



Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

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“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12-13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

Reflect

What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?

The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23



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Mass Intentions

Sat. May 18 Vigil
7:00 p.m. Graces for Smith Family-RSS
Sun May 19 Mass/Pentecost
8:00 a.m. †Helen Stair - VH

Tues May 21 Mass
5:30 p.m. †Marcella Hottinger - LVP
Wed May 22 Mass
7:30 a.m. Graces/Tom & Jessica Koch

Sat. May 25 Vigil
7:00 p.m. †Helen Stair - VH
Sun May 26 Mass/Most Holy Trinity
8:00 a.m. Graces/Margaret McFadden
-WKM

In need of prayer support, call

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Please Pray For Our Sick:

Kane Schrock, Geneva Aguilar, Mary Ann
Kreutzer, Barbara Wolf, Bobby Dreher,
Terry Hart, Pauline Frenzl, Dan Killip,
Ray Hottinger, Deacon Taylor Elder, Bridget
Glosson, Ken Kuntz, Randy Kraich, Carol
Benjamin, Don Mollendor, Von Axtell, Art
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Robert McMillion, Linda Baran

For the Soul:

Kitty Samber

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph

Spend time with our Lord...
Every Tuesday from 5:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m.

May 18th/19th / Mission Appeal
Catholic University of Cameroon in Africa
Rev. Eugen Nkardzedze
Second collection taken for their works.

St. Joseph's corner: "St. Joseph, please help me to know God's love and acceptance and share that with others. Amen"

From the desk of Fr. Marek....
Eucharistic Revival brings many blessings to our parishes. The National Eucharistic Procession from St. Francisco has started. From June 5th thru June 12th, Pilgrims will be walking in our Archdiocese. We are invited to join "The Core Group" when they come to parishes near us.
St. Helena, Ft. Morgan-June 10th/11th
St. Anthony, Sterling-June 11th/12th
More info: Eucharisticpilgrimage.org

Congratulations! Father Joseph Quoc Bui
Ordained a priest May 11 at the Cathedral.
(As a seminarian, he spent a summer here.)

REQUEST FOR MASS INTENTIONS
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
There is no charge for Mass; however, a customary offering of \$10 is appreciated.

Intention Name: _____

_____ Living _____ Deceased

Requested by _____

Phone _____

Date Wanted _____

Lay Minister Schedule
Sierra Mireles
May 26, 2024

Greeters/Gifts: Josh & Jamie Sauer
Pianist: Julie Green
Cantor: Piper Green
Lector: Cathay Schrock
Altar Servers: L Willeke, M Hart, C Weis
Head Usher: Matthew Pieper
Euch Ministers: Linda Littleton, David Poss

Is God calling Me to be a deacon?

Some parishioners are called to Diaconate; however, they don't know how to begin. In November of 2024, a new formation class of men for the Permanent Diaconate begins. To learn more, please visit:
www.sjvdenver.edu/deacons



Anointing of the Sick
May 25/26 after each Mass

May 27
Monday at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at the cemetery



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Dear Padre,

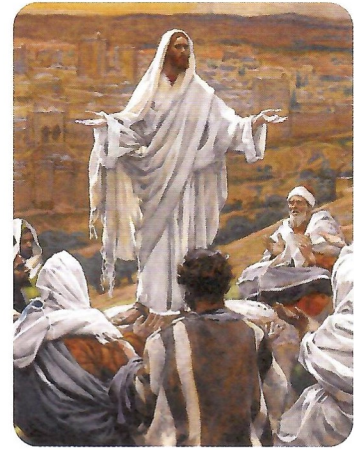
Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

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