

Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

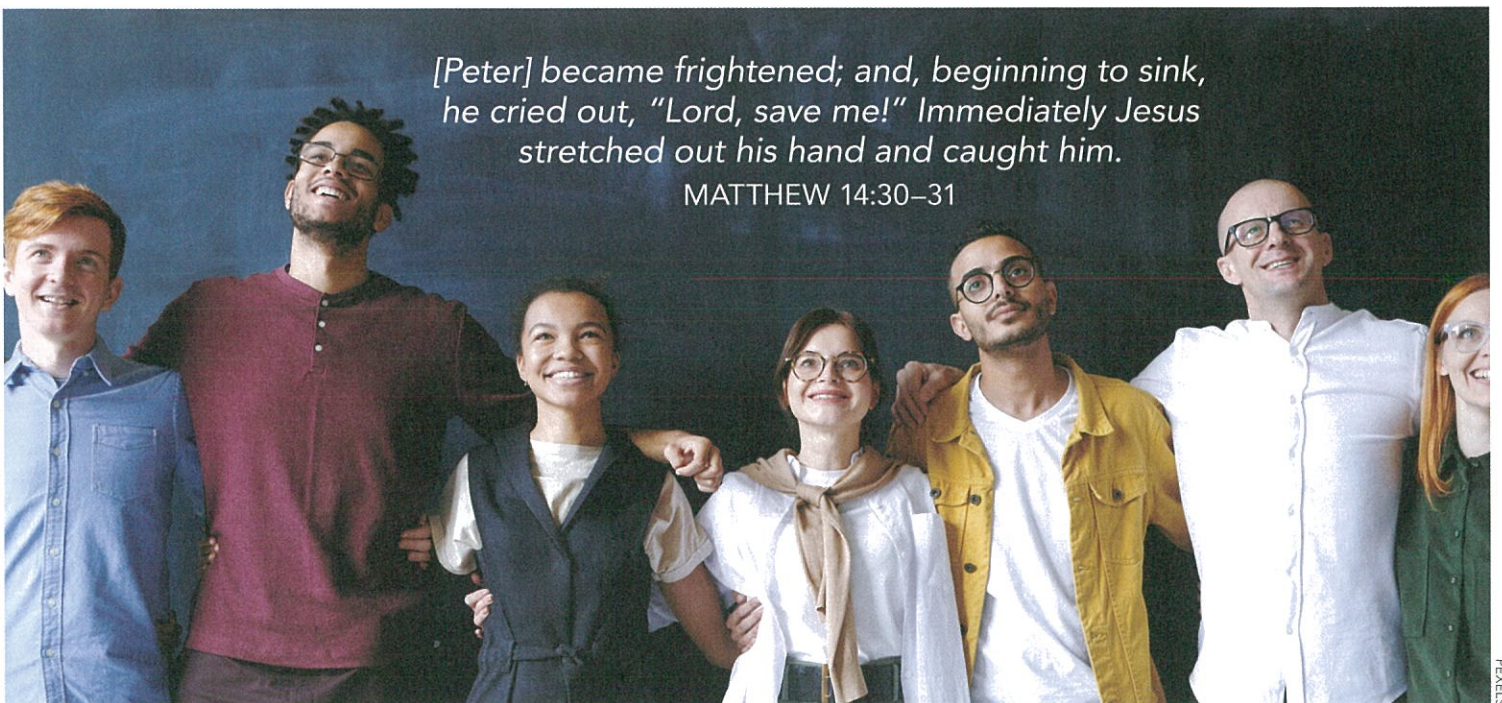
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.
- ★ Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.

[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30–31





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May mothers and
their children have
access to quality,
life-affirming
medical care.



AUGUST 2020 WORD OF LIFE –

Intercessions for Life

For those grieving after a miscarriage:
May they be comforted by Christ's
everlasting love and His presence
amidst their sorrow; *We pray to
the Lord:*

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for
your invincible love! We thank you
for your intrepid trust in God and in
his love. We thank you for the
sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

MASS INTENTION: TODAY 10:30amPat & Larry Pepper

THURSDAY 6PM.....David James

Aug 15.....Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation due to falling on a Saturday—No Mass)

Aug 16.....Nick & Edna Breiner.

Aug 20.....Alberta Hyska Living

Aug 23.....John Carl Estes

Aug 27.....Doug & Carol Lane

August 30.....Raymond & Lucille Costello Sept 3.....Maggie Godlove



AUGUST

Birthdays—

9—Maria Lopez

10—John Karaus, Haley Lombardi

12—Mary Fawns, Allie Sanchez

14—Andy Baker, Edgar Lopez, Gustavo Quiroz-Aguirre

15—Yennifer Guadarrama, Landon Langfels, Lulu Laphi,

Marco Ortega

16—Shirley Collins, 17—Wendell Fraley

18—Brian Mahler

Wedding Anniversaries—

4—Steve & Jeanne Lane

9—Rich & Joni Ortiz

14—Rosendo & Francisca Carrizales

22—Lijah & Lauren Record



Reconciliation/Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the
priest six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of
someone in need of a pastoral visit.

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: The Maritime World

"We pray for all those who work
and live from the sea, among
them sailors, fishermen, & their
families."

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Doug
Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields,
Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness &
Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine
Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family,

Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr.
Norris, Erika Janeth Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Steve,
All those in our parish who are unemployed.

**Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank
& all those who are sick.**

The Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15) celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The *Catechism* explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, *In Luc.*, 10, 121: PL 15 1834A.).



The Assumption, Laurent de La Hyre

Credit: De La Hyre, Laurent, "The Assumption," oil on canvas, ca. 1653, The Ciechanowiecki Collection, Gift of The Ahmanson Foundation, courtesy of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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St. Agatha Academy in Winchester still has some openings for students this school year.

1st gr— 1, 2nd gr— 4, 4th gr— 3,
5th gr— 2, 6th gr— 4, 7th gr— 4

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Bishop's 2020 Wedding Anniversary Celebration Cancelled—But We Want to Honor You

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic makes it necessary to cancel our annual wedding anniversary celebration and reception originally scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, 2020, at the Cathedral. However, Bishop John still desires to honor those of you who are celebrating "jubilee" anniversaries in 2020, particularly those celebrating a 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or 50+th anniversary this year. If you or someone you know is celebrating one of these jubilee anniversaries in 2020, please contact Claudia Green at the Catholic Center at (859) 253-1993, ext. 228 to inform us. **You may also use the form on the back table.** Please give your name, parish, mailing address, phone number, and original wedding date.

The Peace and Justice Committee presents bedtime stories highlighting the theme of **Laudato Si: Caring for Our Common Home** for the enjoyment of all, especially our younger parishioners and their families. Different parishioners and even a surprise guest or two from the Diocese read books that speak to young people about the importance of taking care of the earth and all of God's creation.

about how it's to do so but sometimes and always ways. Please readings with Hopefully, they start a with them that throughout the



They also talk our obligation in fun, lighthearted entertaining enjoy these your children. will help you conversation will last year.

Go to the

St. Patrick/St. Joseph YouTube page link on our webpage and from there look at Playlists for Bedtime Stories for Laudato Si!

— Vicki Wenz

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME: AUGUST

*Isaiah 55: Come to me heedfully,
listen that you might have life.*

Consider zero-waste options for picnics, BBQ and camping meals: Use reusable containers, go heavy on finger foods, and cut veggies.

— Robyn Waters

Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

AUGUST 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

AUGUST 16
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28