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love one another as I love you.”

JOHN 15:12



## We're Like Trees

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A** while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grew they would straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us—as the Gospel suggests—then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately though, God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in that process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus. ●

### Reflect

**Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.**



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**Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

**Weddings:** By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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Be the sunshine in someone's life by donating new or clean men and/or women **SUN HATS/CAPS AND SOCKS** to the St. Vincent De Paul Head & Toe Drive.

Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of those who receive these much needed items!

At the back of your parish church will be a box/container for you to deposit your generous donations.

The cut off date to donate these items will be **May 12th.** These will be given to the clients that attend Loaves & Fishes on May 19th just in time for the May 24th holiday!

**“Your kindness can make a world of difference.”**

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. May 4th	6:30pm	+ Pacheco Family & Maiato Family
Sun. May 5th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
	1:30pm	+ Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres
		+ Kevin Ledo, Jose Cunha
	11:30 am 6:00 pm	Couples for Christ & Family Ministries St. Theresa's Parish Family
Mon. May 6th	7:30am	Intentions of John Spiewak
Tues. May 7th	7:30am	Intentions of Bishop Wes Spiewak, CR
Wed. May 8th	7:30am	+ Molly Funk
	12:10pm	Intentions of Ana & Steven Medeiros
Thurs May 9th	7:30am	+ Helen Dowling
	12:10pm	Sierra Graham
Fri. May 10th	7:30am	+ In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
	12:10pm	Elizabeth Madeiros
Sat. May 11th	6:30pm	+ All Mothers', Living & Dead
Sun. May 12th (Portuguese)	8:30am	+ All Mothers', Living & Dead
	10:00am	+
	11:30am	+ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz
	6:00pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family

## NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: May 11th & 12th, 2024

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
<b>Proclaimer:</b>	A. Machado	C. Scarth	I. Aleria	R. Dillena
<b>Communion</b>	P. Whitecross	E. Cabral	E. Mosley	D. Robiso
<b>Ministers:</b>	Volunteer needed	H. Cabral	A. Kelly	Volunteer Needed
<b>Song Leaders:</b>	B. Barreto-Hogan	M. Pastor	K. Judd	CFC Kids





**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT :**

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

<b>Steward's Sharing of Treasure</b>		
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Collection:</b>	<b>Apr. 6th /7th</b>	<b>\$4,518.00</b>
<b>Electronic offering:</b>	<b>April 6th/7th</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
<b>To Date:</b>	<b>Week 15</b>	<b>\$126,191.00</b>

*Thank you for your support!*


**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**

**May 5th-11th, 2024**

**Donation Given for**

**Two 7-Day Votive Candles And 2 Roses**

**In Memory of Maria de Jesus Pacheco**





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

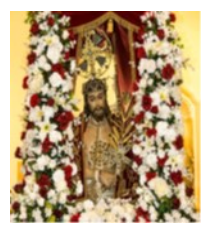
On Saturday, May 18th at 9:00am, our CCD students will be watching the movie "Prince of Egypt". This event is open to other children in our parish of every age (100+ included). If you or your child will be attending, please email us at [stthersas@northrock.bm](mailto:stthersas@northrock.bm), as we need to organize seating and prepare enough popcorn and juices for everyone.

**SECOND HAND CAR NEEDED:**

We are looking to equip Fr. Vivien with a used car at a good price, preferably in the TCD classes of A-D. If you know of someone looking to sell their car, please contact the St. Patrick's Rectory Office

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Bishop Wes will be away next week as he has been invited to preside at the Solemnity of the Ascension in Witten, Germany. There will be NO Portuguese Mass on Wednesday, 8th of May at St. Patrick's nor on Saturday, 11th of May at St. Theresa's Cathedral.



**FEAST OF SENHOR SANTO CRISTO DOS MILAGRES (Miracles):**

The Senhor Santo Cristo Festival will begin on Saturday, May 4th at 7:45pm, with the transfer of the statue from the chapel to the sanctuary, followed by Mass and festivities in the MSA Courtyard. On Sunday, May 5th, the Festival continues with a solemn Mass in Portuguese commencing at 1:30pm. A procession will immediately follow the Mass, followed by festivities in the MSA Courtyard, and a raffle draw at 8:00pm. The celebrant for these special Masses will be Bishop Wes with con-celebrant Fr. Luis Dutra from Pico in the Azores. All are invited to attend this

**THE BISHOP'S CORNER**



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In his message for the 58th World Day of Social Communications, celebrated on the 12th of May, Pope Francis urges humanity to cultivate wisdom of the heart in the age of Artificial Intelligence. The message focuses on the theme: Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.

AI is "radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society," says Pope Francis, adding that "these changes affect everyone. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?"

In answering this question, the Holy Father notes that "at this time in history, which risks becoming rich in technology and poor in humanity, our reflections must begin with the human heart. Wisdom of the heart, then, is the virtue that enables us to integrate the whole and its parts, our decisions and their consequences, our nobility and our vulnerability, our past and our future, our individuality and our membership within a larger community."

The Pope goes on to stress that such wisdom cannot be sought from machines. Although the term "artificial intelligence" has replaced the term "machine learning," he said, "the very use of the word intelligence can prove misleading." He also explained that it is not enough to be able to store data, like machines do, but that this data must be made sense of, and "human beings alone" are capable of this. "Depending on the inclination of the heart, everything within our reach becomes either an opportunity or a threat," warns Pope Francis. He notes that the technology of simulation behind AI algorithms can be useful in certain specific fields. However, he adds, the use of AI becomes "perverse when it distorts our relationship with others and with reality."

He then invited everyone to grow together, "in humanity and as humanity," recalling that we are all challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become "a complex, multiethnic, pluralistic, multireligious, and multicultural society." Bringing his message for World Communications Day to a close, Pope Francis recalls that "it is up to us to decide whether we will become fodder for algorithms or will nourish our hearts with that freedom without which we cannot grow in wisdom." Only together, he concludes, can we increase our capacity for discernment and vigilance and for seeing things in the light of their fulfilment.

For the full official text go to: <https://tinyurl.com/bda3yxp5>

Enjoy your weekend and have a blessed week!

*Bishop Wes*

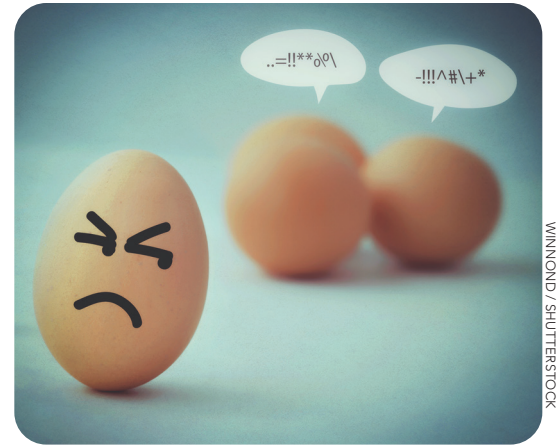
# Dear Padre,

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.”  
Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11	Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15	Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20	Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28	Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 Mk 16:15–20



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.**

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021