



A Haunting Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“What are you looking for?” asks Jesus of the two disciples who come to see who he is and what he is about. They are Jesus’ first words in John’s Gospel, and that’s what the entire Gospel of John is about, an answer to that piercing question.

I spent the week living with that question, never really finding an answer that seemed to fit, or perhaps I got too many answers, all of them somehow falling short. Why do I spend an hour early each morning sitting in the silence? I read some Scripture, but then mostly I sit with the silence. Many are the times when my mind drifts to other times and places and daydreams. Sometimes the silence is scattered with boredom; at other times it stumbles with prayerful words; and sometimes in the silence I look for answers to the plaguing whys of life. Mostly, though, I sit in the silence. I’d like to call it prayer, but then I wonder if I’m simply floundering in wishful thinking. So I return to that haunting question—“What are you looking for?”

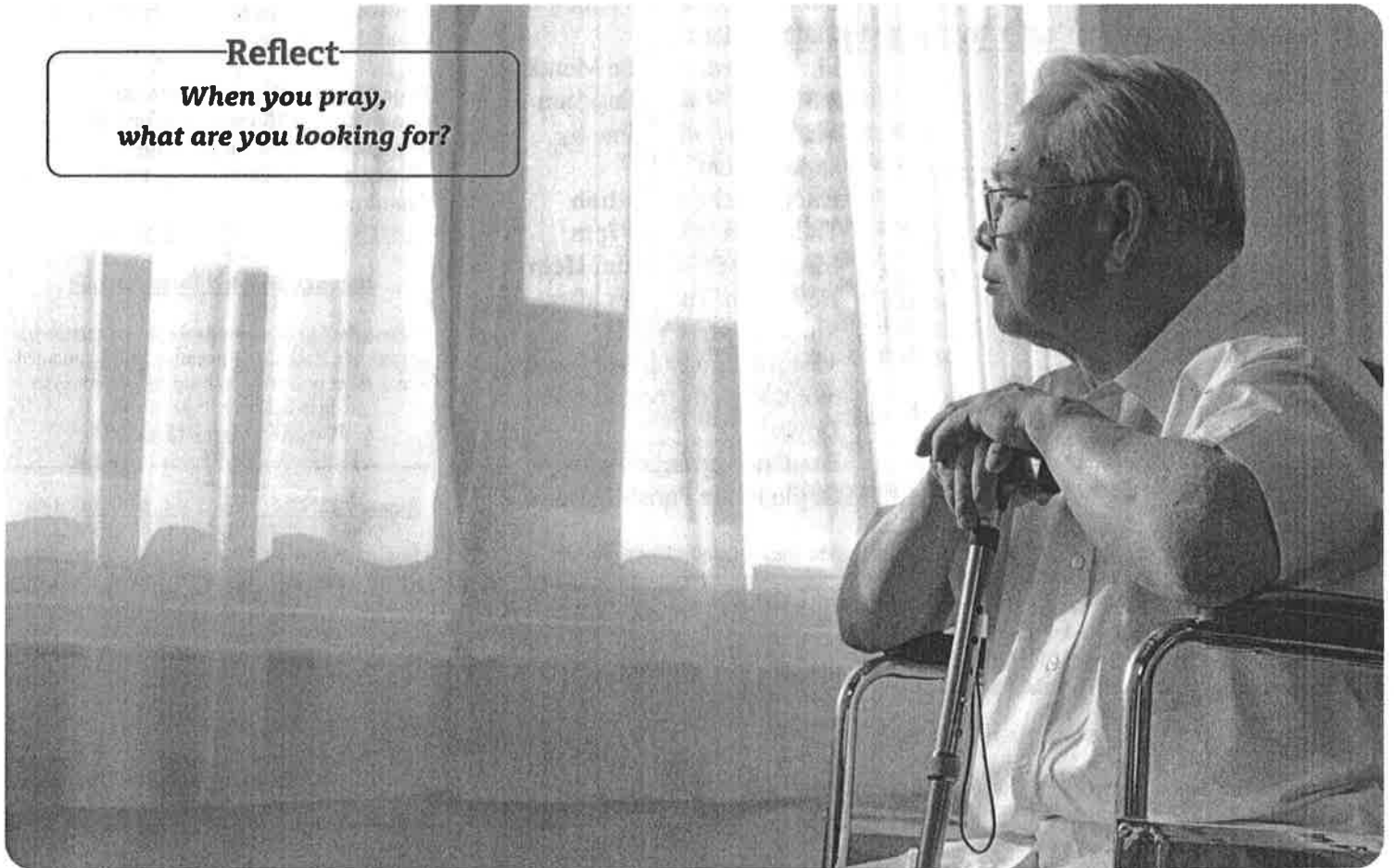
I think perhaps the answer is similar to what I look for when I gather with friends. Sometimes the get-together is engaging, but not always. Sometimes it is memorable, but not always. Sometimes we just hang out, and that can be enough. Ultimately relationships keep me grounded. That also is why I spend time in the silence. It’s what I’m looking for when I pray—to be in relationship with God, to be grounded lest I drift away and grow lost. ●

