



## “Where Are You At?”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**P**aul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

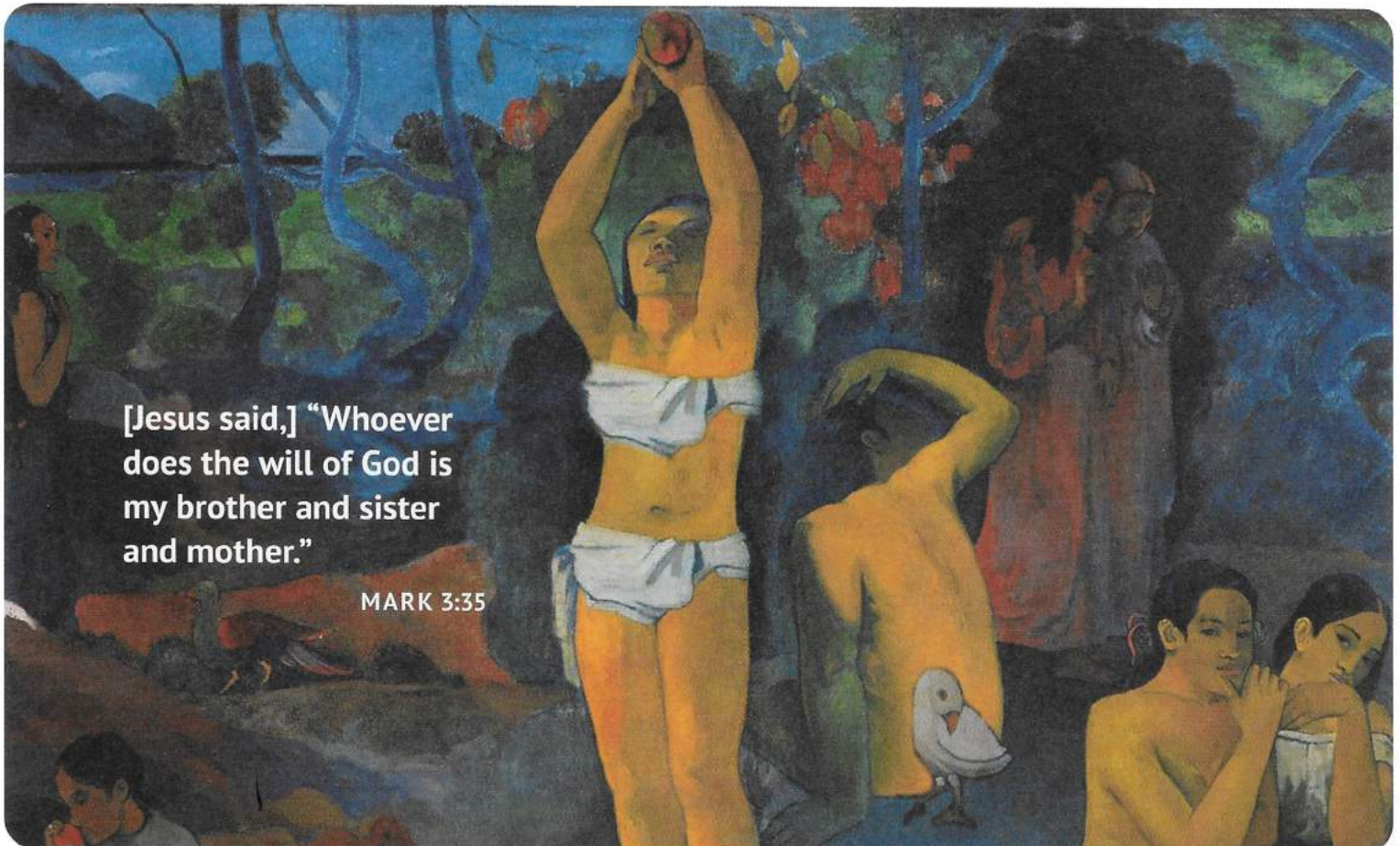
Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more.

