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We are Precious in His Eyes

Jesus invites us to live more fully the first of the ten commandments: to love God above all things. To love God above all implies not only material things - which tends to be easier - but also above all others, and especially above ourselves. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

"Se trata de amar más", St. Teresa of Avila taught, "What we must do is love more".



In other words, Jesus is not suggesting we love our parents (or anyone else for that matter) less, but to love Him even more. Love is not, as economists might say today, a zero-sum equation. It is a question of priorities in our love. God is to be truly the One we love the most and most want not to offend.

This passage is hard to understand if we consider love

simply as an emotion. We cannot control completely our emotions since they are reactions on the level of the senses. God, however, does not love us as an emotion but through His will. We are precious in His eyes because He wills it to be so. This is the way He invites us to love as well, not simply as an emotional reaction to someone or thing that we like, but willing the good toward others, and willing to love God above all.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
7:30 am to 3:30 pm



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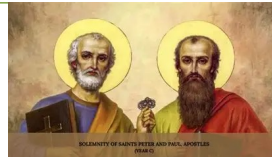
This passage contains a phrase that we often gloss over because we have heard it so many times: “whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me”. We must consider these words in the times Jesus said them: times when crucifixion was a very real and known form of torture unto death. The fact that Jesus uses this expression would have made the disciples shudder in horror and disbelief. Today the cross is for us a decoration or an adornment, at that time the cross was a stark reminder of suffering, torture and pain. Jesus expects us to undergo suffering when necessary to follow Him.

Considering this, the one we must most leave behind to love Jesus more, is ourselves. Our ego too often does not permit us to follow Jesus when it is difficult. Our own will and desires too often take the place of God’s will in our lives. Even worse, we at times substitute the will of God for our own, thinking our will superior to His. No one “takes up his cross” to follow willingly, unless we truly love God above all things.

Fr. Peter

Saint of the week:

June 29: Saints Peter and Paul



June 27 - July 5

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday 27:	5:30 pm	INT. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS
Sunday 28:	9:00 am	+ PAT BARRY
	11:00am	+VAUGHN & +MARGARET LARSON
Monday 29:	8:00 am	Int. TERESA TRUJILLO
Tuesday 30:	8:00 am	+RICHARD METTLER
Wednesday 1:	8:00 am	+BENITA LOPEZ
Thursday 2:	8:00 am	+MARK & + BRYAN BRANDENBURG
Friday 3:	8:00 am	Int. FR. LUCIANO DIAZ
Saturday 4:	5:30 pm	+ ANTHONY BALESTRINO
Sunday 5:	9:00 am	INT. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARYS
	11:00am	+ THOMAS WHITON

This week in our parish:

Monday:	8:00 am	Mass
Tuesday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Church hall)
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass
:	8:30 am	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
	9:30 am	Madonna Guild Book Study - Hall
	11:00 am	Prayer Group - Church
Thursday:	8:00 am	Mass
	8:30 am	Rosary for America
Friday:	8:00 am	Mass
		Parish Office Closed

For routine, non-emergency as well as emergency care for the **sick or dying**, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter at 928-367-2080, Monday through Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Outside of these hours, please call 928-367-1278, leave a message and we will get back as soon as possible.

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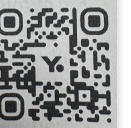
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FINANCE COUNCIL: Don Dodge, Cathy Dodge; Don Dodson; Linda Dodson; Larry Vicario. Fr. Peter Short. Next meeting **August 20 at 6 pm...**

Parish News

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be here on July 4th and 5th. There will be a second collection to help support their ministry of caring for the poor throughout our Diocese.

Ultrasound Health Screenings will be available Thursday, July 2 in the St. Joseph Family Center. To schedule an appointment either call 602-254-7130 or go online to 07022026.youcanbook.me or scan the QR code at the right. Information can be found also in the entrance of the Church and at the Parish Hall



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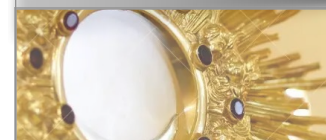
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God bless America.



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Contribution envelopes are available for full or part-time parishioners. Stop by the the Parish Office to register!

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