



[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
JOHN 21:16

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Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

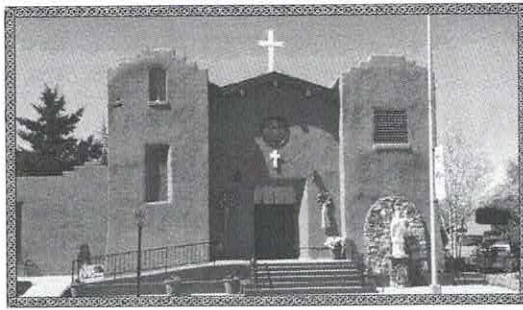
This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * *What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?*
- * *In what ways have you been given a second chance?*



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Contact Pastor

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Contact Fr. Joseph -6 Months Prior

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By appointment with the Pastor

MAY 1ST

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giveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.*

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|             |                                                        |                                                                                       |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| at, Apr. 30 | +Irene Miera<br>+Diana Segura<br>+Tim Gallagher        | by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Mary Alice Gallagher       |
| (OLOG)      | SI 30th Anniversary of<br>Confirmation of Dale Kissner | by Carol Kissner                                                                      |
| un, May 1   | +Inasita Padilla<br>+Rene Valdez<br>+Irene Miera       | by PeeWee, Laura & Vivian<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood     |
| at, May 7   | +Inez Romero<br>+Tim Gallagher<br>+Jody Leal           | by Debra, Pam & Andrea<br>by Mary Gallagher<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood               |
| un, May 8   | +Eloisa Valdez<br>+Sofia Martinez<br>+Helen Trujillo   | by Judy Steen<br>by Judy Steen<br>by Claude Trujillo & Family                         |
| at, May 14  | + Tim Gallagher<br>+Diana Segura<br>+Rene Valdez       | by Mary Gallagher<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood             |
| un, May 15  | +Lillie Barreras<br>+Irene Miera<br>+Jody Leal         | by Barreras & Ulibarri Family<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood<br>by Sammie & Raymond Wood |

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|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
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| April 16-17 | \$3,555.95 | \$ 433.00   |
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**Our Lord to St. Faustina-**

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to me."

"On receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta had the courage to say to the leaders of political communities: 'If we let a mother kill the fruit of her womb, what is left to us? It is the principle of abortion that endangers peace in the world'. It is true! There can be no true peace without respect for life, especially if it is innocent and defenseless as is that of the unborn child. Elementary coherence requires those who seek peace to safeguard life. No pro-peace activity can be effective unless attacks on life at all its stages, from conception until natural death, are as energetically opposed.'" (St. John Paul II To The Members Of The Italian Pro-Life Movement, 22 May 2003)

**Lectors for Masses**

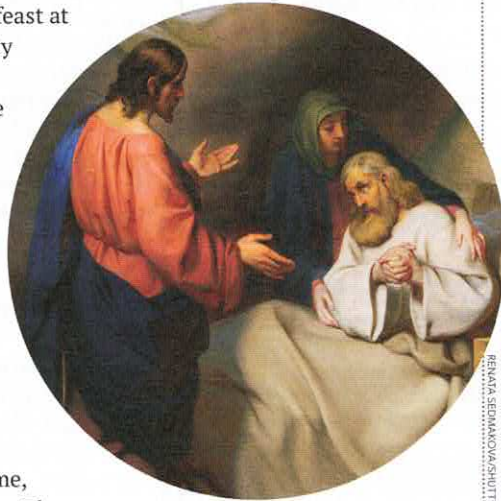
- Sat, May 7- Shelley Carter
- Sun, May 8- Pat Crisp
- Sat, May 14- Ross Carter
- Sun, May 15- Chase Carter

# Dear Padre,

## Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

**I**t's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.*

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles  
1 Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14

### Wednesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

### Friday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday

MAY 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17  
Jn 10:27-30

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