



God, Death, and Us

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

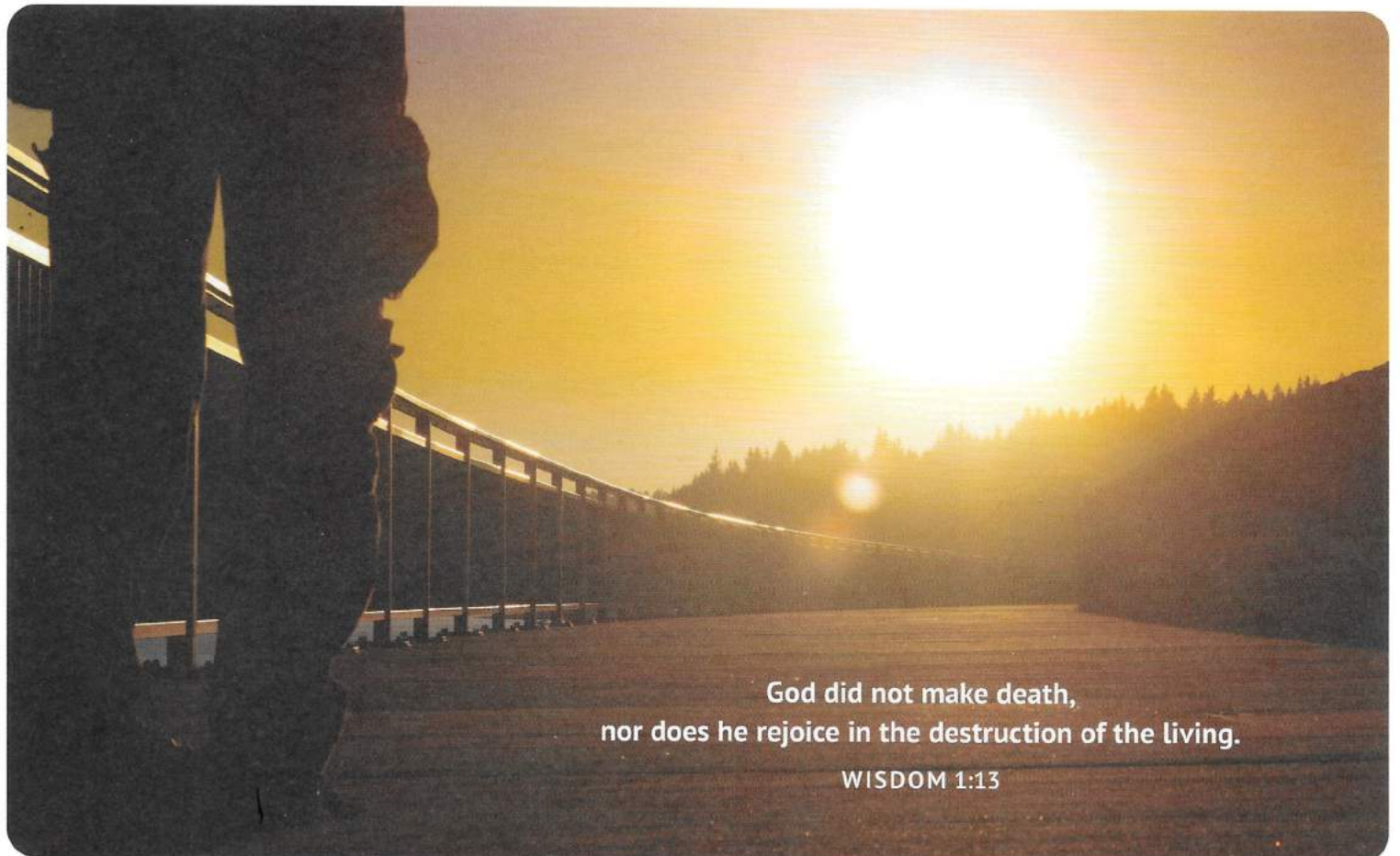
The hospital called, saying a young man had been in an accident and wanted to see a priest. As it turned out, I found him in a coma, and it was his parents who sparked the phone call. His girlfriend was there, and so the two of us talked about the accident and what happened, then about Michael and his interests and gentleness, and eventually his faith and goodness. She didn't understand, she told me, why God would do this to someone so good and how God certainly must have wanted this to happen.