Where are you at? ●

### Reflect

**How would you answer Gauguin’s three questions?**



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

JUNE 8 & 9, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, June 8- 6:00 PM

✠ Cathy Hedrick by Feleesha Moran

### Sunday, June 9- 9:00 AM

Jamie Garton by Deborah Garton & Fred Butler

### Tuesday, June 11- Noon

✠ Theresa Soulis by St. Anne's Altar Society

### Wednesday, June 12- 9:00 AM

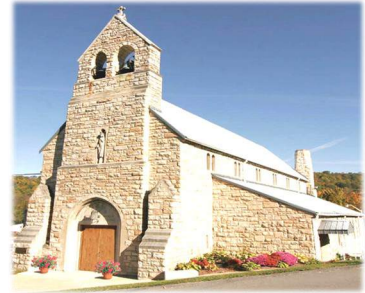
✠ Lisa Oakley by Fred Butler & Deborah Garton

### Saturday, June 15- 6:00 PM

✠ Sandra Johnson by James & Donella Crigger

### Sunday, June 16- 9:00 AM

✠ Josefina Marrella & Family by Vittoria Lijoi



**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

**June 9:** Seminarian Summer Talk Series 6 pm

**June 10:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

**June 15:** Women's Day of Recollection in Princeton

**June 16:** Father's Day

**June 17-19:** Vacation Bible School

**June 24:** Summer Talk Session by Joe Derico 6 pm

**June 24:** Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

**June 29:** Men's Day of Recollection

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

June 14~ Bluefield                      June 28~ Bluefield

June 21~ Princeton                      July 12~ Princeton

## CHURCH STAFF

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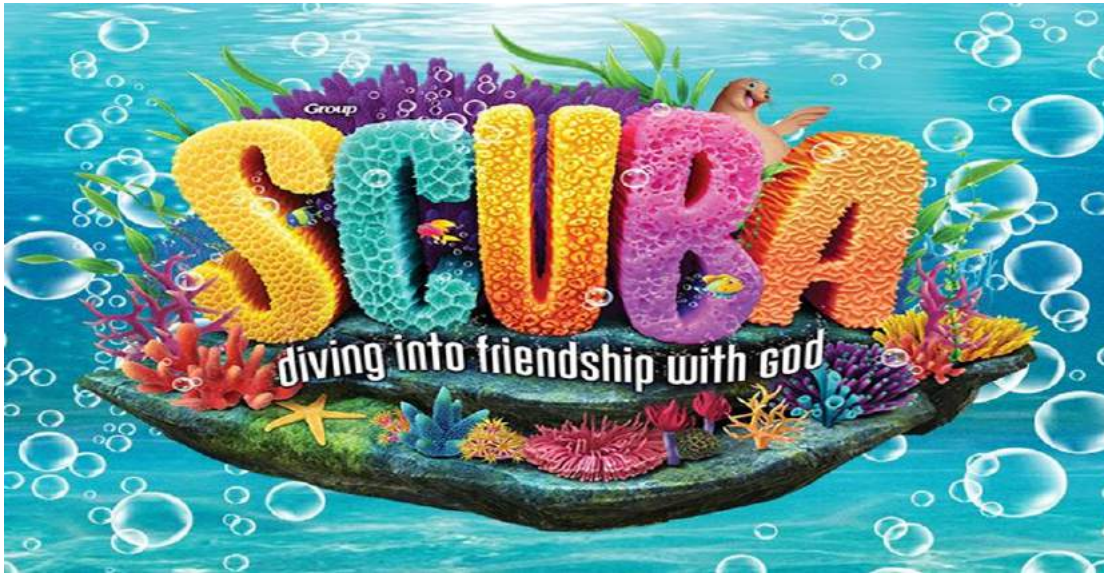
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*To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your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



*The Best Time of the Summer!*

*\*New Friends \*Amazing Crafts \*Creative Games  
\*Delicious Snacks \*Surprising Video Adventures \*Incredible Music*

## ***Vacation Bible School 2024***

***Location: Sacred Heart Bluefield***

***VBS will last from: June 17 ~ 19***

***Monday & Tuesday ~ 6-8pm***

***Wednesday ~ 6-8:30pm***

*Each day's fun begins at 6:00pm in the lounge with Music and Snacks*

*We move to the School for Games, Video Adventures, and Crafts*

*Kids should be picked up in the school/gym each night.*

*Note: The last night will be extended until 8:30.*

***For more info or if you can help,***

*call: 304-327-5623 and ask for Julia*

*Or email: [julia@sacredheartblfd.org](mailto:julia@sacredheartblfd.org)*

*Registration forms are in the back of the Church*

# RECONCILIATION TIMES

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. Sacred Heart Church is increasing the opportunities to have reconciliation.