**[Eli] said to Samuel,
“Go to sleep, and if you are
called, reply, ‘Speak, LORD,
for your servant is listening.’”**

1 SAMUEL 3:9

Reflect

**When you pray,
what are you looking for?**





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General Fund \$6762.00

Loose \$114.00

Votive Stand \$46.00

St Louis Review \$105.00

TOTAL \$7,027.00

55 General Offering envelopes collected,
including children.

Social Group will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, January 24th at noon to Dutzow Deli. Everyone is welcome to join us, especially our friends from St Ignatius and Immaculate Conception. No reservations are required.

Come and enjoy the fun.

Mass Schedule

St Ignatius ~ St Vincent Immaculate Conception

<u>Saturday</u>	5:00pm SI
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00am IC
	10:30am SV
<u>Monday</u>	8:00am IC
<u>Tuesday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Wednesday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>Thursday</u>	8:00am SI
<u>Friday</u>	8:00am SV
<u>First Saturday</u>	8:00am IC

Holy Days—Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI

Sunday 10:00am SV, before
Sunday Mass

First Saturday of the Month

8:30am IC (following 8am

Mass) Any other time by

appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 8:30am-7pm

Mother of Perpetual Help

Devotions Tuesdays after

Morning Mass at SI

Marriages arranged at least 6

months in advance with Fr.

Doyle

Baptisms arranged with Fr.

Doyle in the Parish Office

Book Club—Saturday 2/3/24

11am-noon

The Book Club will be working on the pastoral letter "Open Wide our Hearts." Contact Stacy 314-974-6645 for booklet and study guide.

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

- 01/15 NO School—Martin Luther King Day
Parish Office Closed
- 01/15 Church Cleaning Team 1—Michelle Hellebusch
- 01/16 Rosary & Litany after Mass
- 01/17-02/01 Fr. Doyle Out of Town
- 01/17 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 01/18 Home Economics 8am-3pm
- 01/19 Prayer Chain for Life 11am-noon
- 01/20 Parent Faith Support 6-7pm—
See Flyer—Community Center
- 01/23,01/25,01/30 and 2/1—Communion
Services
- 01/23 Rosary & Litany after Mass
- 01/26 St Ig Club Dinner 6pm

Special Announcement

During the cold and flu season, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at Mass if you have a cough, cold or any flu symptoms.

East Central Area Missouri Right to Life is sponsoring a fundraiser, a 50/50 drawing to be held February 8th at our monthly meeting.

Proceeds benefit pro-life efforts. Ticket donations are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets available from Diane Glosemeyer. Need not be present to win. Thank you!

January 16-24: 9 Days for Life

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

JOIN AT: 9daysforlife.com.

January 22: Holy Hour for Life/Candlelight Prayer Vigil

In conjunction with the designation of January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children", a pro-life prayer will be from 4:00-4:45 pm at St Frances Borgia, followed by a candlelit prayer vigil from 5:00-6:00 pm at the corner of Jefferson and Fifth Street in Washington. Candles are not provided, bring your own candle or other appropriate source of light.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I will be on vacation for the last two weeks of January. I will be leaving after Mass on Tuesday, January 16 and returning on Thursday, February 1. During this time away, there will be priests here to celebrate the weekend Masses and Bishop Rivituso will make a special visit to all three parishes as well. Bishop Rivituso has been visiting parishes throughout the archdiocese to promote devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He will celebrate the 8:00 am Mass at St. Ignatius of Loyola on Thursday, January 18. On Monday, January 29, Bishop Rivituso will celebrate the 8:00 am Mass at Immaculate Conception AND a 10:00 am Mass at St. Vincent de Paul. These Masses are open to all parishioners.