I wanted to tell her I didn't believe God did this sort of thing, orchestrating traffic accidents. I hesitated, but then said so, only I tried to say it gently and kindly so it might be less like a lecture in Spirituality 101. I mumbled something about not believing in that sort of God, that I didn't believe God handed out death or suffering to folks. With her head hanging down, she just said, no—she thought God did.

Well, it seemed to me that that was not the time for any theological debate on questions about God, so I simply said no more about it. Then she and I prayed for Michael, or rather I prayed aloud, and she just sat there holding my hand and maybe praying silently or maybe not praying at all—I really wasn't sure. After I left I found myself wondering if she thought as much about my response as I thought about her answer. ●

Reflect

Where do you find God when bad things happen?



God did not make death,
nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.

WISDOM 1:13

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JUNE 29 & 30, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29- 6:00 PM

✠ Bill Crowe by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

Sunday, June 30- 9:00 AM

✠ Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 2- Noon

✠ Charles & Opal Garton by Fred Butler and Deborah Garton

Wednesday, July 3- 9:00 AM

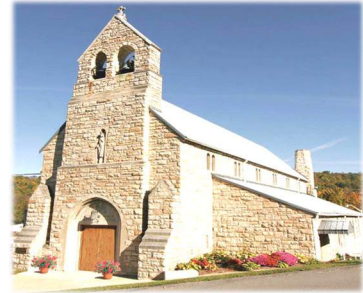
✠ People of the Parish

Saturday, July 6- 6:00 PM

✠ Deceased Members of Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 7- 9:00 AM

✠ Pro Populo



Office Hours: 304-327-5623
Monday- Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm

Confession:
Before Weekend Masses
During Eucharistic Adoration
By Appointment

Food Pantry Hours:
Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1: Seminarian Summer Talk by Joe Derico 6 pm

July 3: LitNic at Claude & Annette Morgan's 6pm

July 4: Independence Day -Office Closed

July 5: First Friday Mass and Benediction 6 pm

July 8: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

July 15: Summer Talk Series by Joe Derico 6pm

July 17-21: Eucharistic Congress Trip

July 22: Seminarian Summer Talk by Joe Derico 6pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Friday's from 6:00-7:00 PM

July 12 ~ Princeton August 9 ~ Princeton

July 26 ~ Bluefield August 16 ~ Bluefield

CHURCH STAFF

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NEWMAN CENTER: 304-534-8093

To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

LET'S TALK

WITH SEMINARIAN JOE
DERICIO

THE FIRST PRECEPT OF THE CHURCH

TALK # 6



You shall attend mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation

It is important that we attend mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation because it is our way of keeping them holy. If we sit at home, how can we expect to delineate them from any other day of the week. The sabbath in the Jewish tradition is on Saturday, as it was understood as the seventh day of the week, the day on which God rested. However, in her infinite wisdom, the church has designated Sunday as the holy day of the week, in commemoration of our Lord's resurrection.

In the Second Vatican Council's document on the liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the council fathers call the liturgy the "source and summit of the Christian life." Attending mass on Sundays helps us to see and understand the liturgy as just that. If the liturgy is truly the source and summit of our lives, (that is that the liturgy is the source of God's grace, and simultaneously, the endeavor to which we should be giving the best we have to offer our Lord), then Sunday is the source and summit of our weeks. All of our week's actions and prayers should be drawn, even if only in some remote manner, from Sunday mass, and all of our actions and prayers should be directed to going back to mass the following Sunday. Sunday mass is both an experience to be looked back upon, (it is where we are coming from) and an experience to be looking forward to, (for it is where we are going).

