

# 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. ●



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

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James, Apostle	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 14:5–18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1–5, 9–15	Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b	2 Cor 4:7–15	Ex 24:3–8	Gn 18:20–32
Mt 12:38–42	Sg 3:1–4b or 2 Cor 5:14–17	Mt 13:1–9	Mt 13:10–17	Mt 20:20–28	Ex 24:3–8	Col 2:12–14
	Jn 20:1–2, 11–18				Mt 13:24–30	Lk 11:1–13



## 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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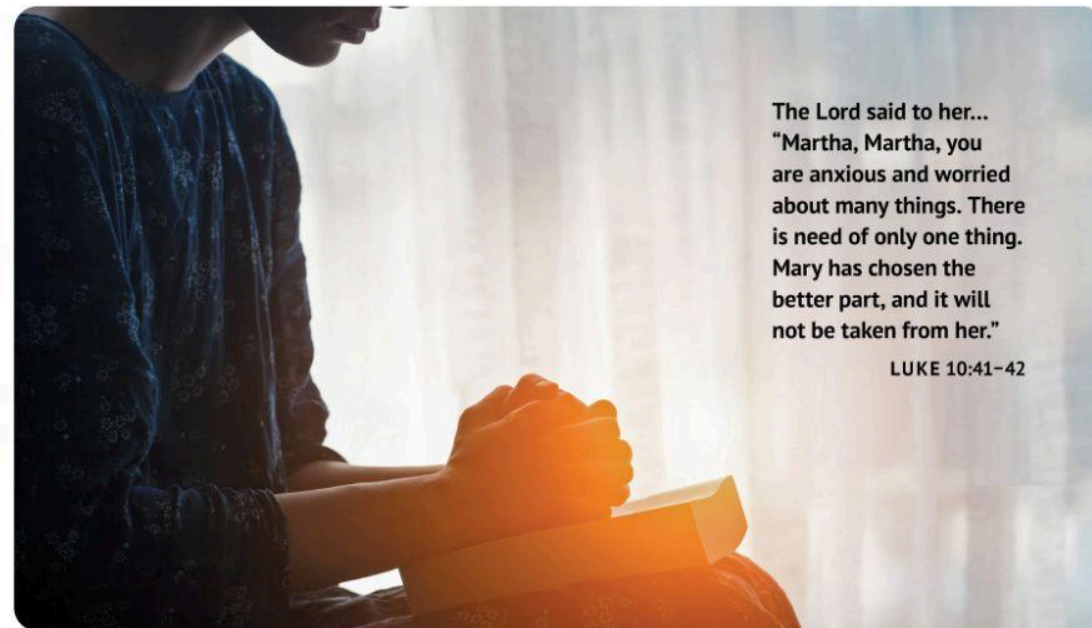
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

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

**T**hese 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?**



# Weekly Bulletin

July 19-20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office: 254 - 647 - 3163

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## TEXAS HILL COUNTRY FLOOD COLLECTION - July 19-20

This week, we are taking up an emergency special collection for the Texas Hill Country flood victims. If you can, please give today during our second collection. Be sure to **note "Flood" on your check memo or envelope** to ensure it reaches the victims directly. You can also text **TEXASFLOOD** to **817-402-3525** or give online at <https://www.givecentral.org/Texas-Hill-Country-Special-Collection>

## QUO VADIS 2025 - Friday, July 25

Quo Vadis is a FREE one-day vocation discernment retreat for young men in High School who are living in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The camp is a rare chance for High School young men to begin considering their vocation from God by speaking with priests and seminarians. Held at **Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House**, 600 N Shady Shores Dr., Lake Dallas, TX 75065 on Friday, July 25, 2025.

Boys who graduate 8th grade in May/June 2025 and will be freshmen in school year 2025-2026 are eligible to register. Young men who graduate high school in May/June 2025 are eligible to register. If a young man is 18 years old he will be required to complete the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Fort Worth, prior to attending.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Bithyah Donoho, Karen Donoho, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jax Jordan, Rosio Lopez, Yessica Palacios

### STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Wednesday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie;

same time, different location

### CISCO - OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

9 - 10 AM: Adoration

6 - 6:30 PM: Confession

6:30 PM: Mass

2nd Wednesday - Monthly

9:00 AM: Mass

### RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

6 - 6:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:30 PM: Mass

## POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

July 2025 – For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## STEWARDSHIP

July 12 & 13, 2025

St. John	\$ 1,239
St. Rita	\$ 775
St. Francis	\$ 1,111
Holy Rosary	\$ 1,087

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

St. Rita 4 Cluster Parishes sincerely thank each and every parishioner who contributed so generously to our Annual Appeals. Because of your faithful support, each of our four parishes received an annual grant of \$17,000.00. We also express our heartfelt gratitude to the Ft. Worth Diocese and to the Advancement Foundation for making these grants possible and for their continued support of our parish communities. Your generosity strengthens our mission and helps us serve our faith family with love and commitment. May God bless you abundantly!

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, July 22nd

5:30 PM: Mass at St. Rita, Ranger

6:00 PM: Rosary at St. Rita, Ranger

6:30 PM: Adoration/Confession at St. Francis, Eastland

7:00 PM: Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Eastland (Spanish)

Wednesday, July 23rd

9:00 AM: Adoration at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco

4:00 PM: Adoration/Confession at St. John, Strawn

4:30 PM: Mass at St. John, Strawn

6:00 PM: Confession at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco

6:30 PM: Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Cisco

Thursday, July 24th

4:00 PM: Mass at St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:30 PM: Rosary at St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

## MOVIE MATINEE - July 27th

Come enjoy a religious movie with your family and friends in fellowship at **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Hall at 2:00 PM**. A great time to cool off from the heat of the day. Refreshments are provided. The Chosen series will be continued this month.

### EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Rosary/Adoration/Confession

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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