

## A House Divided

One of the heaviest burdens people are forced to carry is the distress of “a house divided.” When Abraham Lincoln said “a house divided against itself cannot stand,” he was referring to the division within the country during the Civil War. We experience a similar, though not as lethal, separation when our two-party system of government engenders obstinate division—not merely acceptable political diversity. Perhaps the most heartbreaking example of a house divided is a family in which members are alienated from each other.

There are as many reasons for family division as there are families. Reasons include the betrayal of one member by another, inheritance disparity, parental favoritism, sibling rivalry, to name a few. One might think that those involved should be able to resolve such differences—after all, isn’t blood thicker than water? On the other hand, how are serious family rifts to be repaired if the reason for division is one’s faith or commitment to God? That is the situation that Jesus describes today.

We might wonder how faith in God can tear families apart. It often happens when someone leaves the religion of one’s family and converts to another tradition. This might be judged as a betrayal of the family’s values. This may be what many of Jesus’ Jewish followers faced when they claimed that Jesus fulfilled their religious expectations while other family members did not share their belief. That was a terrible price to have to pay for fidelity to their faith, but they paid it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

★ *What steps might you take to heal a family rift? What’s keeping you from taking them?*

*Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather division.*

LUKE 12:51



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## MASS TIMES

### Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: 9am

Wednesday: 6pm

\*30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am

### Confessions:

Saturday: 3pm

\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or  
-by appointment

## SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9am Mass, Saturdays at 3pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

## PARISH MINISTRIES:

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## NEW PARISHIONERS:

*Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.*

I am looking forward to this new year!



The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Season A.B.V.M.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Season on  
Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 We will celebrate  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary and on (Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2022 is not a day of Obligation)**

**MONDAY NO OBLIGATION OF THE FEAST**

If anyone has any religious statues that you want to donate, the Knights of Columbus are looking to take them in and refurbish them and place them at nice home.

**For more Information Contact: Chuck Wolff at  
870-257-4999**

### Pastoral Advisory Committee

We did not hold a election for the Pastoral Advisory Committee Chair, because there were no volunteers, in spite of constant appeal in our Bulletin and also kept a signup sheet in the vestibule for over a month and no one came forward in time. Then we had a need, to assign the position, Buddy Kootz alone, generously came forward to help and to serve us in the time of need.

We thank and appreciate Buddy for his service as a PC Chair

### Prayer Warriors

We appreciate you for generously praying for those who are Home Bound, in the Nursing Home and all the others who are suffering with illness at this time. We ask that you especially pray for

Sharon Williams  
Chuck Wolff  
Richard Wargo

### Back to School Prayer

*Lord God, Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us Your ways. Look upon our students. Let them enjoy their learning and persevere in new discoveries. Give them the desire to learn all things well. Look upon our teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentleness and patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant to all a successful year following Jesus and giving witness to He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. †Amen †*

### REMINDER

**EVERY LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH, AFTER HOLY MASS,  
WE HAVE ANOINTING OF THE SICK.**

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*There will be a training session for altar servers on Saturday, August 27 from 10:00am to 11:45 am at the church. This training is especially for new servers but all current servers are invited. For any questions contact Buddy Kootz at 870-847-0264*



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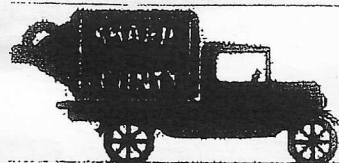


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**MASS TIMES**  
Sunday & Friday—11:15am  
Adoration: After Friday Mass  
Confession after every Mass



# Dear Padre,

**A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?**

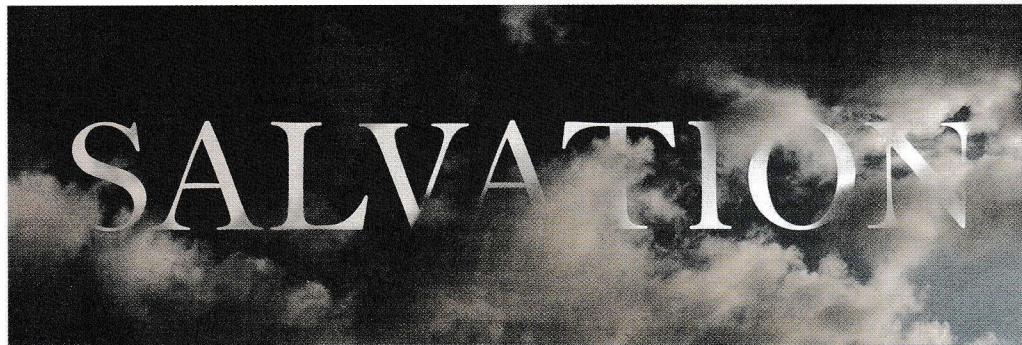
**T**he idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "when therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace*" (600; emphasis added).

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats, in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment" (Matthew 25:31-46).

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus says, "I came to bring division." It is not that Jesus wishes to split people up....Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth, and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties.

ANGELUS, AUGUST 18, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 15

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

### Tuesday

AUGUST 16

*Weekday*  
Ez 28:1-10  
Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

AUGUST 17

*Weekday*  
Ez 34:1-11  
Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

AUGUST 18

*Weekday*  
Ez 36:23-28  
Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

AUGUST 19

*Weekday*  
Ez 37:1-14  
Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

AUGUST 20

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

Ez 43:1-7ab  
Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday

AUGUST 21

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 66:18-21  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13  
Lk 13:22-30