



## The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

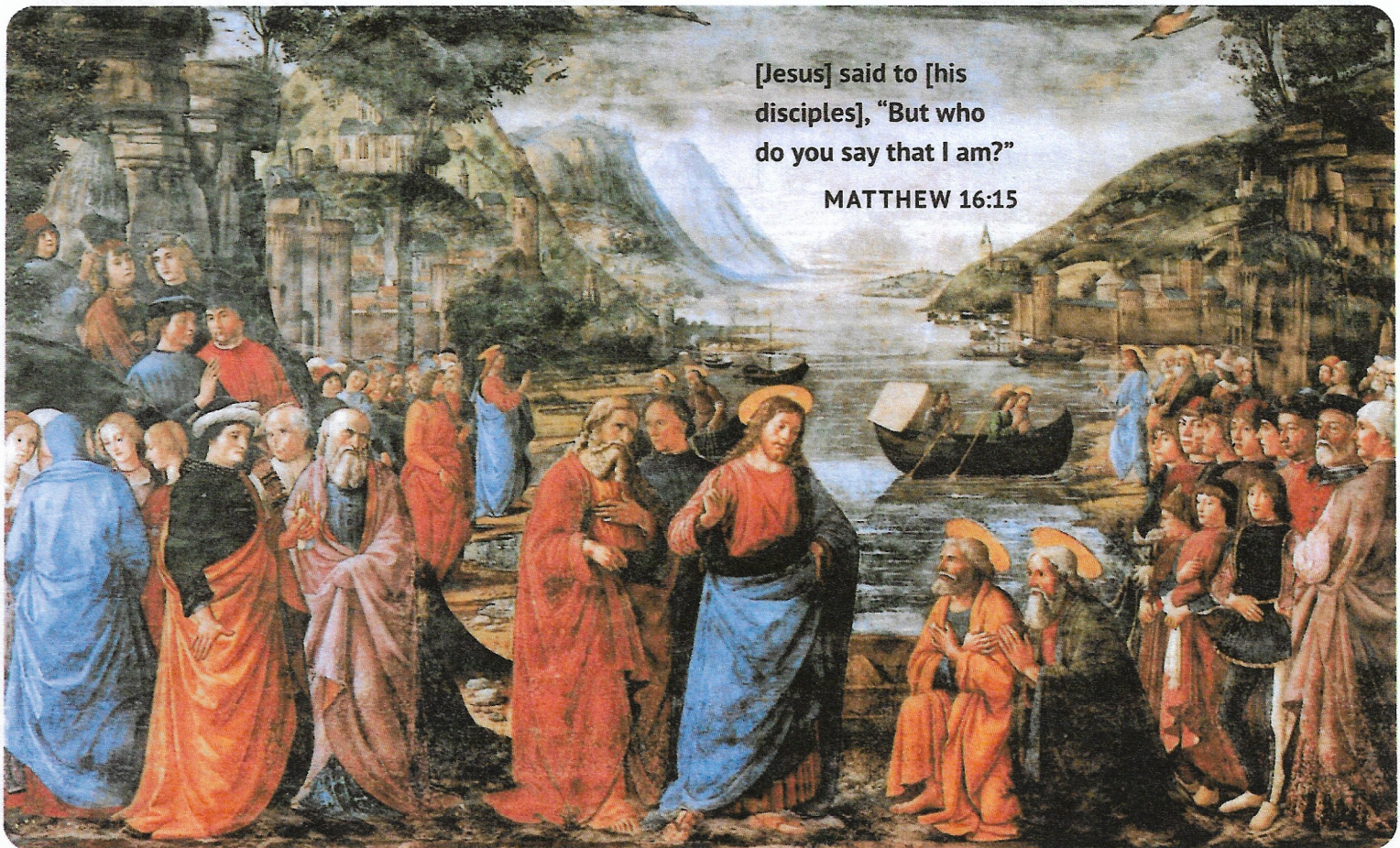
**O**ver the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

### Reflect

**Who do you say  
Jesus is and how  
does your answer  
make a difference  
in your life?**



[Jesus] said to [his  
disciples], "But who  
do you say that I am?"