Fr. Sebastian will be available for Reconciliation

- Prior to the start of Saturday and Sunday Mass
- During Eucharistic Adoration
- By Appointment



## 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.

Available Dates

- June 26th
- July 3rd
- July 10th
- July 31st
- August 7th
- August 14th




## CRUSADERS YOUTH MINISTRY

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**June 17-19** - We will be volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School. Join us for a fun week!

## Summer Talk Series

### by Seminarian Joe Derico

Sunday, June 9 - 6:00 pm ~Bluefield  
Monday, June 10 - 6:00 pm ~ Princeton

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**Sacrosanctum Concillium: The Sacred Liturgy and Vatican II**



*The next RCIA Meetings will be Wednesday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 26 at 5 pm in the school. There will be no meeting June 19th due to VBS.*

During the month of May, the following were given a prayer shawl/blanket:

*Joanne Ercoline*  
recovering from hip surgery

## 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](mailto:tbales54@gmail.com) or give them to Theresa Bales at church.

# WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Gather with us for a day of spiritual renewal,  
devoted to fortifying your faith and deepening  
your dedication to God and his church.

Come and embrace God's transformation as He  
shapes you into the woman He desires you to be.



## WE WILL OFFER:

- Talks
- Adoration
- Confession
- Rosary
- Prayer
- Shared Graces

**HOST: SEMINARIAN JOE DERICO**

Saturday, June 15, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church Princeton

Registration is Free - Lunch is Provided  
Please register by calling the church office at  
304-425-3664 or scan the QR Code

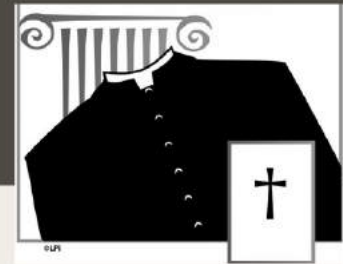


# LET'S TALK



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with  
Seminarian Joe Derico



## Get Thee To Confession!

Sin is an unpleasant thing to think about. I would be lying if I said that I enjoyed any discussion surrounding it, but it is one of those uncomfortable conversations that we must have in life. Yet, through 8 years of Catholic education classes on first penance and communion and two years of confirmation classes, nobody was willing to have such a conversation with me. When I was a freshman in high school, I began attending meetings with the Dead Theologians Society (DTS) chapter in my parish. It was a sort of high school youth group. It took two weeks of DTS meetings for me to learn just how much I had missed. I felt robbed. Robbed of the truth, robbed of fundamental Church teaching, and ultimately robbed of an opportunity for salvation.

I thought I had been doing all that the church expected of me, all that she expected of any of her followers, but I had been misled, maybe not intentionally, but that didn't help the poignant sting of the pain, anger and frustration. I wanted nothing in life more than to please God, yet, what I thought was pleasing to Him, was, in the eyes of the Church, disappointing. Believe me, there are few feelings more frustrating than the one I felt, and that gave me even more motivation to write this piece for the bulletin. We all need a referendum on sin.

So, let me begin first with what I had been robbed of. If my education regarding sin fell short, could not others be suffering in similar dire straits? First, the Church holds as one of her precepts, that every Catholic should attend the sacrament of penance at least once a year. Even still, every priest I have ever met suggests, at least, monthly confession. Secondly, there are two different grades of sin: mortal and venial. Mortal sins have three conditions which must be met, while venial sins are all our other transgressions, which for some reason or other do not meet any one of those three conditions. Thirdly, if you have mortal sins on your conscience, then you should not receive holy communion, and doing so in a state of sin constitutes, yet another mortal sin. Lastly, avoiding sacramental confession by saying that we confess our sins directly to God isn't allowed by church teaching. It might be a real experience of grace for you, but it doesn't change the fact that the church requires that you go to confession at least once a year. It isn't optional!

Confession, while certainly a daunting task, is a necessary one, and I've provided a few steps below to aid in that endeavor.