In his excellent book called *Reclaiming Vatican II*, Fr. Blake Britton says "If the church cannot celebrate the liturgy faithfully and reverently, then all her other tasks will fall short." This statement sums up perfectly, the source and summit claim that the council fathers made in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Reverence however is a tough virtue to master, and it doesn't simply affect those who perform roles in the sanctuary, but also those worshipping outside of it. Reverence is not simply the use of incense at mass or the beautiful music, but rather, it should be allowed to pervade every aspect of our life. While these things, incense and beautiful sacred music, do make up a part of what reverence is, there is so much more to be discovered. This is not also to say that if incense is not used, or music is not played, or maybe just isn't that great, that reverence goes away. Rather these things are meant to compel us to reverence for our Lord, instead of representing reverence of their own accord. Incense symbolically represents the rising of our prayer to God in the heavens like the thick clouds of smoke. Beautiful music naturally brings the mind to transcendent matters. For example, if you are listening to *Country Roads* on the radio, you might reflect upon the beauty which God has placed us within here in beautiful WV, so too, the hymn *Holy God, We Praise thy Name*, brings the mind to reflect upon the majesty in which Christ reigns.

The precepts of the Church then, prove themselves to be of paramount importance in the life of Catholics. I shall delve into the others in this six-part series which will continue throughout the rest of my assignment here.



*The next RCIA Meetings will be Wednesday,
July 3 at 5pm in the school.*

Summer Talk Series by Seminarian Joe Derico

Sunday, June 30 - 4:00 pm ~ Princeton
Monday, July 1- 6:00pm ~ Bluefield

**Lumen Gentium:
Go Forth Baptizing All Nations**

Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Summer LitNics are back and being scheduled! We share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. Are you interested in having mass at your house for neighborhood friends? The host family is responsible for paper good and drinks. Those attending please bring a potluck dish. LitNics begin at 6 PM on Wednesdays. If you would like to host a Litnic please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421.

Current Dates

July 3rd – Claude & Annette Morgan
July 10th – OPEN
July 30th – Ralph & Linda Modena
Aug 7th – George & Wendi Aiello
Aug 14th – Kenny & Theresa Bales
Aug 21st – Stephen & Laura Ward



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day. We will be open Friday, July 5th from 9am until Noon.

Sacred Heart History Book

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IS BEING WRITTEN.

What are your favorite memories of our parish or school?
Please share them!

If you have photos (label date and people) or memories you would like to share, please email them to tbales54@gmail.com or give them to Theresa Bales at church.



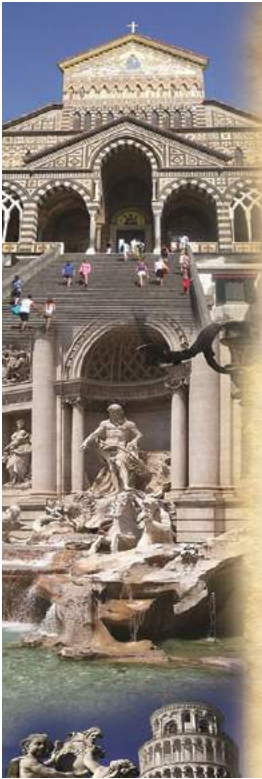
**A SIGN
FOR ALL
TO SEE!**

**Sacred
Heart
Church**



We would like to thank the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Ann Robinson, Anthony Ramella, and Mike Romeo for all their hard-work and time they dedicated to making this project occur. Our new sign is a perfect representation of our church and we hope it welcomes parishioners for years come!

IHM Church & Father Patrick O'Connor Italian Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage June 2 – 12, 2025 - 11 Days



The year 2025 is a Jubilee year! The Jubilee Year is a special year of grace, in which the Church offers the faithful the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence. Traditionally, it begins just before Christmas and ends on the Epiphany of the following year. The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other papal basilicas – St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls, and St Mary Major – are opened and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year. The motto for the Jubilee year of 2025 is *Pilgrims of hope*.

Many parishioners have inquired about a spiritual pilgrimage for the people of our parish. We have found a special pilgrimage to Italy during the Jubilee year beginning June 2nd through June 12th out of Charlotte, NC. If you have any questions, or are interested in participating in the pilgrimage, please reach out to Gina Boggess at gina@sacredheartprinceton.org or 304-920-7047. There are printed copies of this document at the back of the church. You may also book directly from the website at <https://bit.ly/OConnorItaly>