MATTHEW 16:15





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**Admin. Secretary: Susan Grates, Ext 3**

**This Week at  
 Our Lady of  
 Perpetual Help**

**Liturgies & Prayer**

**Tuesday, August 29**  
 7:00 PM Holy Hour with Bishop  
 Gruss @ St Roch

**Wednesday, August 30**  
 8:45 Bible Study  
 10:00 AM Mass @ St Francis

**Thursday, August 31**  
 10:00AM Mass @ St Roch

**Friday, September 1**  
 9:30 AM First Friday with Private  
 Confessions @ St Roch

**Saturday, September 2**  
 9:30 AM First Saturday with Private  
 confessions @ St Francis

***22nd Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time***

**Saturday, September 2**  
 5:00pm at St. Roch

**Sunday, September 3**  
 8:30 AM Mass @ St Roch  
 Mass offered for  
 Christopher Discenna  
 10:30 AM Mass at St Francis Borgia

***Mission Statement:***

*We, the faith community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to hear the word of God and live accordingly. We endeavor by our life's activities to reach out to our parish community and the world at large to realize the message of Christ for unity and peace.*

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:00 PM at St. Roch Church, Caseville  
 Sunday 8:30 AM at St. Roch Church, Caseville  
 10:30 AM at St. Francis Borgia Church, Pigeon

Check Bulletin for  
 Weekday Masses and Holy Days

**Parish Office Hours**

Closed Mondays  
 Tuesday – Friday  
 8:00 AM to Noon

**Sacraments**

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments in our Parish, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community by participating regularly in our Worship and being a registered parishioner.

**Registration:**

If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please stop by the Parish Office to register.

**Baptism:**

We ask that you please make an appointment, prior to birth, if possible, with the Pastor.

**Marriage:**

An appointment with the Pastor must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

**Reconciliation:**

First Friday @ St Roch & First Saturday @ St Francis Borgia  
 9:30 to 10:30 AM,  
 or by appointment.

**Pastoral Care:**

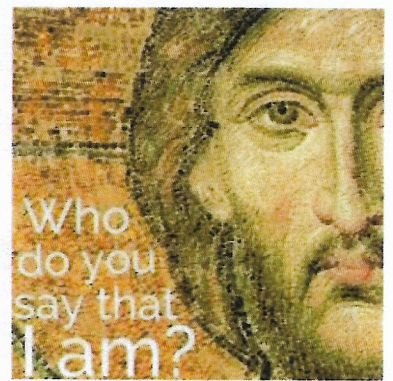
If you or someone you know wishes a visit and/or Holy Communion during an illness or hospital stay, please contact the Parish Office.

Commissioned Lay Ministers  
 Doug Grates  
 Linda Oeschger  
Pastoral Council  
 Chairperson – Lisa DiCamillo  
Finance Committee Chairperson  
 Mary Buda  
Mother Mary's Helpers  
 Lisa DiCamillo  
Coordinator of Religious  
Education  
Cemetery Sextons  
 Ben Willenberg – Parish  
 Cemeteries  
 John Champagne—St Felix  
Web Master  
 Linda Clark

**Events**

**Tuesday 29, August**  
 6:00 PM meeting for  
 Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

**Wednesday 30, August**  
 6:00 PM Meeting for Catechists  
 And anyone interested in  
 Becoming A Catechist





## Stewardship: Treasure—August 19-20

### Weekly Contributions

Envelopes: \$3,215.00  
Loose: \$1512.64  
Cemetery: \$ 20.00

### Weekly Recurring Expenses

Wages & Benefits: \$3,878.33  
Maintenance: \$2,203.78  
Utilities: \$ 482.94

Thank you for your weekly contributions  
# of Envelopes used— 95  
Count Group 3 August 29, 2023

## RAFFLE WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE: Kathy Karle  
SECOND PRIZE: Mary Beth Nimtz  
THIRD PRIZE: Meagan Fritz

Thank you to every one who sold tickets and all who bought them. Your support for our parish was tremendous!

