



## “Where Are You At?”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

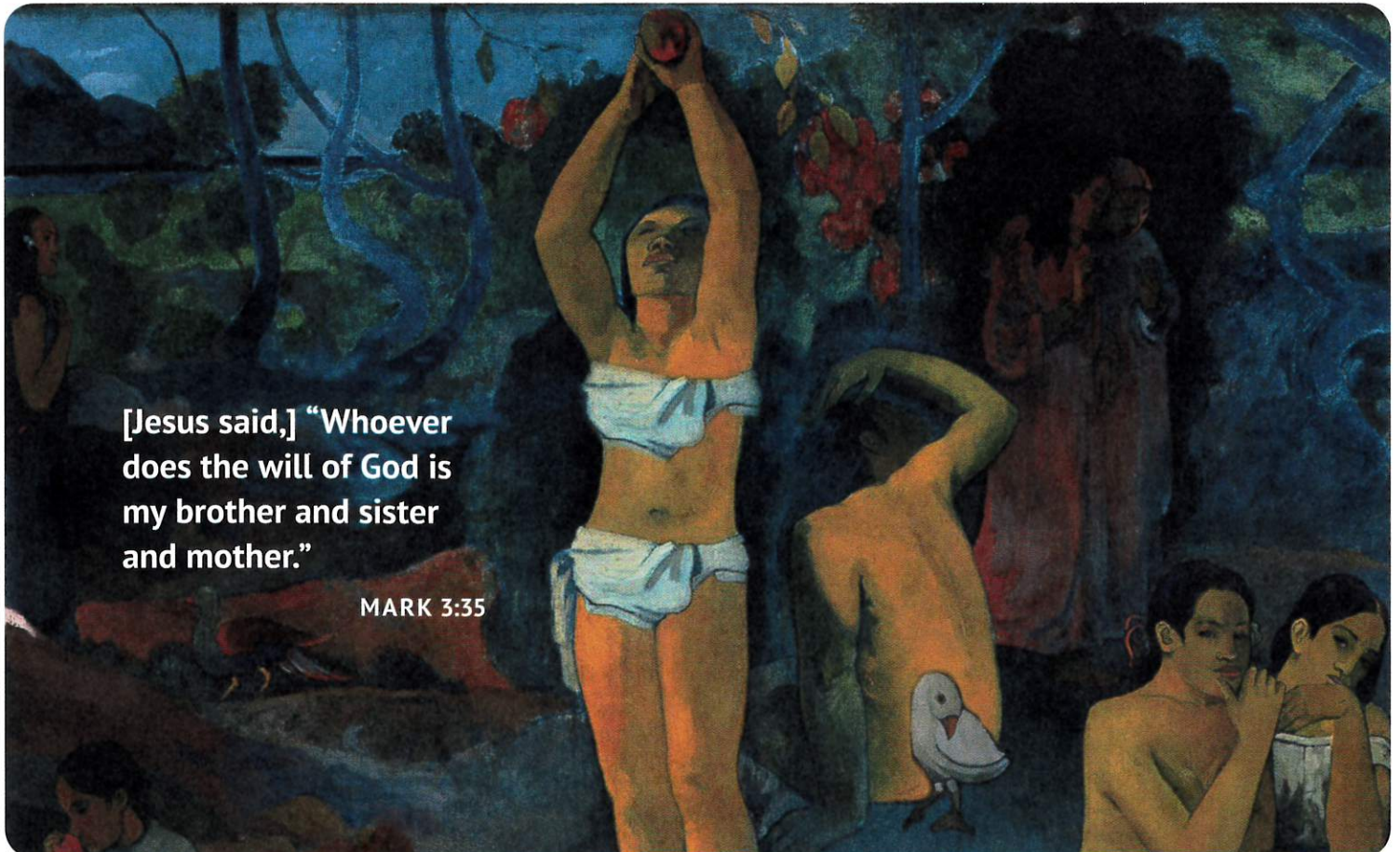
**P**aul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young 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? ●

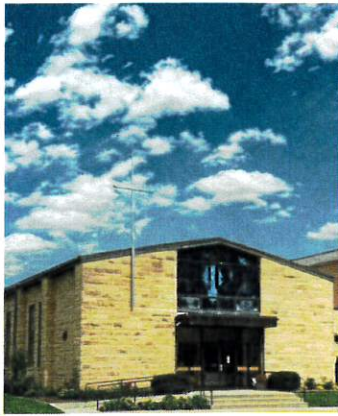
### Reflect

**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



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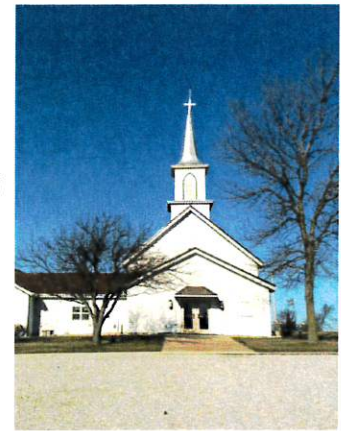
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*"We, the people of St. Athanasius, are a faith community called to pray and worship together, to witness and teach the Gospel, and to serve and minister to others."*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### Tues, June 11