Dominic Pellillo	3	Candace Longworth	19
Frank Mamone	4	Charlotte Wright	19
Laura Zachwieja Ward	5	Cherie Mulkey	20
Harold Cutlip	6	Steve Munsey	20
Courtney Longworth	7	Danielle Johns	22
Michael Romeo	7	Pamela Yongque	23
Kimberly Patton	8	Raymond Hahn	25
Barbara Pickett	9	Virginia Shumate	25
Karen Kelley	11	Kaiden Bryant	26
Sarita Rhonemus	12	Phillip Patton	26
Christina Flanagan	14	Alexandrea Smith	27
Dan Johns	14	James Ball	28
Carol McGonagle	15	Courtney West	28
Ashley Rebuck	15	Ann Ball	29
Madison Rebuck	15	Carol Havens	29
Mark Romano	15	Tyler Malamisura	31
Susan Kerr	16	Lourdes Yongque	31
Larry Zande	17		



Don & Juanita Mullins	July 1	Steve & Marcia Munsey	July 19
Greg & Callie Winfree	July 1	Robert & Cathy Buzzo	July 22
John & Deborah Crist	July 3	Gary & Polla Rumberg	July 27
Thomas & Gail Buzzo	July 15	Stephen & Laura Ward	July 30

Liturgy + Picnic = LitNic

Coming to your neighborhood!

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 – 6:00pm



At the home of



Claude & Annette Morgan

2222 Fairfield Avenue - Bluefield, WV 24701

*The Lit is the Mass beginning at 6pm followed by the Nic
a covered dish meal to be shared by all.*



**Please RSVP by Monday July 1, 2024
if you plan to attend, by calling - 304-320-3625**

*Join us for an evening of fun, food & fellowship.
All are welcome! Directions on the back of flyer!*

Claude & Annette Morgan
2222 Fairfield Avenue – Bluefield, WV
304-320-3625

DIRECTIONS:

From Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV

- 1. Directly across from KFC – Turn onto Cliffmont Ave***
- 2. Follow Cliffmont Ave to the bottom of the hill. – 0.5 mile***
- 3. Turn LEFT onto Heatherwood Road, then immediately turn RIGHT onto Fairfield Avenue - 0.1 mile***

Home is 1st House on the Left

DIRECTIONS:

From Bland Road, Bluefield, WV

- 1. Directly across from First Christian Church –
Turn onto Oakhurst Avenue - 0.6 mile***
- 2. At intersection bear to LEFT onto Edgewood Rd - 0.3 mile***
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Fairfield Avenue***

Home is 2nd House on the Right

June Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 6/29 6:00 PM	TBA	TBA	D. Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.F. Moran 2.J. McCloud 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	B. Buzzo T.J. Longworth
			A. Zinsmeister				
Sun. 6/30 9:00 AM	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	C. Tran	B. Musolin	1.K. Kirk 2.C. Havens 3.TBA	R. Ciccolini	
			A. Froy	T. Bales			

July Ministry Schedule

Mass Date & Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 7/6 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	D. Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.L. Mariotti 2.P. Peretti 3.C. Saunders	J. Monaco	R. Albert C. Albert
Sun. 7/7 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	A. Torrez	H. Wills	M. Rebuck	1.K. Kidd 2.C. Havens 3.M. Malamisura	R. Albert	
			K. Wills	A. Rebuck			
Sat. 7/13 6:00 pm	T. Lowery	T. Lowery	A. Peretti	F. Moran	1.T. Behrmann 2.TBA 3.TBA	The Pascasio's	D. Duritz R. Malamisura
			E. Peretti				
Sun. 7/14 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	T. Lampert	R. West	T. Bales	1.K. Kirk 2.M. Malamisura 3.A. Robinson	B. Buzzo	
			K. Oakes	C. Ott			
Sat. 7/20 6:00 pm	J. McCloud	P. Buenafe	D. Kelley	C. Saunders	1.J. McCloud 2.P. Peretti 3.D. Garton	J. Monaco	D. Shumate M. McCoy
Sun. 7/21 9:00 am	T. Lampert	B. Musolin	TBA	A. Torrez	1.C. Havens 2.A. Robinson 3. T. Lampert	R. Malamisura	
			TBA	R. Ciccolini			
Sat. 7/27 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	T. Lowery	A. Zinsmeister	F. Moran	1T. Hager 2.A. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	W. Aiello G. Aiello
			P. Buenafe				
Sun. 7/28 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	R. Aiello	B. Buzzo	1.W. Aiello 2.G. Aiello 3.M. Malamisura	R. Malamisura	
			C. Tran	R. Albert			