Our Raffle raised \$6,773.00 for our Capital Campaign

50/50 Raffles raised \$270.00

## CHICKEN BBQ

Thank you to all who supported the BBQ. By 4:00 PM we had sold out of Chicken, Baked Beans and Cole Slaw.

200 dinners were served in our dining space  
240 dinners were carry out  
60 dinners were served to children under 7

Which after expenses raised approx. \$2,571.00

## SILENT AUCTION

Many thanks to all who donated some precious items to our Silent Auction. We raised \$5,023.00 for our Parish.

Some items still remain unclaimed so if you have not yet done so please come to the parish office during office hours.



### Angela Miller, Realtor



OLPH Parishioner  
(734) 612-2223  
6621 Main St, Caseville

angela@davidlkraftrealtyco.com

### Remodeling handyman

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Local Agent,  
17 years experience, olph parishioner,  
Sand Point Resident



## Food Pantry Needs

### Caseville & Pigeon Food Pantries

Are always in need of donations, particularly toiletries, paper products, & tuna/canned chicken

## Hall Rental

Are your family and friends getting together?  
Do you need a bigger space for a meeting or special gathering?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center and St. Francis Borgia Hall are available for rent. Please call the Parish Office for details 989-856-4933



### Seasonal RV Sites & Docks Available

Make a Reservation  
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### Petals of Time

Josephine

810-447-0947

josephine.redman@gmail.com

6875 Michigan Ave.



## The Mass of all ages

As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did: On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things. Then we all rise together and offer prayers\* for ourselves . . . and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions; and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss. Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: "Amen" When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1345)

### BISHOP GRUSS' HOLY HOUR DEVOTION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

As you know, bishop Gruss has been leading Holy Hour Devotion and Prayers for Vocations throughout the Saginaw Diocese. He has been doing this monthly from parish to parish. Tuesday, August 29, is our turn, and the Bishop will be here at St. Roch Church for the Holy Hour. This is an invitation to all of us to join the bishop in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the diocese. Please pray with the Bishop at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 29, at St. Roch Church, Caseville.** Thank you, as we look forward to praying with you!

Fr. George



**FAITH FORMATION**  
A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

**Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help  
Parish**

As summer comes to a close and families are getting ready for the new school year we would like to remind parents to register their elementary aged children for faith formation. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or by calling the parish office.

### NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors are asked to meet with Fr. George and Linda Oeschger on Tuesday August 29th, 6:00 PM at St Roch Church Prior to the Holy Hour with Bishop Gruss.

**Maui Relief:** Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. We understand the immense pain and loss that the residents of Maui are experiencing as their homes, livelihoods, and natural landscapes are consumed by these wildfires. Our hearts go out to all those who have been displaced, injured, or lost loved ones in this tragedy. In times of crisis, it is crucial for us to unite as a community of faith and extend our support to those in need. We must remember that our thoughts and prayers alone are not enough; we must also take action. It is through our collective efforts that we can provide comfort, aid, and hope to those affected. The Diocese of Saginaw will have a special collection to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much. Every donation, no matter the amount, will play a crucial role in helping to rebuild lives and restore hope. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. For more information, please contact Maria Coss at [mcoss@diosag.org](mailto:mcoss@diosag.org) or call 989.797.6646. To donate, go to: <https://saginaw.org/emergency-relief> or send checks made payable to the Diocese of Saginaw, Attn: Maria Coss, 5800 Weiss St, Saginaw MI 48603, with the memo line reading "Maui Relief".

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Women's Society Rummage Sale**

**@ St Francis Hall in Pigeon  
Thursday September 21st &  
Friday September 22nd**

Donations will be accepted beginning Saturday  
September 16th until noon on Wednesday  
September 20th, 2023.



