# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH – ST. LAWRENCE PARISH "Two Churches, One Parish" Growing as Disciples of Jesus; Making Disciples for Jesus

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 30, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:					Please pray for the sick, especially: Phil Bell, Deacon Guy Berry,			
TUES	Sept 1	07:00 pm	STL	Jack Rogers ₽	Susie Beying, Jennifer Brushwood, Glenn Coffey, Carl Davidson,			
Adoration will follow Mass until 7:30 p.m CANCELLED					George Dean, Carolyn DeMaranville, Vince Eimer, Tom Flack, Tina Gaspard, Ronnie Gast, Alan Halstead, Marly Heim, Frank			
THUR	Sept 3	07:00 pm	SJV	Parishioners of SJ-SL	<ul> <li>Heintzelman, Jim Heintzelman, Lydia Heintzelman, Melanie Herken,</li> <li>Jon Highfill, Trista Highfill, Mark Hund, Arlene Jennings, Wendi Johnston, Michael Jones, Elmer Karczewski, Phillip Leon, Kelly Long,</li> <li>Joyce Lowe, Mary Meinert, Jeni Mettelstedt, Don Navinsky, Kay</li> </ul>			
SAT	Sept 5	05:00 pm	SJV	Shirley & Jamie Karczewski ₽				
SUN	Sept 6	09:00 am	STL	Donald Ernzen ₽	Nocktonick, Dannie Phillips, Adam Pineau, Mike Pursel, Mary M.			
Confessions: SAT-4:30 pm at SJV; SUN-8:30 at STL					Ruhlman, Kim Sachse, Tanner Siebenmorgen, Julie Simonis, Jim			
PLEASE NOTE: Attendance for Masses - limited to 25% of the building's seating capacity— 30-75 at St. Lawrence and 30-45 at St. Joseph of the Valley. We will be offering four Masses per week. Please do not feel obligated to attend weekend Masses — weekday Masses will work just fine if it fits into your family's schedule. You may sign-up for Masses online at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4AA9AB2AA1FA7-</u> stjosephst. Please see online info for restrictions and guidance.					<ul> <li>(Poly) Sloan, Gary Stafford, Aaron Welch, Louise Wistuba and Nick Yuska.</li> <li><i>Prayer List for Our Soldiers:</i> ARMY: 1LT Daniel Broaddus, Pvt. David Crook, Lexi (Skaggs) Hargis, Major Bryan Herken, SPC Derrick Hunt, SGT Colby Seifert, William Stradley. AIRFORCE: E-4 Robert W. Herken, TSGT Scott Loecher, E-3 Connor Schuler, A1C Noah Tattershall. NAVY: ADDA Jason P. Herken, YNS1 (SS) Kevin Lansing.</li> </ul>			
				<u> </u>	Prayer for Vocations: Brother Seelos (Tyler Lunsford).			

# OUR PARISH NEWS

<u>COLLECTION</u>: Thank you for your gifts to our parish! Collections received this week will be reported next weekend. Last week's on-line collection was \$354.22. Thank you for your generosity.

**DO YOU WANT TO DONATE and not sure how during this time?** In Father's letter of March 24<sup>th</sup>, he wrote "I know many families are going through hard times this period. I would still like to encourage everyone to continue giving your weekly the upkeep of the parish through online or mail services. God loves a cheerful donations for giver." *Any donations during this difficult time will be greatly appreciated.* You can mail in your donations to: St. Joseph-St. Lawrence, P.O. Box 129, Easton, KS 66020 or deposit online by visiting our website <u>at https://www.sjslparish.org/home/donations</u> to click on the link to donate on-line! Thank you! We wish everyone good health. Blessings to all!

<u>SECOND COLLECTION</u>: The weekend of **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a second collection for the Catholic University of America. We appreciate your generosity!

## CONTINUES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

**XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is excited to announce that our 2020-2021 school year has begun! We are learning in-person and we still have limited space available in both our preschool and kindergarten - eighth grade classes. If you would like more information about enrollment please contact Lisa Forge at 913-682-7801.