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Valerie Hager, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Feleesha Moran & Family, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen, Carolina Ferrare

Homebound Parishioners: Linda Angelelli, Richard Canterbury, Alex Ercoline, Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett Kathy Richards, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch, Joan Zingale

Friends & Family: Teddy Bradshaw, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Stan Lawson, Bob Mahood, Connor McKenzie, Laura Lee Null, Christina Rochester, Leanna Smith, Larry Sarever, Cathleen Underwood, Debby VanBlaricom, Steve Vaught

If there is anyone you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office at 304-327-5623 or you may email Lucy at lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org



We have raised \$27,591

We have surpassed our goal of \$24,620!

Thanks everyone for your generous donations!

Please continue to donate if you can!

Weekly Donations	weekend Jun 22-23	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,726.00	128,391.10	109,000.00
Loose Offertory	339.00	11,376.00	12,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,065.00	\$139,767.10	\$ 121,000.00
Votive Candles	10.00	185.00	250.00
Faith Formation	241.03	398.03	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 46	9am: 81	



Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

[Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth - FORMED](#)

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623

Princeton Office (304) 425-3664

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, with Fr. Sebastian out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

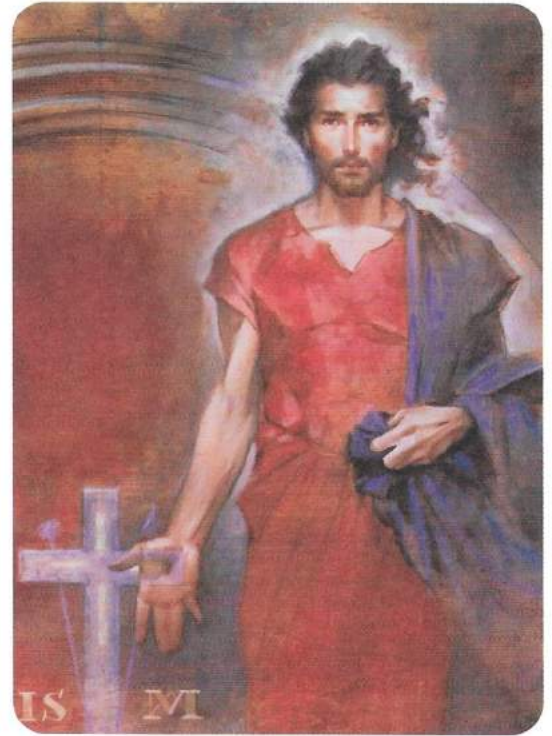
Dear Padre,

Does God have a plan for each of us?

We collaborate with God through continual prayer and discernment in planning out our best path of life. This path allows us to fulfill God's ultimate plan—namely, to find meaning in the life he gave us, enjoy his friendship while on earth, and spend eternal life with him in heaven.

God doesn't force us to live out our existence in some programmed, robotic way according to a predestined plan or inevitable fate over which we have no control. Rather, we're free and responsible for our own actions.

Moreover, God's plan for each of us is to experience his profound love and love him in return. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16). As the supreme sign of God's love, his plan of salvation from the beginning of time was to send us his only begotten Son. "Jesus' violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God's plan, as St. Peter explains...in his first sermon on Pentecost: 'This Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 599). "By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part" (CCC 604). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY

July 1
Weekday
Am 2:6-10,
13-16
Mt 8:18-22

TUESDAY

July 2
Weekday
Am 3:1-8;
4:11-12
Mt 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY

July 3
*St. Thomas,
Apostle*
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

THURSDAY

July 4
Weekday
Am 7:10-17
Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY

July 5
Weekday
Am 8:4-6, 9-12
Mt 9:9-13

SATURDAY

July 6
Weekday
Am 9:11-15
Mt 9:14-17

SUNDAY

July 7
Fourteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6a

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let Jesus look at and heal your heart.... And if you have already felt his tender gaze upon you, imitate him, and do as he does. Look around: you will see that many people who live beside you feel wounded and alone; they need to feel loved: take the step.... Love alone heals life.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 27, 2021