# “There are no shortages of vocations to the priesthood. The only shortage is that of vocational discernment.”

BISHOP ROBERT GRUSS

While a recent study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) revealed nationwide the largest ordination class this year since 2015, another study by Vocation Ministry showed a nationwide 24 percent decline in priestly ordinations, a 9 percent decline in active diocesan priests and a 14 percent decline in religious priests (priests belonging to a religious order, such as the Capuchins) nationwide between 2014 and 2021. A trend such as this isn't the most positive news for the Church today.

While we enjoy the blessings of this new priest, the Diocese of Saginaw faces some serious challenges in looking ahead. Allow me to share some statistics that will reveal the challenges we face and that should encourage us to be praying for vocations to the priesthood in an intentional way.

The diocese's previous priestly ordination was two years ago. The next one will potentially be two years from now. We have five priests retiring this year from full-time active ministry, four of them pastors. Three priests retired last year.

We have only 14 priests under the age of 50. More than half of our priests are of retirement age and older; 75 percent of those are still involved in priestly ministry on a regular basis in order to meet the sacramental needs of our parishes in the diocese. While I am deeply grateful for the efforts and sacrifices my brother priests are willing to make, this type of ministry is simply unsustainable long-term. Imagine if some of these priests went into a more permanent retirement for any reason.

We recently welcomed two priests from the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, India, with the possibility of two or three additional priests from the same diocese. However, it takes some time before these priests are enculturated into the Diocese and are ready to assume pastoral ministry in a parish by themselves. We currently have two seminarians with the potential of two additional men entering the seminary in August.

This provides a snapshot of the vocation crisis in the Diocese of Saginaw today. While this looks a bit dismal, if all of us play our part in the ministry of vocations, our current situation can be turned around. But we also must realize that the road a man takes to be ordained a priest takes time.

We have critical work to do. “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matt 9:37-38). The priesthood is essential for the sacramental life of the Church. Without the priesthood, there would be no Eucharist, no Mass and no one to hear our confessions, reconciling us sinners with our Father.

We live in a radically secularized society where things of God and the practice of faith continue to diminish year after year. Religion today is held in little esteem and becoming less

relevant. Yet, just as God is calling couples to the vocation of marriage, the Lord is still calling men to the priesthood and men and women to consecrated life.

Vocation work is the ministry of all the baptized. I am asking that you take your role in the work of vocations seriously. Families and local parish communities are the seedbeds for priestly and religious vocations. They are in your families and parish communities. The Lord has created each of us for some definite purpose. God has not abandoned his Church and will certainly not leave us in this time of need. But we must all play our role in this work of the Church.

There are no shortages of vocations to the priesthood. The only shortage is that of vocational discernment. Many young men are struggling to discern and respond to this call. All of us must help them to do so by our encouragement and prayer. This is precisely why families and parish communities must be engaged in the work of vocations. We must all be “vocation recruiters.” Priestly vocations must be called forth from and supported in your parish communities.

What can you do? I encourage you to make praying for vocations a priority in your life, personally and communally. Join me for the Holy Hours for Vocations in a parish near you. Have a regular Holy Hour for Vocations in your own parish. Include prayers for vocations in your weekly liturgies. Create a Vocation Committee in your parish whose work is to encourage and raise vocation awareness. Plant the vocational seeds in their mind and heart by personally inviting young men whom you believe have the qualities to be a good priest to consider and pray about the priesthood.

There is much at stake! Yes, it is a big ship to turn around. But we live in hopeful expectation that what we ask for in faith, the Lord will provide in love. Together, may all of us in the Diocese of Saginaw, joyfully accept the grace and responsibility of playing our part in this important vocation ministry. †

## Holy Hours for Vocations

All are invited to pray for vocations with Bishop Gruss.  
Holy Hours are from 7 to 8 p.m.