5:30pm @ St. Athanasius

Ellen Kremer

### Wed, June 12

8:00am @ St. Francis

Katherine, Agnes & Nickolas  
Wellner

5:00pm @ St. Athanasius

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### Thurs, June 13

8:00am @ St. Athanasius

Louis Corkery

### Fri, June 14

8:00am @ St. Athanasius

Jane Story

1:30pm @ Winding Creek

### Sat, June 15

5:00pm @ St. Athanasius

Carol Ratchford

### Sun, June 16

8:30am @ St. Athanasius

Bernard Becker

10:30am @ St. Francis

For the People of Our Parishes

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Parents with first child need to participate in a preparation session. Please contact the Parish Office to set up a session or schedule a Baptism.

**Reconciliation:** By appt, call 827-6682, or at scheduled times: St. A's – Tues at 5pm and Sat at 4:00pm  
St. Francis – Second Sunday following Mass

**Marriage:** Preparations take at least six months. Please contact Fr. Ben, 515-290-4856.

**Becoming Catholic/RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Lori Schutte.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you or a loved one are homebound, in hospice or admitted to the hospital, please contact Fr. Ben, 515-290-4856.

## STEWARDSHIP - June 1/2

### St. A Parish

Adult - \$8,487.97

Children's - \$25.00

Offertory - \$286.75

Donut Sunday - \$91.00

### St. Francis Parish

Budget - \$1,165.00

Children - \$30.00

Offertory - \$23.00

Easter - \$25.00

**Total - \$8,890.72**

**Total - \$1,243.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS.

- **Fr. Ben's Farewell** – Sun. June 30 with a potluck after Mass in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share. Tableware & drinks will be provided. Please join us!
- **Last Weekend Collection** this month will be given to North Star in Waterloo. Please be generous.
- **Congratulations to Bennett Russell Zuck**, son of Jacob & Alexis Zuck, who was baptized last Sunday. Welcome!!



*Brantley Driscoll*

Baptized On June 2nd



## ST. A SCHOOL NEWS

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School Office 319-827-1314  
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Danielle Skinner, Secretary

- **Can/Bottle Recycling Trailer** is back! Please- No loose cans or bottles, keep cans and glass separate, use boxes for glass, and tie can bags shut.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- St. Athanasius School is seeking a **Music Teacher** for the 2024-25 School Year. Candidates should apply through <https://www.iowaworks.gov>.
- St. Athanasius School has an ongoing need for **Substitute Teachers**. Please contact the school office for more information.

## FARMERS DAY ST. A FOOD BOOTH JUNE 20-22

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0C4FAEAA23A5F9C34-49582428-2024#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4faeaa23a5f9c34-49582428-2024#/)



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JULY 7-12, 2024



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## MEETINGS

- Monday, June 10 6:00pm CDA Meeting
- Tuesday, June 11 6:30pm Don Bosco School Board Meeting
- Thursday, June 13 6:00pm Finance Meeting
- Thursday, June 13 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting

## ST. ATHANASIUS NEWS

- **Last Weekend Collection** in June is for Iowa Right to Life. Please be generous.
- **Summer Food Program** - St. A's Social Justice Committee & Jesup Ministerial Association are asking for donations of macaroni & cheese and any type of pasta for the summer food program. A box will be in the main entrance for donations until August 7th. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this program successful.



*Father Benjamin Mkrumah*  
**SEND OFF MASS**  
623 Stevens St, Jesup, Iowa  
**Sunday, June 9, 2024  
9:30 AM**

Farewell Reception with cake & refreshments to follow Mass in the St. A Lunchroom.  
*All are Welcome to Join!*

*Thank you for serving  
St. Athanasius for the last  
3 years!*



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- We are in need of more volunteers for our liturgical ministries. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a greeter, usher, server, lector, commentator, Eucharistic minister, Eucharistic minister to the homebound, musician, cantor, counting collections, or children's liturgy, please let the Parish Office know at [dbq109sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq109sec@dbqarch.org) or 827-6682. There are also sign-up forms in each entryway and on our website that may be filled out and returned to the Parish Office.
- Thank you to all of our current volunteers that work tirelessly to fill the roles at Mass. You are appreciated!

