

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person's suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. 🌟



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

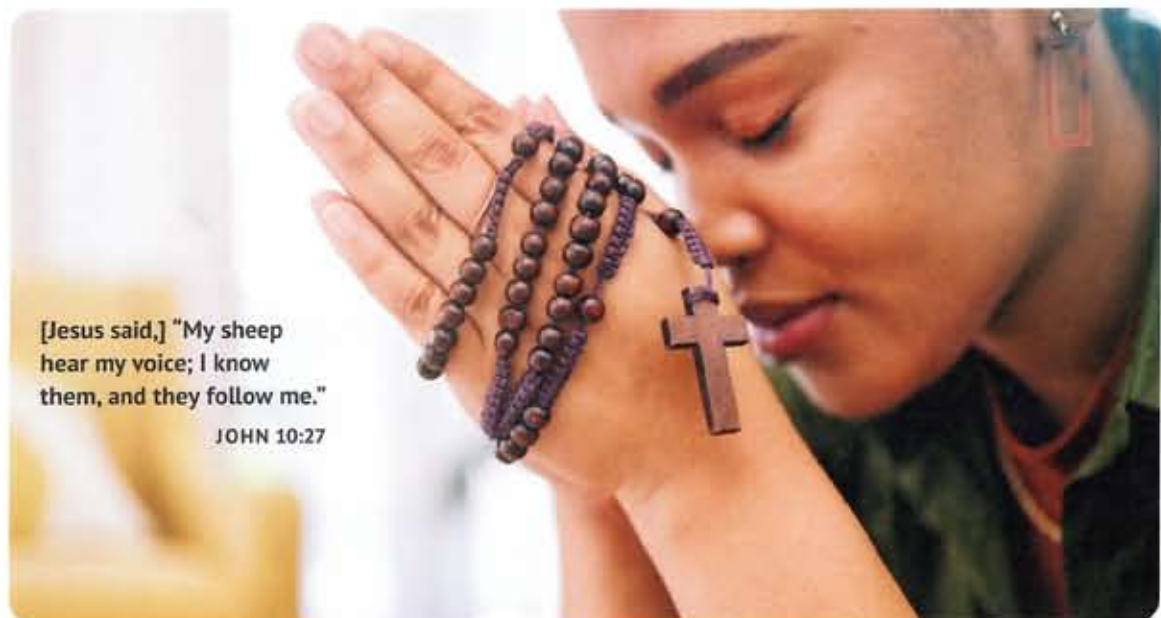
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. 🌟

Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?**



[Jesus said,] "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

JOHN 10:27



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Fr. Tim Kozak: Pastor

Love God. Love neighbor. Make disciples.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Sat.	10	7:00pm	The People Of St. Bernard & St. James Parishes by Fr. Tim Kozak
Sun.	11	7:30am 9:30am	Clint A. ☩ by Steve & Freda Neill Alecia Fouss ☩ by Elaine Schott
Mon.	12	6:00pm	The Living & Deceased Members of St. Bernard CWC by CWC
Wed.	14	6:30pm	Anthony & Ethel Huck ☩ by Roger Huck
Thurs.	15	8:00am	The People of St. Bernard & St. James Parishes by Fr. Tim Kozak
Fri.	16	8:00am	Ralph Tornes, Jr. ☩ by Peter & Ruth Carbone
Sat.	17	7:00pm	1 st Anniversary of Death of Dan Strahler ☩ by Fr. Tim Kozak
Sun.	18	7:30am 9:30am	Terry Ellis ☩ by The Ellis Family Larry Schwendeman ☩ by Pat & Patricia Tornes

Liturgical Ministries

	This Saturday, 7:00pm	This Sunday, 7:30am	This Sunday, 9:30am
Servers	Bo Schaad	TBA	Maya Davis & Sara D.
Lector	Lucy Klintworth	Steve Littler	Rachel Miller
EMHC	Lois Ellis, Carolyn Miller (Cup) & Brenda Duffy (Cup)	Randy Schilling & Kathy Huck	Cris Baker, Tyler Antill (Cup) & Teresa Coleman (Cup)
Gifts	TBA	Steve & Barb Littler	John & Cierra Lang Family
Ushers	TBA	Ed Huck & Matt Brooker	Layton Coleman & Joe Schott
	Next Saturday 7:00pm	Next Sunday, 7:30am	Next Sunday, 9:30am
Servers	Bo Schaad	TBA	Maggie Baldwin & Ella Schweikert
Lector	Brenda Duffy	Roger Huck	Kim Cooper
EMHC	Janice Schaad, Lois Ellis (Cup) & Carolyn Miller (Cup)	Lisa Campbell & Roger Huck	Tom Minton, Debbie Minton (Cup) & Mitch Schott (Cup)
Gifts	TBA	Matt & Pat Brooker	
Ushers	TBA	Bill Dunn & Jeff Bauerbach	Mitch Schott & Cody Coleman