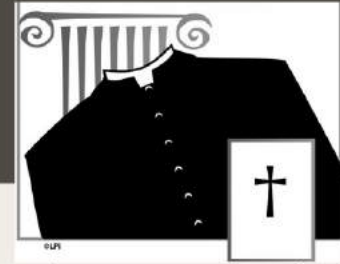
1. Complete an examination of conscience. There are pamphlets in the back of the church, and there are numerous resources online. Examining one's conscience is fundamental to making a good confession. If we don't review a comprehensive list of sins, how can we be sure we haven't sinned?
2. Go to confession. Yes, it is daunting, but without availing ourselves of this sacrament, how can we be expected to receive holy communion? There is a formula for confession posted in the confessional and act of contrition cards provided, so lack of knowledge may not be an excuse for missing confession.

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3. Do your penance. It seems straightforward, but failing to perform the penance given in the confessional constitutes another mortal sin and nullifies the absolution given in the sacrament..
4. Make reparations if necessary. For example, if you have stolen something, return the item or money of an equal amount. This way, you have relieved both the temporal harm from the sin and the harm done to your relationship with God.
5. Receive the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. The Blessed Sacrament is the source and summit of Christian life and receiving its graces will only serve to make confession easier. Trust me here. I used to dread going to confession, and still occasionally do, but I love God more than I love sin, and I fear hell more than I fear confession. This takes time, and it certainly won't happen overnight, but it is the most worthwhile change you can make to your life. That I can promise you.

So, why should you go to confession? If you've been avoiding confession this way for years, and have yet to see any negative effects, why should you change? Well, a few reasons support my argument. Firstly, the church commands you to do so. If that isn't enough, St. James commands you to do the same in his epistle, James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful." The priest in the sacrament of confession is the person to whom you can confide your sins. If you must tell someone your sins, you might as well tell someone who is bound to keep it a secret. Furthermore, the priest in the confessional is not the priest the man, but rather the priest acting in the person of Christ. You confess your sins directly unto the ear of Christ. Secondly, unless you want to go to hell, you must. It isn't related to how you feel about the sacrament in any manner, instead, it is related to the way that God feels, and his church has made it abundantly clear that it is a requisite for salvation.

Finally, it seems necessary to discuss mortal and venial sins, Mortal sins must be 1) grave matter, 2) The sinner must have full knowledge of the gravity of the sin, and 3) it must be committed with the full consent of the sinner's will. Any sin which does not fulfill one of these requisites constitutes a venial sin. While mortal sin is the worst grade of sin, venial sin is still sin and, as such, those who approach the altar to receive the blessed sacrament, should be aware of all the sins which they have committed. If you have any questions about this piece of writing, please don't hesitate to talk to me, or if the matter is grave, talk to Fr. Sebastian. We will both be happy to answer any of your questions or concerns about this teaching.

June Ministry Schedule							
Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters
Sat. 6/8 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	F. Moran	D. Kelley	C. Saunders	1.P. Peretti 2.F. Moran	J. Monaco	D. Duritza R. Malamisura
Sun. 6/9 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	M. Copolo	T. Bales	1.T. Lampert	B. Buzzo	
			S. Copolo	C. Ott	2.A. Robinson		
Sat. 6/15 6:00 pm	P. Buenafe	TBA	P. Buenafe	T. Behrmann	1.T. Hager 2.A. Peretti 3.L. Mariotti	The Pascasio's	D. Shumate M. McCoy
Sun. 6/16 9:00 am	M. Malamisura	TBA	C. Tran	B. Buzzo	1.M. Malamisura	St. Copolo	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Albert	2.TBA 3.TBA		
Sat. 6/22 6:00 pm	P. Peretti	D. Garton	TBA	TBA	1.P. Peretti 2.C. Saunders 3.T. Hager	J. Monaco	W. Aiello G. Aiello
Sun. 6/23 9:00 am	T. Lampert	T. Lampert	R. Aiello	A. Torrez	1.A. Robinson	R. Malamisura	
			A. Zinsmeister	R. Ciccolini	2.W. Aiello 3.G. Aiello		
Sat. 6/29 6:00 PM	P. Buenafe	P. Buenafe	D. Kelley	T. Behrmann	1.F. Moran 2.J. McCloud 3.T. Hager	The Pascasio's	B. Buzzo  T.J. Longworth
Sun. 6/30 9:00 AM	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	T. Brown	B. Musolin	1.K. Kirk	R. Ciccolini	
			A. Froy	T. Bales	2.C. Havens 3.TBA		