Are you ready for some football? We are! Xavier Catholic School is kicking off the NFL 2020-2021 season with our annual NFL Play-Along Fundraiser. The NFL Fundraiser is very important to our school system. Proceeds from this fundraiser help provide financial aid to families in need.

Participating in the NFL Play-Along is easy and fun! A \$25 donation buys a single Play-Along ticket good for the 17 weeks of the regular NFL season. We guarantee weekly prizes totaling \$1,200. You may call the school office at 913-682-7801 to purchase a ticket. Thank you for supporting Xavier Catholic School!

PLANNED	PARENTHOOD	CONTRIBUTIONS	то	FEDERAL						
CANDIDATES										
Year	Democrats	Republicans	Tota	l						
2012	\$729,161	\$4,657	\$733	3,818						
2014	\$584,305	\$2,823	\$587	7,128						
2016	\$683.548	\$10.000	\$693	3.548						

2018\$533,205\$0\$533,205Our Government gives our tax dollars to Planned Parenthood, then Planned<br/>Parenthood gives money to Political Candidates. Is this why Congress<br/>wants to continue to give money to Planned Parenthood?

**BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & TRAINING** Birthright Volunteers offer hope, understanding and love to women distressed by pregnancy. We help them evaluate their situation, look at resources and discover how they can give life to their babies. For 34 years Birthright of Leavenworth, Inc. has been helping women in this area carry their babies to term. If you are interested in being a Birthright Volunteer, we will be having a training wearing masks or social distancing when appropriate. We are practicing safety measures at the Birthright center. For more information or to sign up for orientation call Margaret McNamee 913-991-7660.

ST. BENEDICT WORK AND HOLINESS RETREAT: Conferences about the rule and life of St. Benedict, Sept.11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. There will be conferences,

time to work on various projects around the retreat center, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/courtyard rooms, \$170 single; \$250 couple or single guest rooms \$100 (meals included). To attend, send an email to info@christspeace.com or call 913-773-8255.

**PLANNED GIVING BRIEF**: Have your plans changed during this difficult time? Socio, political, and economic changes in our society may have caused the need to provide and protect your family with a Will or Trust. With a trust your heirs will avoid probate and working with an estate planning advisor you can be very creative in structuring your bequests to maximize your financial resources for giving. Learn and explore ways to plan at <u>CatholicPlannedGiving.org</u>.

### VENERATION OF THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO

Divine Mercy Parish, 555 W Main Street, Gardner KS will host the veneration of the relics of St. Pio on Tuesday, **September 1, 2020**. The Rite of Reception of the relics will begin at 7am and veneration will continue until 6pm. The veneration will be closed between 3pm and 4pm for a private veneration for priests. There will be a Mass at 6pm in honor of Padre Pio. St. Pio was a very pious priest who offered up tremendous suffering as he endured the "stigmata" of the crucifixion wounds of Our Lord. He bore all pain in humbleness - while in continuous prayer - for the forgiveness of sins (by all humankind). He is the Patron Saint of: Adolescents, Stress-relief and Civil defense volunteers. His Feast Day is: September 23rd - what a perfect opportunity to begin the month of September in his honor. Due to COVID 19 restriction, guests are required to wear masks upon entering the church, and disinfect hands with hand sanitizer, and respect social distancing during the veneration and Mass. Attendance at the veneration of the relics of Padre Pio and the Mass in his honor is free.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO VENERATE ST. PADRE PIO RELICS In addition to the above announcement of Veneration of the Relics of Padre Pio at Divine Mercy Parish, 555 W Main Street, Gardner KS on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 beginning at 7am with Mass at 6 pm we would like to announce an additional time and location to venerate St Pio's relics: Veneration of the Relics of Padre Pio, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 14251 Nall Ave. Leawood, KS. St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 14251 Nall Ave. Leawood, KS. St. Michael the Archangel Will host the relics of St. Padre Pio on September 6-7. Opportunities for public veneration September 6-7. September 6 from 1:30-4:30 and 6:30-8:30 pm and September 7 from 10:30 am – 6:30 pm. There will be a Votive Mass of Padre Pio at 9 am on Monday, September 6. All in attendance are asked to wear a mask, observe physical distancing, and sanitize upon entering. Please do not sit in the pews. Signs will direct the flow of traffic: please enter through the center doors and exit through the side doors. More information can be found at <u>stmichaelcp.org/padre-pio.</u>

