

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

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MIND AND / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026



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Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of

the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2 / Matthew 16:21–27



I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

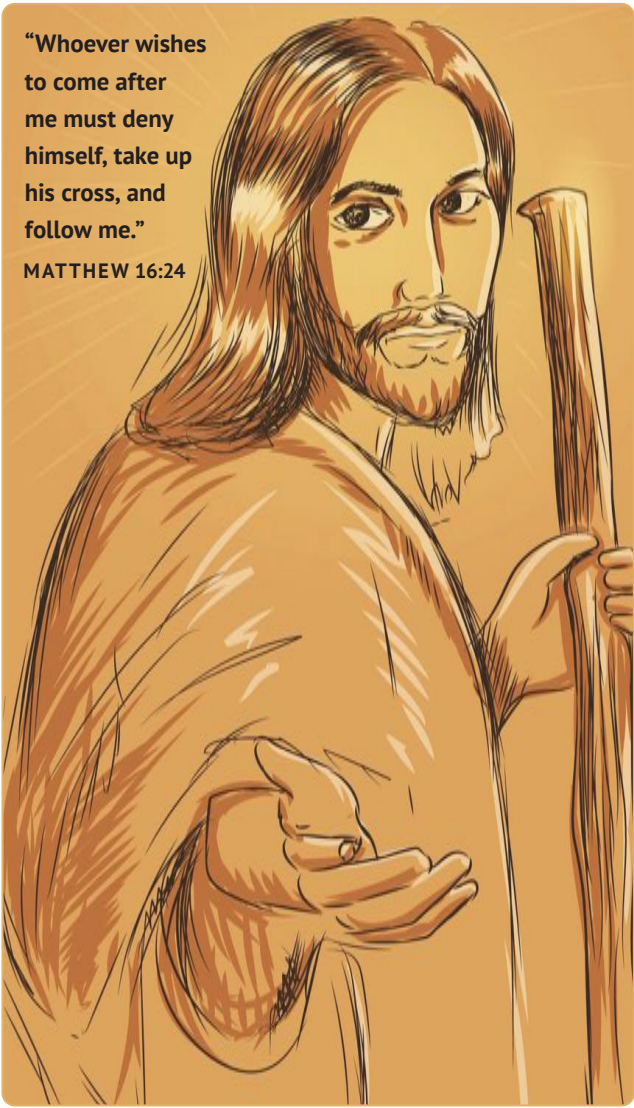
Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●

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MATTHEW 16:24



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Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?



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Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday – 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM
Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil - 5:30 PM and 8:00 AM

Confessions: 30min. prior to each Holy Mass (or by appointment)

Holy Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation – 6:00 PM

August 30th, 2026 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, August 29th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, August 30th
9:00 AM - Luke Ohlmacher and family

Tuesday, September 1st
7:00 PM - Dr. Ali Yusuff

Wednesday, September 2nd
8:00 AM - Michele Fundaun

Thursday, September 3rd
8:00 AM - Kaitlin Sulentic

Friday, September 4th
8:00 AM - Joel Fundaun and family

Saturday, September 5th
5:30 PM - Mike Heslin

Sunday, September 6th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

*If you would like to have a Holy Mass intention for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the Parish Office by calling: 970-728-3387 or place your request in the collection basket near the entrance of the church.
- Suggested donation for each mass is \$10.*

Healing Prayers - Rezos Por Tus Curaciones

Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers...

Kevin Kiernan, Bob Kammer, Cody Couture, Dakota Couture, Eric Block, Judy Donnelly, Mike Napolitano, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Marianne Edward, CarolAnn O'Dea, Juan Esparza, Martha Gagliano, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, Susan Martin Smith

Upcoming Events: *All Are Welcome!*

First Fridays of the month - Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Holy Mass and Adoration - 8:00 AM.

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM- Holy Adoration. 7:00 PM – Holy Mass

Second Tuesdays of month: 7:30 PM – Men's Group

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM
Women's Group Faith Fun Fellowship – Church

Thursdays: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Mass - Church

First Sunday of the month - Holy Adoration 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.

Each Sunday during Summer- Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Last Saturday of the month - Bilingual Holy Mass

“So also we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a part, the one of the other.”
Romans 12:5

Parish Announcements:

We would like to welcome all Visitors who are with us celebrating the Holy Mass this weekend.

Please check our ***Parish Website /Calendar*** for updated schedule of events.

Please join us for ***praying the Holy Rosary*** on Sundays before 9:00 AM Holy Mass. It starts at 8:30 AM.

Coffee and donuts every Sunday during summer after 9:00 AM Holy Mass. We need more volunteers to help.

Our next event for St Patrick Anniversary Celebration is our **Parish Mission** with Rev. Chad Ripperger on September 25 - 27, 2026. Sign-up sheet is on the back of the Church, as well as program for our Parish Mission.

First Friday – September 4th. Devotion the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 8:00 AM.

Pilgrimage to Poland – June 8 – 22, 2027.

Next Sunday – ***Holy Adoration 30 minutes*** before each Holy Mass,

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,846.00
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“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I invite you to join me on a Pilgrimage through Poland, a land of chapels, mountains, and shrines, from June 8th to 22nd, 2027. On this journey, we will follow in the footsteps of three great Polish Saints- St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Faustina Kowalska - as we embrace the culture of the Polish people centered in Krakow. On this trip, you will have the opportunity to embrace the homeland of St. John Paul II. Walk in his footsteps from where he was born and baptized to where he later visited as Pope. In Lagiewniki, we will pray in the Shrine of Divine Mercy and be drawn closer to the life of St. Faustina and Christ's message of Mercy. At Auschwitz, we will encounter the reality of the holocaust and pray for the departed souls as St. John Paul II did, while also celebrating the heroic martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave up his life for another prisoner. Join us for beautiful mountainsides, magnificent churches, colorful marketplaces, inspiring stories about the lives of these Polish Saints, amazing food, and much more!
Viva Cristo Rey!