On the weekend of January 20-21, Rev. Farrell "Mac" McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach will celebrate all the Masses and speak on behalf of the poor in developing countries. I know you will welcome Father Mac and be generous in response to his appeal.

On the weekend of January 27-28, I have invited Fr. Tony Ritter to celebrate all of the Masses. You may remember Fr. Tony from his years serving as associate pastor at St. Francis Borgia Parish and at Borgia High School. Fr. Tony is now the associate vocation director for the archdiocese. Fr. Tony is a wonderful young priest, and he might have a special message for our youth.

Even though I am away from my three parishes, you will be remembered in my prayers and at Holy Mass. Please keep me in your prayers too!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Patty Mebruer, Lesa Leopold, Stacy Kloeppel,
Beth Hellebusch

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: Danielle / Jeremy Hecktor

Servers: Danel Drew Hecktor, Grant Korman

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Geri Smith, Alison Hoggan, Lori Huenefeld,
Debbie Brewe

Lector: Leo Meyer

Ushers: Erika / Nick Kluesner

Servers: Christine Marquart, Lane/Lilly Kluesner

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann
Jerome Heggemann
Andrew Hellebusch
Betty Hellebusch
Carl Jacquin
Carol Jacquin
Judith Liermann
Jeffrey Lierman
Connie Struckhoff

Joan Meyer
Theodore Meyer
Tom Meyer
Richard Preis
Jim Smith
Matt Struckhoff
Natalie Ulett
Audrey Wagener
Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis
Jacqueline Heggemann
Jean Jaeger
Marilyn Heady
Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Rick Thiel
Amy Brakemeyer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13 Betty Gildehaus
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16 For 1st Responders
8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 18 Joan Heggemann
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 20 For Safe Harvest
5:00 p.m.

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

01/02/00 Jonathon Faust
01/21/00 Armella Glosemeyer
01/21/07 Werner Hellebusch
01/22/05 Loriece Williams
01/21/00 Gertrude Ahmann
01/24/02 Barb Schwoeppe
01/25/09 Olivia Hellebusch
01/31/85 Michael Bennett
01/31/15 Corey Hellebusch
01/08/12 Linus Westhoff
01/09/76 Anna Engeman

01/18/99 Kenneth Jaeger
01/22/08 Pat Prunty
01/28/05 Clarence Lamke
01/04/77 Harold Volk
01/05/01 Victor Engemann
01/07/08 Donald Goetemann

Father Farrell E. "Mac" McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parishes next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 14—Parish Breakfast at Our Lady of Lourdes, \$12 adults, \$4 for kids (6-12). Serving 8-11:30 am. All are welcome!

Jan 19—Music Trivia Night at St Joseph Parish. 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 6:30 pm. \$15/person. Team max of 10. BYOB and snacks. Hosted by Trivia Riot. To register or for more info call Sarah at 314-960-0177 by 1/17/24.

Jan 21—Parish Breakfast at Borgia Grade School Cafeteria. \$10 adults, \$5 for kids (5-11). Serving 7:30-11am. All are welcome!

Jan 21—Sausage Dinner at St Gertrude Parish and School serving 11am-6pm. Dine-In or Carry Out. \$15 adults, \$7 kids.

Feb 2-4—Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend in St Peters, MO for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now as space is limited. Go to www.me.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



Community Meal

St. Ignatius Parish invites area families to fellowship on Sat. Jan. 20th from 6-7pm in the Parish Community Center 19129 :Mill Rd Marthasville, MO 63357

Supper served: sloppy joe, chips, cookies, tea, lemonade and water provided. Gym will be open for children. We want to start 2024 with fellowship and support for one another. Event open to ALL in parish and our community.

Hosted by St. Ignatius Parent Faith Support Ministry. Come join us for the evening!!

Bring a side, if you would like, but not necessary. Looking forward to seeing all and especially new faces. All welcome!

Contact: Lisa 314-766-5207 Stacy 314-974-6645



CHOOSE LIFE

St. Ignatius Pray for Life Chain

Friday Jan. 19th

11am - noon

Intersection of Hwys 47/94 in

Marthasville

ALL WELCOME!!

This is a quiet, prayerful, peaceful
event for Pro-Life efforts.

Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



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The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

**ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021**

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MONDAY

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23

Mk 2:18-22

TUESDAY

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13

Mk 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Mk 3:1-6

THURSDAY

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Mk 3:7-12

FRIDAY

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21

Mk 3:13-19

SATURDAY

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Mk 3:20-21

SUNDAY

January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20