**PLEASE** – There are a large number of other Archdiocesan announcements that could not fit in the space available. They will be posted on our church website listed above as a 2<sup>nd</sup> page to this bulletin.

Bulletin Items: Contact Kim Sachse, 913-775-0690 Or Email <u>Sislparish@Gmail.Com</u>. Mass intentions may be scheduled with Kim as well. MUST SUBMIT BY 9 pm TUES FOR INCLUSION.

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(FOR POSTING ON THE CHURCH INTERNET SITE)

#### NEW PREGNANCY HELP CENTER IN THE ARCHDIOCESE!

The new Kansas City Pregnancy Center has opened its doors to help women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Johnston of the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph blessed the clinic on July 15th. KCPC offers pregnancy tests, sonograms, education about abortion and the abortion pill, parenting and adoption education, counseling, classes, and community referrals to women in KS and MO. Its services are bilingual and FREE. Kansas City Pregnancy Clinic, 721 N. 31st St., Suite 200, Kansas City KS (Second floor of the Mercy and Truth Medical Bldg.) www.kcpregnancyclinic.org 913-340-9031, 913-340-9032 Spanish. Please help KCPC stock their shelves with baby supplies for the women they serve. See their needs list below and contact Donna Kelsey, Executive Director at donna@kcpregnancyclinic.org for more information.

LIFE & HOPE BANQUET – A BENEFIT FOR WYANDOTTE & OLATHE PREGNANCY CLINICS: Thursday, September 3 – 7:00 pm. Join us ONLINE for our 2020 Fund a Need virtual event. Watch and donate from the comfort of your own home! Register on your own, or be a home host and gather friends and family to join your team. Sign up at www.wyandottepregnancyclinic.org. For questions, call 913.287.8287. Making abortion unthinkable, one life at a time, serving families facing an unplanned pregnancy with Christ-like compassion, we meet women where they are and offer them love and support.

SEPTEMBER 9TH DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR RACIAL HEALING As members of the Mystical Body of Christ we proclaim the power of prayer and fasting to transform our world and cast out the demonic influences that divide our communities and destroy its peace. As our country continues to contend with the historically traumatic issue of racism. we realize along with our bishops the need "to beg God to heal our deeply broken view of each other, as well as our deeply broken society." (Open Wide Our Hearts, pastoral letter against racism)

Consequently, Archbishop Naumann invites and encourages all Catholics in the archdiocese to join him for a day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, September 9th, the memorial of St. Peter Claver, to bring about racial healing in our communities. We fast to atone for the sins of racism that violate the sacredness of human life, and we pray for the healing of racial divisions that persist in our nation and our cities. We look to St. Peter Claver for his example and intercession in our prayers. St. Peter Claver, was a 17th century Spanish, Jesuit priest who heroically ministered in Columbia, South America to Africans kidnapped into slavery and fought to end the practice; he is patron saint of slaves, and ministry to African Americans. For ideas and resources on how your household and your parish can come together in prayer for racial healing please visit: www.archkck.org/socialjustice

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP Discover God's Call for Your Life Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Prince of Peace in Olathe. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Discern your spiritual gifts and begin to discern God's call for your life. Come to the workshop and discover these gifts in you! Note: Should this be cancelled due to COVID restrictions, an e-mail will be sent to those who have registered and refunds will be made. Registration and details: www.popolathe.org/calledandgifted

