



## “Where Are You At?”

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**P**aul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin’s middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God’s question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It’s not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

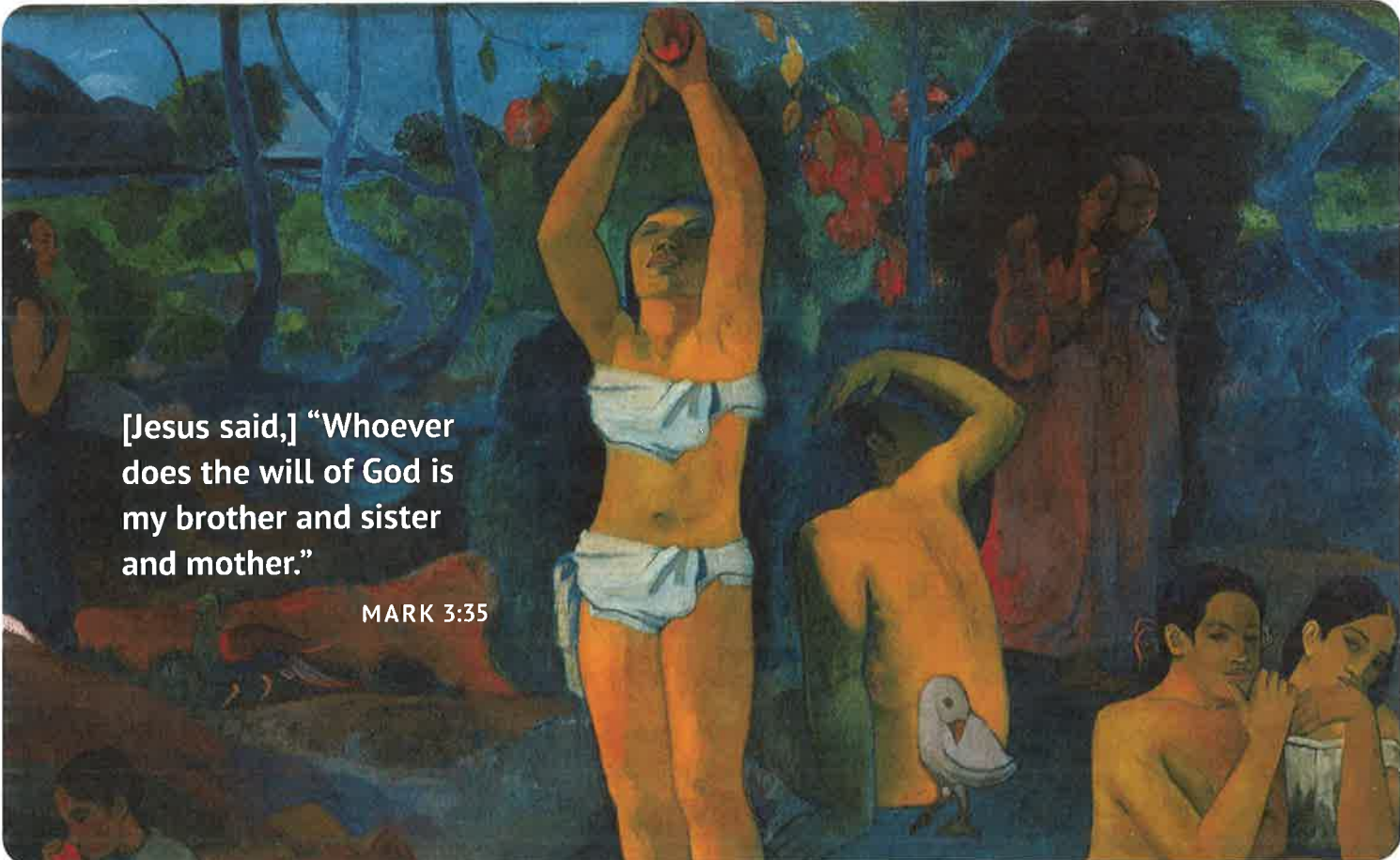
Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more.

Where are you at? ●

### Reflect

**How would you answer Gauguin’s three questions?**



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35

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## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 9, 2024

**The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Josephine Fredriksen & God's Blessings on Rosemarie & Bill Strock on their 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### ★★MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Carl J. Kubitz	THURS	7:00PM	No Mass
SUN	7:30 AM	Our Parishioners	FRI	7:30AM	No Mass
	9:00 AM	Frances & Joseph Bambrick, Sr	SAT	5:15PM	Our Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Living Members of ICC Women's Society	SUN	7:30AM	Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
MON	7:30 AM	Sybilla & Francis Miller		9:00AM	Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
TUES	7:00 PM	Mary Varney		11:00AM	Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish
WED	7:30 AM	Mr & Mrs. Peter & Paz Go & Family			

The Second Collection Next Week is the Debt Reduction Collection

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**a part of our  
 Flock!**



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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stetina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Anthony Scaglione, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Terry Swisher, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Joe Nowotarski, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, Michael Bobb, John Kusznr, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Michael Gulla, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Christine Hummer, Tony Guilliams, Phyllis Villano & Bob Warunek.