*Sacred Heart Church Building Centennial*

*Part 8: Cast Your Eyes Upward*

*At Mass, as we cast our eyes upward in prayer and reflection, we are rewarded with a beautiful view of the paintings on the ceiling's of the sanctuary and nave of Sacred Heart Church.*

*The sanctuary ceiling is composed of 27 panels. Each panel consists of 12 gold stars on a field of deep blue, representing the 12 disciples of Christ*

*The ceiling over the nave of the church contains painted symbols of the Passion which include: the crown of thorns, the pillar of flagellation, the seamless tunic of Christ, the dice used by the Roman soldiers, and the cup Jesus accepted in his passion as he said "not my will but thine be done".*



*Each time we enter Sacred Heart church, these symbols shine down on us and help us reflect on the greatness of our parish.*





## Sacred Heart Prayer List

**Parishioners:** George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Loretta Carrigan, Ron Ciccolini, Donella Crigger, Benny Disibbio, Angie Genovesi, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Claude Morgan, Sharon Rothausen

**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, Loretta Carrigan, Patrick Clark, Chuck Comer, Christina Easton, Fr. Chapin Engler, Jason Fortney, Steve Hamm, Yael Issacs, Sandy Kegley, Sherry Khatib, Family of Aiden Kinzer, 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](mailto:lbrinegar@sacredheartblfd.org)



We have raised \$26,966

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 1-2	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	8,025.00	117,283.10	97,750.00
Maintenance	2.00	1,702.00	2,400.00
Loose Offertory	480.00	10,336.00	10,500.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$8,507.00</b>	<b>\$129,321.10</b>	<b>\$110,650.00</b>
Votive Candles (Gross)	20.00	175.00	250.00
Food Pantry	330.00	12,684.00	0.00
Attendance:	6pm: 62	9am: 84	

### Food Pantry Report for May 2024

Date	Adults over 18	Children under 18	Total Clients	New Families	Clothing	Hygiene Products	Total # of Distributions
1-May	104	38	142	6	146	170	59
8-May	147	45	192	5	195	468	84
15-May	146	80	226	5	137	261	85
22-May	171	94	265	7	148	416	105
29-May	126	68	194	3	128	187	75
Monthly Totals	694	325	1019	26	754	1502	408
Y-T-D Distribution	2887	1239	4176	94	3017	3339	1728

### 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,

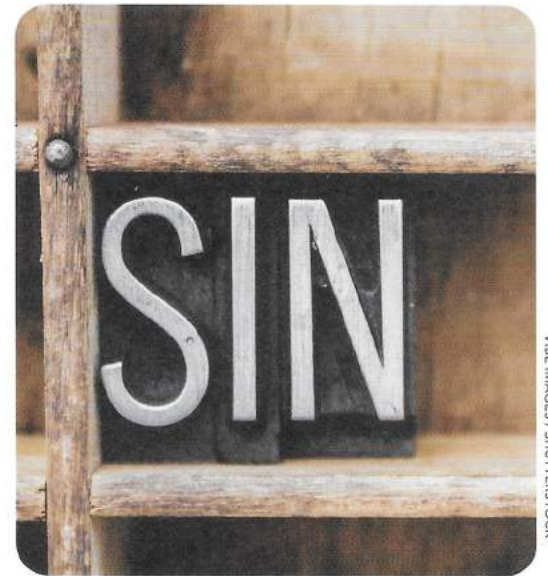
## What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. “Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [*Gaudium et Spes*], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were “very good.” However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each “descendant of Adam” (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.**

ANGELUS, JUNE 10, 2018



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### MONDAY

June 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1-6

Mt 5:1-12

### TUESDAY

June 11

St. Barnabas,  
Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26;

13:1-3

Mt 5:13-16

### WEDNESDAY

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39

Mt 5:17-19

### THURSDAY

June 13

St. Anthony of

Padua, Priest and

Doctor of the  
Church

1 Kgs 18:41-46

Mt 5:20-26

### FRIDAY

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16

Mt 5:27-32

### SATURDAY

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19-21

Mt 5:33-37

### SUNDAY

June 16

Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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