July 19: St. Paul the Apostle Parish, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Ithaca

July 27: Holy Family Parish, St. Joseph Church, Sandusky

Aug. 9: St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church, Beal City

Aug. 29: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Roch Church, Caseville



## Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish

### July—August

We continue to keep those who have been sick for some time in our prayers. Your name or that of your loved one will remain on our prayer chain until you call to have them taken off.

We will however only publish the names of those most recently sick in the bulletin but we ask our parishioners to continue to pray for all the sick of our parish.

Please pray for:

**Georgina Santos, Mary Mayra, David Dillingham,  
Ron Gross, Joanne & Norm Samborski, Steve Rybinski,  
Maura McSorley, Natalie Morgan, Bethany (Grates) Burns,  
Sonja Smith, Dominic Rybinski, Rose Motycka, Gary Maes Sr.  
John Schaefer, Dan Quinn, John Champagne,  
Todd Mangiapane**

*All praise and glory are yours. Lord our God.*

*For you have called us to serve you  
and one another in love.*

*Bless our sick today so that they may bear their  
illness in union with Jesus' sufferings  
and restore them quickly to health.*

*Bless those who have grown old in your service  
And give them courage and strength in their faith.*

*Lead us all to eternal glory.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us*

### **Prayer Chain Contacts:**

**Peggy 989-738 -5452, Norma 989-453-3026,**

If you or a loved one wish to be removed from the prayer chain please call the parish office.

PLEDGE CARDS FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CAN BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT ANY OF OUR MASSES OR DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

## LET'S CELEBRATE

Joe & Meg Nicholl—42 years  
Terry & Patrice Thede—40 Years  
Cathy & John Jordan—40 Years  
Pat & Ron Sampson—70 Years  
Jim & harriet Bruce—49 Years  
Henry & Del Wolschlager—60 Years  
Colleen & Larry Krohn—44 years  
Connie & Mike Gaeth—41 Years

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces, that they may return home safely to family and friends.

Remember particularly:

Brandon Radlick - Air Force;

Rachel Radlick - Air Force;

Jonathan Taormina – Marines (Special Forces); Justin Carter – Marines; Chad DeShano – Marines; Jeremy McGee – Marines; Jackson Okey– Marines; Joshua Allen - Michigan State Police; Brandon Tolliver – Marines; Zachary McGee – Marines; Evens Repke – US Coast Guard; Michael Sampson Jr.-Air Force; Frank Duda—Marines; Glenn May—Army; Drew Thompson—Navy Seal.

*Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad forever and will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength, and keep them safe from all harm.*

*May the power of your love enable them to return home safely, that, with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. Amen.*

**You may contact the Parish Office with any names of relatives or friends who are in the military, and our parish community will pray for them.**

## FORMED

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish has partnered with Holy Name of Mary Parish in Harbor Beach in an Augustinian Institute program which offers adult and children's faith formation videos, books, podcasts etc. Our parish has already used the "Presence" program about the Eucharist during Advent but there are many more topics to explore and use to expand our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church. If you missed the Presence program about the Eucharist, or part of it, you can watch the videos through FORMED.

To sign up

- Go to: - Formed.org
- Click: - Sign Up
- The New page will have three choices:
- Click: "I belong to a parish"
- You will be asked to create an account:

The first box will ask you to find your parish Type in "Holy Name of Mary Parish" and the parish name will show up with the Harbor Beach location.

- Click on the Parish Name.
- The next page will ask you to enter your name and an email address.
- Click to get to the next page which will be the page of Formed and all its resources.



FROM THE BISHOP



# God is still calling men to the priesthood

We are called to support them



**THE MOST REV. ROBERT D. GRUSS**  
is the seventh bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

**O**ne of the greatest blessings for any bishop and diocese is the ordination of a new priest. We are delighted to welcome Father Matthew Gembrowski to the presbyterate of the Diocese of Saginaw. Congratulations to him. I am personally excited to see how the Lord will use Father Matthew in service of our local Church.



# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



DearPadre.org

From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014

#### MONDAY

August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29  
*Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27

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