**Congratulate Newly Baptized: Quinn Evelyn Cremi & Parker Joseph DeFalco.**

**Please pray for recently deceased Charlene Leisey.**

**Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at**

[www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org)

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11AM-3PM. IF YOU CALL  
THE PARISH OFFICE AND NO ONE ANSWERS YOUR  
CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR  
CALL WILL BE RETURNED 610-582-2411

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Please be advised that  
there will be *no daily Mass* on **Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
or **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you very much for  
your kind understanding.

**Knighthood and Brotherhood:** Learn about  
the Knights of Columbus and our award-  
winning involvement at Immaculate  
Conception Parish and in our local  
community by visiting our Narthex display  
and talking with members of our Parish KofC  
Council during Membership Awareness  
Weekend on Saturday & Sunday, June 15 &  
16 following all Masses. Visit our  
organizations page at  
<http://www.icbvm.org> for information and a  
local calendar

**A Request for Prayers:** Please keep parishioners  
Shawn and Michol Kaeser and their family in  
your thoughts and prayers. Shawn is in end stage  
kidney failure and is in need of a  
transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis  
and is on the transplant list. Please pray that a  
donor may soon be found. If interested in  
learning more about organ donation, please call  
Shawn at 610-906-2833 or e-mail at  
[skaeser1969@icloud.com](mailto:skaeser1969@icloud.com).

**Rosary Prayer Group – Tuesdays at 6:30pm**  
Please join us in praying for our church's prayer  
intentions. If you have an intention you would like  
the group to remember, please place your  
intentions in the Rosary Prayer Box in the narthex.

Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation  
for a half-day retreat at the Daylesford Abbey  
in Paoli, for a special retreat for Catholics  
wounded by divorce/separation. **Sat, June 15,**  
**2024,** [https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-](https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html)  
[retreat.html](https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html) Questions: email  
[director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

**Join us for 18 holes of fundraising fun,**  
with all proceeds going to support  
Immaculate Conception Academy!  
**June 24 Golf Scramble starts at 9am**  
**Where:** French Creek Golf Club  
4500 Conestoga Rd, Elverson, PA 19520  
For more info contact ICAGOLFS.COM

## Parish Giving.

### **SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Through Parish Giving, you are able to make  
your Sunday Offering, along with special  
diocesan and other contributions online!

*Thank you for your commitment to our parish  
family and its Mission to proclaim the good news  
of the Gospel!*

Won't you join us? It's easy, safe and secure. And  
YOU have control over your online account. *How?*

- † You determine a monthly or weekly withdrawal
  - † Use your Credit/Debit card or your checking account
  - † See your year-to-date contributions at any time
  - † Best of all, you don't have to worry about missing a  
Sunday Collection even if you are away for any reason!
- Go to [www.icbvm.org](http://www.icbvm.org) and click the Parish Giving  
link on the lower left-hand side of the home page.

*Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly  
appreciated!*

### **Register Now for the ICA Mini Golf Classic** **Event Details:**

**Date:** June 22nd, starting at 10 am

**Location:** Schell's Miniature Golf  
4625 5th Street Hwy, Temple, PA 19560

**Registration:** Required in advance.

**Website:** [ICAGOLFS.COM](http://ICAGOLFS.COM)

*Open to the public, we encourage you to extend  
this invitation to your friends.*

**Church Reminders:** SCRIP is available for  
Redners, Boscovs, Giant, Kohls, Boyers & Weis.  
SCRIP can be purchased in the church office,  
Wed. to Fri. & after the Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun.  
7:30am Masses. Please remember to save your  
Redner's tapes and place them in the box in the  
Narthex or drop off at the church office.

**MARRIED COUPLES –** When's the last  
time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep  
your engines running by getting away  
together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Weekend! The next in-person experiences  
are July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa,  
Doylestown. For more info visit:  
<https://www.wvme-philly.org>

**SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**HERO HOTLINE-Called Together to Serve God**  
July 15-July 19, 2024 Ages 6-10  
Registration forms are in the Narthex

# Dear Padre,

## What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. “Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, [*Gaudium et Spes*], 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were “very good.” However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each “descendant of Adam” (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.***

ANGELUS, JUNE 10, 2018



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### MONDAY

June 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1–6

Mt 5:1–12

### TUESDAY

June 11

St. Barnabas,  
Apostle

Acts 11:21b–26;

13:1–3

Mt 5:13–16

### WEDNESDAY

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20–39

Mt 5:17–19

### THURSDAY

June 13

St. Anthony of  
Padua, Priest and  
Doctor of the  
Church

1 Kgs 18:41–46

Mt 5:20–26

### FRIDAY

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–16

Mt 5:27–32

### SATURDAY

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19–21

Mt 5:33–37

### SUNDAY

June 16

Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22–24

2 Cor 5:6–10

Mk 4:26–34

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The **Women's Society of Immaculate Conception Church** would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who participated in our multiple fund raisers throughout the year. Your generosity and contributions are greatly appreciated.

God bless each of you and your families. Have a safe and blessed summer.