

Dear Padre,

Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11–19	Jgs 6:11–24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29–39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1–3, 8–11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1–14	Virgin Mary	4:13–17	Ordinary Time
		Church		Ru 1:1, 3–6,	Mt 23:1–12	Is 66:18–21
		Jgs 9:6–15		14b–16, 22		Heb 12:5–7,
		Mt 20:1–16		Mt 22:34–40		11–13
						Lk 13:22–30



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10 / Hebrews 12:1–4 / Luke 12:49–53



Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.”

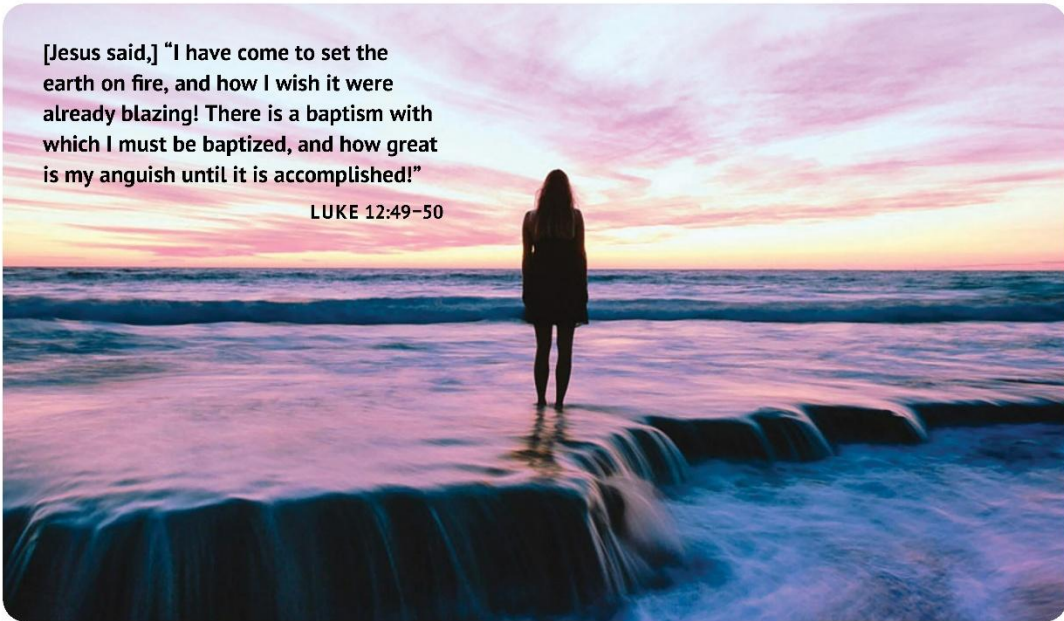
Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?



[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49–50

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BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to
desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor
at least six months prior to desired date.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building
skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block
retaining wall. Thank you!

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will

THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
08/03/25: \$1,659.00
08/10/25: \$1640.00
Building Fund Donations: \$0.00

**The Cove THANKS YOU for your continuing donations
of food, laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap,
toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

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PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.
GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

Mass Schedule:

**Sunday, Aug 17 @ 11:00 am Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**
**Wednesday, Aug 20 @ 9:30 am Communion Service; Rosary
@ 9:00 am; Adoration/Benediction 5:30 am to 8:30 am**
**Sunday, Aug 24 @ 11:00 am, Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Rosary @ 10:20 am**



Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10 Because he demoralized the people, Jeremiah is condemned to death.
Psalm 40 “Lord, come to my aid!”
Hebrews 12:1–4 We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, who can teach us how to struggle
for glory.
Luke 12:49–53 Jesus says: I have come to divide.

Today’s readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah’s preaching so inflamed the people of Judah
that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so
much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author
of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we
may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may
God’s word encourage us to never give up.

Question of the Week: When has something I’ve said or done in accordance with my faith
divided family or friends? How have I handled this? Could I have handled it better?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Pedro will be out of town for two weeks. Mass coverage will be with Father Pat Kerst on
August 17 & Aug 24.

On our parish website(www.methowcatholic.org) you can access a wonderful documentary about
our new Pope Leo XIV entitled “Leon de Peru”.



Carrying the Cross
Vilmos Aba-Novak (1894-1941)



**God the Father with
the Suffering Christ, AKA
The Throne of Mercy**



**Jeremiah on the Ruins
of Jerusalem**



**Please Remember in
Your Prayers**

Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Fred Nowicki
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Paul Budrow
Melissa Larson
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan
Kyle Rogers
Jim Perra
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr
Jonathan Kessler



**Repose of the
Soul of**