Remember Them in your Prayers

Please Call Lillian Schilling: 740.984.2958

(RS)-Repose of Soul, (SI)-Special Intention, Else Health

1st Week	Carol (RS), Terry Ellis (RS), Dean Henry (RS), Nicci & Chris Hinton (SI), Alice Huck (RS), Janet Lang, Seneca Sadler (RS), Liam Whitworth (RS)
2nd Week	Mike Kordeleshi (RS), Msgr. Larry Luciana (RS), Bonnie Schaad (RS), Keegan Thieman, Veronica Way
3rd Week	Austin Amos, Joslyn Flowers (SI), Jeffrey M., Peggy T., Meagan Tompkins
4th Week	Haden Carmen (RS), Peggy H., Jesse Lang, Catherine Sheppard, Steve Tornes

Our Lady of Fátima

In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared, in Fátima, Portugal, to three shepherd children: the nine year old Lúcia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta. They described the apparition as "the Lady more brilliant than the sun." She told the children that prayer would lead to the end of "the Great War." The apparitions were initially believed to be politically motivated, but in 1930 the local bishop declared the events worthy of belief. In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared a pontifical decree of coronation. Lúcia told of three secrets that she received from Our Lady, two of which she revealed in her memoirs, and one that was later revealed by the Church. This feast day is on May 13th.

Pray for our New Pope: Make sure to pray for Pope Leo XIV. It is a tremendous responsibility to lead 1.4 billion souls. May Pope Leo XIV faithfully and diligently exercise the three *munera* of a bishop: to teach, to govern and to sanctify.

M is for the Million Things You Gave Me: This Sunday is Mother's Day. Make sure to do something to let your mother know how much you appreciate all of the good things that she has done for you. If your mother has passed away, consider doing a plenary indulgence.

Mother's Day Dinner: St. Henry in Harrietsville will have a chicken and ham dinner **this Sunday, May 11th, from 11am until 2:00pm.** The cost is \$15 for adults. For more information you can call Debbie at 740.373.2882.

Monday Mass at 6:00pm: Please note that the Mass on Monday is at 6:00pm.

CWC Mother/Daughter Potluck: The CWC will hold the potluck on **Monday, May 12th, at 6:30pm in the Hall.** All the women of the parish are invited to attend and celebrate their roles as mothers and daughters.

Graduation Mass: The parish will honor our graduates at the Mass on **Sunday, May 18th, at the 9:30am Mass.** The graduates will be in their caps and gowns. A letter has gone out to each of the graduates asking them to participate in the liturgy.

Parish Blood Drive: The CWC will be hosting a blood drive on **Thursday, May 22nd, from noon-6:00pm in the Parish Hall.** This is a great opportunity to come to the aid of another by giving them the gift of life. Blood can be donated about every two months. You can sign up online at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Teaching Position at St. John School: St. John Central School is seeking a dedicated **3rd grade teacher** for the upcoming school year. For more information, please contact the school at 740.896.2697. You can send your resume to:
St. John Central School
Attn: Rebecca Hilverding
17654 SR 676
Marietta, OH 45750

United in Marriage: Congratulations to **Paul Schaad and Monica Garner** who were recently united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they be blessed with many wonderful years together.

Barbecue and Square Dance: St. Michael in Carlisle will have a chicken barbecue on **Sunday, May 25th, from 11:00am to 1:30pm.** It is dine in or carry out. There will be bingo in the afternoon with a square dance from 7:00pm to 10:00pm with music by Little Creek Band.

June Social Signup: It takes a lot of work to make the June Social a success. You can be a tremendous help by signing up to volunteer. There is a signup sheet on the counter in the back of the church.

Donations for June Social: The Social is Wednesday, June 25th, and you can do your part now to make this a big success. The CWC is looking for items, services and cash donations. **Please contact Pat Brooker at 740.984.4083.**

Memorial Stones: If you would like your old memorial stone, they are on the edge of the parking lot between the church and the garage. If you would like to purchase a new stone then please contact the parish offices.

\$500 Scholarship: The Parish Council is offering two \$500 scholarships to members of St. Bernard who are graduating high school seniors or who are currently attending a post-secondary institution. There is a form on the parish Facebook page.

Pray for our Seminarians: Please continue to pray for our seminarians, especially Caleb Baker who is finishing up his second year.

Please Mark Your Envelopes for DPSC: If you want your weekly donation to be used toward DPSC, please make sure to clearly write *DPSC* on your envelope.

50th Anniversary of Fr. Tim Shannon: Please join Father Tim on **Sunday, June 1st, as he presides at the 11:30am Mass at St. Mary in St. Clairsville.** Please RSVP with the number of persons attending by May 9th at 740.695.9993 or office@stmarychurchstc.com.