## KANSAS CITY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF ABORTION

Saturday, Sept 12; 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, 126th St. & Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS. Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, will provide a reflection. Service will be in the chapel followed by a short procession to the memorial site at the cemetery. Solemn prayer services will be held nationwide to honor the memory of more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion. This is a national event. Local sponsors include Planned Parenthood Exposed, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, KC Coalition for Life and LIFE Runners. Local contact: Tina Jinkens, 785-615-8373, tmjinkens@gmail.com

THE VITAE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL KANSAS CITY PRO-LIFE EVENT Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, former congressman from Utah who is an ardent supporter for life! He rose to Chairman of the powerful House Oversight & Government Reform Committee. Chaffetz is currently a Contributor on Fox News Networks and a Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School, Institute of Politics. Dinner and program begin at 7 p.m. Registration is \$100. Social distancing guidelines are to be followed for safety of all. Livestream option is \$25. For more details and to reserve your seat, visit our website at www.VitaeFoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316

### "COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - PEER-TO-PEER GRIEF SUPPORT

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE! Easy - requires Internet access to join! "Coping with Life Alone ®" is a Beginning Experience ® grief support program that meets each week for 8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates: Saturdays, Sept. 12th through Oct. 31st, from

1:00 to 3:00pm. This session will be held online using Zoom. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for more information and required **registration by** September 1st.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be a traditional, inperson, experience at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

The option for a Virtual Weekend Experience, Nov. 13th - 15th, will be offered in conjunction with the scheduled traditional, in-person weekend. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/email Deacon Tony & amp; Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

AMAZING PARISH: Registration is filling fast for the upcoming Amazing Parish Conference hosted by our Archdiocese on **Oct. 19-21**<sup>st</sup> at the Overland Park Convention Center. Parish teams from around the country have already signed up to take part in this valuable training! Register Here: https://amazingparish.org/

What does an Amazing Parish look like? If you're ready to build an effective leadership team and improve the organizational health of your parish, we hope you'll join us. Amazing Parish gives busy pastors and their teams the tools they need to transform their parishes - moving from maintenance mode to mission communities that are truly alive! For more information: Parish Journey – A Pastor's First Steps, <u>https://amazingparish.org/get-</u> started/#firststeps or call the Office of Evangelization at 913-721-1570

#### RESOURCES

PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

"THE HISTORY & LEGACY OF IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL" is now available for purchase from the publisher, Lulu.com. Access the link to order from Facebook pages "Forever Raiders", "Immaculata High School Alumni" or 'The History & Legacy of Immaculata High School". Direct link is: http://www.lulu.com/shop/mary-ann-sachse-brown-and-marti-sachse-

judson/the-history-legacy-of-immaculata-catholic-high-school-in-the-first-city-of-kansas/hardcover/product-24157407.html This is a keepsake hardcover 120 page book with nearly 300 images. Available in color (best quality) or black and

white

**NEW FOSTER CARE WEBSITE:** You can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in Kansas! Sadly, every day in Kansas, children are removed from their homes by no fault of their own for a variety of reasons. Each of these children is a precious, unique gift from God who deserves a loving and safe environment where he or she can THRIVE! Because care of the orphan and works of more a part of the mission for all bactized Catholics. The Church is works of mercy are part of the mission for all baptized Catholics, the Church is the solution to an overwhelmed Kansas foster system which is facing increased needs due to COVID-19.

Please visit the new Archdiocesan Foster Care Ministry Website at <u>www.archkcks.com/foster</u> to learn how you can help vulnerable children in our community and support the families who have answered the call to love and protect these children. If you are currently fostering or have adopted your child/ren from foster care, we want to connect with you to support you on your journey! Please join the Archdiocesan Foster Family by registering here: www.archkck.org/fostercaredatabase

