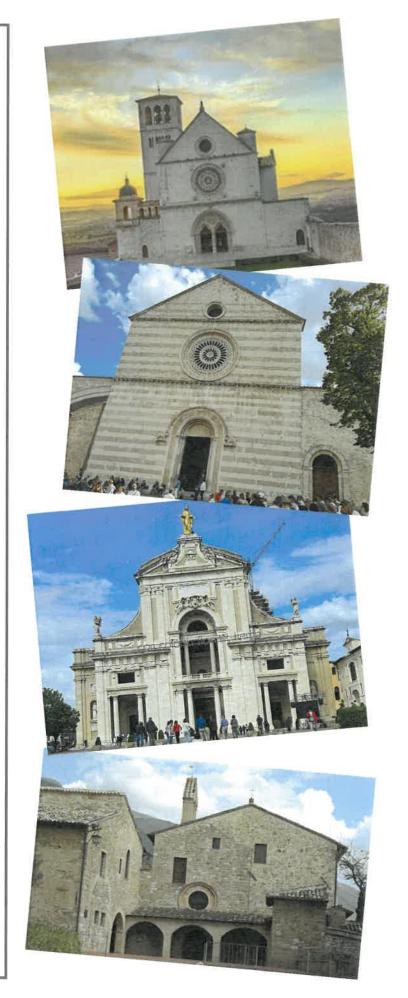
Overview: Assisi's cathedral, dedicated to Saint Rufinus, an early Christian martyr.

Importance: St. Francis, St. Clare, and many of their followers were baptized here.

#### 4. Church of San Damiano

Overview: A small, peaceful church just outside the city walls.

Significance: Where St. Francis first heard Christ speak to him from the crucifix; also where St. Clare lived and died.



#### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God,

With a heart full of awe and gratitude, I thank You for the sacred privilege of celebrating the Holy Mass at the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In this holy place, where the life, humility, and love of Your servant Francis still echo through the ages, I felt the beauty and depth of our Catholic faith in a profound way. To stand at the altar where countless saints have prayed, to offer the Eu-



charist where heaven touches earth—this was a grace beyond measure.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of the priesthood, and for this moment of deep communion with You, with Saint Francis, and with the Church throughout the world. May this experience renew the spirit of the



pilgrims, also strengthen my vocation, and inspire me to serve Your people with even greater love and humility.

All glory and praise to You, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Joy of Good Friends

Today, I'd like us to reflect on something deeply human and deeply holy: the joy of having good friends around us.

Friendship is one of God's most beautiful gifts to us. In the Gospels, Jesus Himself shows us the importance of friendship. He walked closely with His disciples—not just as their teacher and Lord, but as their friend. He laughed with them, wept with them, ate with them, and confided in them. And at the Last Supper, He said something profoundly personal: "I no longer call you servants, but friends" (John 15:15).

Good friends are those who lift us when we are down, rejoice with us when we are blessed, and stay by us when we go through trials. They reflect the love of Christ in simple, quiet ways—through presence, patience, encouragement, and care. In fact, the Book of Sirach tells us: "A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure" (Sirach 6:14).

In our Christian life, friendship is more than companionship—it's a form of spiritual support. The early Church understood this well. Acts of the Apostles shows us how the disciples gathered together, broke bread, shared their possessions, prayed, and carried one another's burdens. That is friendship rooted in Christ.

Sometimes, we think holiness is found only in big, dramatic gestures. But often, it is found in the simple joy of a friend who listens, walks beside us, or reminds us of who we are in Christ when we forget. God speaks through these friends. He strengthens our faith through their laughter, their loyalty, and their love.

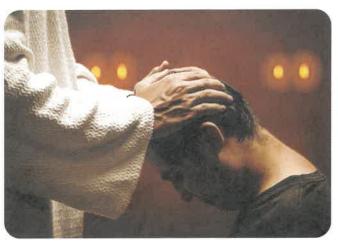
So today, let us thank God for the good friends in our lives—the ones who walk with us, who bring joy to our hearts, and who help us become better followers of Jesus. Let us also be that kind of friend to others, especially to those who may feel alone or forgotten.

# Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel quilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection.

It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.



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Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me."

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

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Acts 6:8-15				
Jn 6:22-29				

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May 6
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Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

## Wednesday

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

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Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

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Acts 13:14,
43-52
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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.

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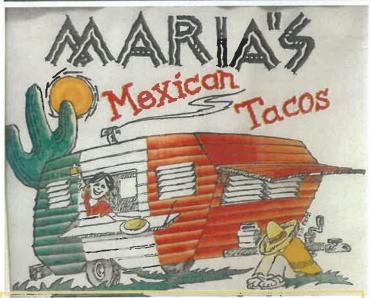
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