## THANK YOU

- Thank you to all who helped me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cards, gifts and visits. You made this a very special day to me. *-Don Burger*



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Several dishes were left after the recent funerals, please look in the Parish Center to see if any of them belong to you! Thank you! 😊





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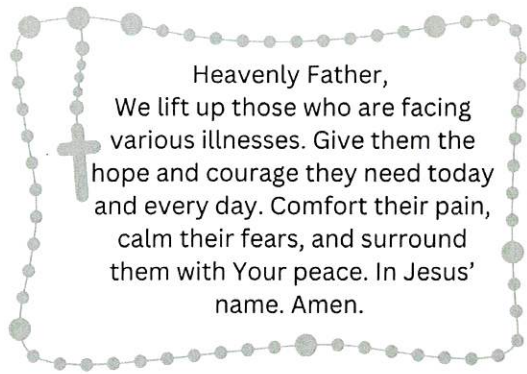
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Save the Date! Iowa March for Life on Saturday, June 22 at 1pm at the State Capital** – This is an opportunity for you to proclaim your support for life from conception to natural death. On the anniversary of the overturning of Roe v. Wade, this is a great summertime activity for you, your family, or your youth group.
- **Volunteer with Catholic Charities**- You can make a difference! Catholic Charities is looking for enthusiastic, service-oriented, and dedicated individuals to join our team as volunteers. We are seeking mentors and support group members to help clients through their journey out of poverty. Please visit our website ([chatholiccharitiesdubuque.org](http://chatholiccharitiesdubuque.org)) for more information or to submit your online volunteer application. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Daniel Shafer at [d.shafer@dbqarch.org](mailto:d.shafer@dbqarch.org) or 319-272-2080.
- **COF Steak Fry** will be Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Athanasius. The evening will start with Mass at 5:00pm. A social will follow in the cafeteria with a steak dinner at 6:30pm. 75 & 50 year members will be recognized at 6:15pm. To attend, please make reservations by June 4<sup>th</sup> to Gene Even at 319-230-7378 or [evenfrosto@aol.com](mailto:evenfrosto@aol.com). Cost is \$7 per person. All court #1099 members and their spouse are invited.
- **CDA Court #1714** meeting Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parish Center. We will welcome a new member into our court and have the installation of New CDA Officers. Our District Deputy will be joining us. We do not meet in July.
- **Jesup Community Blood Drive**- Be someone's hero; give blood on Wednesday, June 19 12:30-5:00pm at First United Methodist Church 455 6<sup>th</sup> St, Jesup. For an appointment, please call Yvette at 319-269-8209 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: JesupIA.
- **Jesup KC's** – meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> (Notice: Change of day of the week) Mass at St. A's at 5:30pm with installation of officers to follow. Social in St. A Lunchroom after Mass with meal and meeting to follow. This will be a couples social and meal: Steak or Chicken. Please make reservations to Brett Hershberger 319-317-3185 by Sun June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jesup KC's Bingo Help** – All Jesup KC Members of #8227 are encouraged to call Rick Budde 319-234-6113 to help at the BINGO Tent at Jesup Farmer's Day on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday June 20, 21, and 22. You will work a 2 Hour shift. This is our biggest fundraiser for our council. Many hands make light work for everyone. Please help out and volunteer and have some fun at the same time. Thank you!
- **The 2024 election season** is well underway, with primary voting this month and general election voting beginning in October before Election Day, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Let's remember the importance of participating in the public life of our country with a well-informed conscience. Take a moment to read the attached bulletin insert with the new Introductory Note for "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." The online version of the insert is available at [www.usccb.org/resources/Introductory-Note-Bulletin-Insert.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/Introductory-Note-Bulletin-Insert.pdf).
- **NFP Ambassador**- If you or a married couple you know are interested in becoming an Ambassador for Natural Family Planning for St. A Parish, please contact the Parish Office at [dbq109sec@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq109sec@dbqarch.org) or 827-6682.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Weekend of June 15/16	5:00pm, St. A	8:30am, St. A	10:30am, St. Francis
Greeters (Main, West, East)	Norm & Linda Delagardelle Bill & Jeanette Delagardelle Kurt & LouAnn Frush	John & Cindy White Tom & Marge Weber Tom & Connie Youngblut	Helen Steffen
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Ushers/Gifts	Gerald O'Loughlin, Mark Becker Ricky Weber, Michael Weber	Denis Weber, Dennis Weber Justin Weber, Frank Weber	Mike Smith Tony Gamerdinger
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# Introductory Note



*Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.*

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

**A**s Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

*Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).*

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.<sup>1</sup> The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

*Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).*

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

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<sup>1</sup> *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.

# Dear Padre,

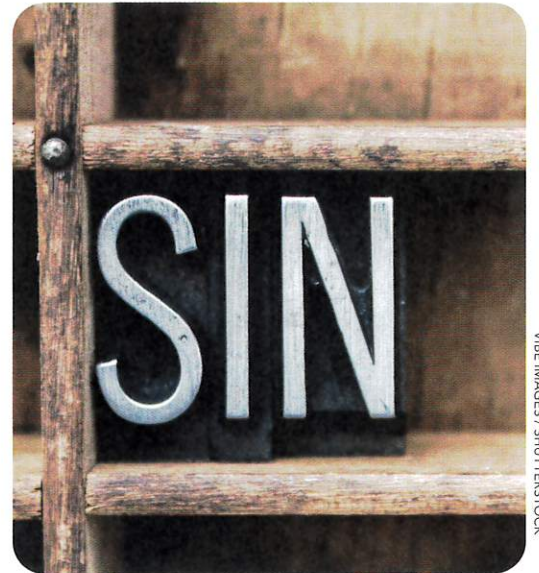
## What is original sin?

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. ●

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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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