



# The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ver the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

## Reflect

**Who do you say  
Jesus is and how  
does your answer  
make a difference  
in your life?**



[Jesus] said to [his  
disciples], "But who  
do you say that I am?"

MATTHEW 16:15

August 26 & 27, 2023  
Sunday Mass is livestreamed

Office Hours:  
Mon - Thu 9 am - 2 pm

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Confessions: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 pm and by appointment  
**One Bread/One Body/ One Church**

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Princeton (@shprinceton) • Instagram photos and videos

**Knitting group** is  
meeting Tuesday,  
Sep 3  
after Mass

**Save the Date!**  
Altar Society  
meeting  
Wed, Sep 6  
@ 6 pm



Register for Religious  
Education by scanning  
the QR code

## Upcoming Events:

Fri, Aug 25, 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sun, Aug 27, Parish Picnic after Mass

Tue, Aug 29, Amy's House of Hope (YM)

Fri, Sep 1, First Friday Mass at Noon

Tue, Sep 5, Knitting group after Mass

Wed, Sep 6, 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting

Tue, Sep 12, 6:45 pm Parish Council

Sun, Sep 17, After Mass Altar Society Pulled Pork Dinner

Catechetical Sunday

## Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug 26, 4pm - **Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish**

Sunday, Aug 27, 11am - † **Fr. Gregory Lyttle** by Jim & Loretta Lintz

Tuesday, Aug 29, 6pm - **Available**

Thursday, Aug 31, Noon - **Souls in Purgatory** by Maria Franco

Saturday, Sep 2, 4pm - **Available**

Sunday, Sep 3, 11am - † **Fr. Greg Lyttle** by John & Mary Choate

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**CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston has set forth  
*“Supervision Procedures*

Week 3: All VIRTUS certified volunteers have read and signed off that they understand these guidelines. Parents should also be aware of what is expected of our church leaders. If you see any of these guidelines being disregarded, please let us know immediately.

**All clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese will observe the following Supervision Procedures:**

- Have adequate number of Safe Environment-compliant adults present at events involving children and youth.
- Have at least two or more Safe Environment-compliant adults present for events involving children or youth in higher risk settings.
- Online activities or activities involving the use of social media platforms and/or messaging platforms require an adequate number of Safe Environment-compliant adults present or overseeing communications.
- Monitor your facilities during church services and all school or other activities.
- Release children only to parent or guardian.
- Obtain parental permission, including a signed medical treatment form, before taking children or youth on trips.
- Always obtain parental approval before permitting any minor to participate in athletic events or any other activity that involves potential risk.
- Have minors use a “buddy system” whenever they go on trips away from church property.
- All adult leadership and sponsors for any overnight activities should be approved in advance by the appropriate administrator.



## Faith Formation

**Schedule**  
9:30 am - 10:45 am

- Sep 17  
1st Day of class
- Sep 24
- Oct 1
- Oct 8
- Oct 15
- Oct 22
- Oct 29

### 2023 Catechetical Sunday

**September 17, 2023**

**“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened”**

Matthew 11:28

This year’s theme reminds us of the invitation we receive from the Lord Jesus to follow Him and the promise that He doesn’t want to add to our burdens; he wants to lighten them.

**“Vengan a Mí, todos los que están cansados y cargados”**

Mateo 11:28

El tema de este año nos recuerda la invitación que recibimos del Señor Jesús para seguirlo y la promesa de que Él no quiere aumentar nuestras cargas; quiere aligerarlos.

## Youth Ministry

**YM Schedule**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

- Aug 29  
Amy’s House of Hope
- Sep 10
- Sep 30



Hey there! We're looking for awesome volunteers who would like to join us on August 29 to help feed the homeless. It's a wonderful opportunity to

spread kindness and make a positive impact on someone's life. We welcome anyone who's interested, regardless of experience. Let's team up and make

a meaningful difference together! Reach out to Lorin for details and to RSVP: 540-529-6495.

## Young Catholics

**Youth Sunday**

- Sep 17
- Oct 15
- Nov 19
- Dec 17
- Jan 21
- Feb 18
- Mar 17
- Apr 21

**How does the Responsorial Psalm for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Psalm 138) express gratitude and trust in God’s love?**

The Responsorial Psalm for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Psalm 138) is a song of thanksgiving, expressing wholehearted gratitude for God’s attentive nature. The psalmist acknowledges God’s eternal love and

presence, even among celestial beings, highlighting His unfailing support and care for His creations.

<https://young-catholics.com/2888/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a/>

## Adult Faith Formation

### Women's Prayer Group

- ◆ Thursday's at 10:15 am in the conference room

### Men's Group

- ◆ First and Third Thursday of the month at 10 am in the Narthex

### Walking with Purpose (woman's group)

- ◆ Coming Soon!!



Hello there! We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in our mission to help others on their spiritual journey. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as moderators for our adult formation programs. If this opportunity resonates with you, we encourage you to pray on it and consider becoming a volunteer. Your decision to serve would be greatly appreciated and would positively impact our community. Thank you for your kind consideration.

## OCIA

**The OCIA journey** is a profound experience that enables individuals to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It's a process that involves several stages, and the duration varies depending on the individual's readiness and circumstances.

During this journey, participants

- **learn about the Catholic faith,**

- **engage in various rituals and liturgies,**
- **and ultimately receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).**

Through this process, individuals can deepen their relationship with God and become more fully integrated

into the Catholic community. This journey is personal and transformative, and it's an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually and embrace the Catholic faith.

Contact Laura Wyatt at  
304-425-3664 or  
lwyatt@sacredheartpinceton.org

## This Week on Formed

### Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/restless-heart>





Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Music for August 26 & 27, 2023

Celtic Mass  
Mass Readings on pg. 319  
Word & Eucharist

Entrance: G742  
“The Church’s One Foundation”

Responsorial Psalm:  
Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of  
your hands.

Presentation of Gifts: G728  
“Eye Has Not Seen”

Communion: G950  
“Take and Eat”

Closing Hymn: G615  
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

### Collections



	Weekend Aug 19/20	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	2,725.00	109,561.54	108,500.00
Loose Offertory	294.00	6,233.10	3,300.00
Holy day/ Assumption	374.00	4,467.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 3,393.00</b>	<b>\$120,261.64</b>	<b>\$112,800.00</b>
Mommy Ministry	50.00	1,450.00	0.00
Memorial Contributions	1,630.00	1,878.00	0.00
Dioc: Ed of Seminarians	511.00	621.00	500.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>8/15 6pm: 109</b>	<b>4pm: 50</b>	<b>11am: 149</b>

### Parish Council

Deb LaMothe (Chair)	Vickie Blankenship
Harold Cofer	Gerry Cosgrove
Mike Flanigan	Renee Green
Anthony Heltzel	Zack Romano
Santina St. John	
Ad Hoc:	Gina Boggess
Kim Hickman	Laura Wyatt
Susie Pace	Lorin Albin

### Finance Council

Charlie Pace (Chair)	Gina Boggess
Richard Flanigan	Kevin Garrett
Shelby Neri	Gene Richardson
Frank Sinicrope	Fred St. John
Kirt Suehs	
Ad Hoc:	Kim Hickman

### September Ministry Schedule

<b>Sep 2</b>	M Gaspersich	<u>V Manley</u> K Bailey C Pace	<u>C Prox</u>	n/a	T Byron	S Pace
<b>3</b>	J Cox	<u>M Cox</u> J Cosgrove G Richardson	S Neri	W Picknally	Jo Flanigan Ja Flanigan	
<b>9</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<u>D Richardson</u> K Bailey V Manley	M Gaspersich	n/a	C Pace	J Cosgrove
<b>10</b>	A Dumapit	<u>W Picknally</u> K Suehs Y Suehs	Hillyer	K Hickman	A Coleman <u>A Albin</u>	

### In case of an emergency and a priest is needed, please call:

**The Parish Office**  
**(304) 425-3664**

**Bluefield Parish Office**  
**(304) 327-5623**

**Kim Hickman**  
**(304) 920-2440**

**In case of illness:** Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr. Sebastian will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

**Nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and anyone who is hospitalized** are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

**In case of serious or life threatening sickness or the actively dying:** The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

### Please include the following in your Daily Prayers

#### Parishioners:

Catherine Belcher  
Ruth Boyd  
Deloris Caccamo  
Ron Ciccolini  
Romulo DelaRosa  
Dr. David Garcia  
Dale & Mary Lu Geiger  
Angie Grbac  
Cynthia & Gordon Harmon  
Cyndi Jones  
Nancy Larkin  
Valarie Laxton

Christina Laxton  
Robert Laxton  
Kaitlyn Laxton  
Keith Laxton  
Jim Lintz  
Jim & Diane Luciano  
Tanya Marx  
Jaelynn Mendoza  
Annette Morgan  
Dr. Jun Neri  
Patricia Nester  
Alan Rieger

Vivian Romano  
Deborah Saffell  
Gareth Settle  
Felomina Yongque  
Carrie Yurkovich  
Jane Walthall

#### Family & Friends:

B.J. Asbury  
Linda Berghof (mother of Jackie Mercado)  
Lou Berentes (friend of Monica Mills)  
John Bowers  
John Caccamo (brother of Pat)  
Rita Calhoun (Aunt of Tanya Marx)  
Irene Charney  
Regina Church (friend of Monica Mills)  
Judy Clayton (sister of Loretta Lintz)  
Linda Cunningham  
Kimiko Fetro (friend of Bill Picknally)  
David Frei & Mary Piper (son-in-law & daughter of Carrie Yurkovich)  
Kyle Geiger

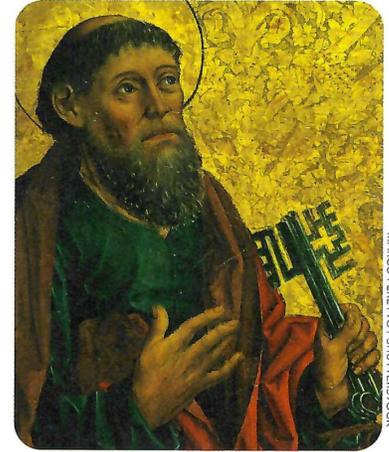
Mike Goff  
Patricia Gupton (daughter of Jim Cosgrove)  
Myles Harris  
Velma Hartwell  
Wylie Rae Henson (Kay Bailey's granddaughter)  
Brenda Ivelise  
Ruby Jones (Aunt of Rachel Colosi)  
Langan Family  
Lucas Llado (grandson of Maria Franco)  
Richard Lockhart  
Sandy Morefield (friend of Gaspersich family)

Tina Mullins (friend of Tanya Marx)  
Wayne Mullins (brother of Delores Caccamo)  
Carolyn Munther (mother of Lisa Black)  
Susan Nelson (Bill Picknally's daughter),  
Rex Neely  
Agnes Sedi  
Sherry Sisk  
Bryan Staten  
Agnes Tokarski (Bill Picknally's sister)  
Jamie Willoughby (niece of Sharon Buttaci)  
Richard Wentz (brother in law of Rick & Laura Wyatt)

# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.



MARCO PERETTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●

[DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

From *Catholic and Cornered: Answers to Common Questions About Your Faith* (Liguori Publications, 2011)



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice.... And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?” ... Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014

#### MONDAY

August 28  
*St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29  
*Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27