**NEW END-OF-LIFE RESOURCE GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE** The Ethics Council that serves Archbishop Naumann has produced a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled "Catholic Guide For-End-Of Life and Establishing of Advance Directives". The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches in accordance with the teachings of our Catholic faith. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit <u>www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care</u>.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM - ADULT TRAINING (VIRTUS) Effective Immediately In light of the current health conditions, one prudent and preventative measure we are taking is to make the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults training available Online as an option. Effective immediately, due to COVID-19, the Archdiocesan requirement for attending a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults workshop live session will be suspended and the option of the online version of the module can be offered in lieu of live training. This is a temporary safety precaution, and parishes may still offer the live training session available as an option if they prefer as long as the local county and state ordinances in effect at the time of the event are followed. Please note, the training must still be completed prior to participants working around youth, but the requirement may now temporarily be met by completing the online Protecting God's Children module. Individuals needing to attend a session will be offered the option of the online module at the time of registration. They will still need to follow the background screening and policy completion process at the time of registration. Individuals who are already currently registered for an upcoming live session, may log back into their account and change to the online module. These procedures will be reviewed and updated periodically as needed and are in place to protect you, those you work with, and your family. Please stay safe and healthy and continue to pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ! We are praying for all of you and your families. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Vielhauer at svielhauer@archkck.org or Jenifer Valenti at jvalenti@archkck.org. May God bless you and keep you safe.

PLANNED GIVING BRIEF: Our Catholic Church has spanned the centuries and the globe and through all previous pandemics and disasters has been a source of charity to all through its parish priests and religious. We invite you to make a grateful response to God for these gifts by planning a deferred gift to your parish. Visit CatholicPlannedGiving.org to learn how to accept this invitation.

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary Time, Year A (8/30/2020)

Texts:

First Reading. Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading. Romans 12:1-2

Third Reading. Matthew 16:21-27

Theme: "The way you think is not God's way"

Congregation: St. Joseph of the Valley- St. Lawrence Parish, Easton/ Kansas.

## 1. Daily life:

Ward 4 of the hospital was almost full with patients. It was visiting time. I had gone there to see my friend who was sick. In fact, he was very sick. His name was John.

Other visitors were gathered around his bed when I entered. Some of them I knew. I looked down at John, he was only a shadow of the man he used to be. I was amazed that a person could become so thin and so weak in just a few days.

A woman beside me started to speak, looking down at John as she did so.

-Don't worry, John, you'll soon be home. Perhaps tomorrow or the next day. And, when you come home, we'll make a feast to celebrate together. Don't worry, everything will be well again.

Did you believe what she was saying? Did John believe it? I was not able to believe either. John died at 9.00 a.m. just two days later.

Perhaps the woman spoke as she did, for she hoped that John would be all right. Perhaps she said those words to comfort him. Or, perhaps she did not want to face what seemed to be fairly clear to all of us who were standing there. She was trying to push the truth by denying it.

2. God's Message:

It seems that this is a little what Peter is doing in today's gospel.

"Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously to be put to death" Then, taking him to one side, Peter started to remonstrate with him"

Peter tries to object, to argue with what Jesus is saying. For Peter did not like to face the truth of what Jesus is speaking about. In other words, Peter wants Jesus to change his mind.

"Heaven preserve you, Lord, this must not happen to you".

Jesus' answer was quick and strong.

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path,

Because the way you think is not God's way but man's"

Let us for a while, look at this man Peter. Let us look too at how Jesus was with him and how he helped to change, to grow and to become different.

First, Jesus had called this man from his work of fishing. He saw what this man could become if someone believed in him and help him.

Later, after the miraculous catch of fish, you remember what Peter did and said: "Lord depart from me for I am a sinful man". Jesus did not deny this, but made it clear that what was important to him was the future not the past.

When many of the disciples resigned and walked away, Jesus had said to the Apostles and to Peter: "Will you also go". He forced Peter to stand on his own feet and make a choice againeither for, or against Jesus.

When peter spoke up and said: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", Jesus praised him and promised him much greater responsibility.

When, at the last supper, Peter refused to let Jesus wash his feet, Jesus threatened to cut him off completely. Then, Peter was all too ready to go along with the washing.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus faced Peter with his failure: "Can you not watch even one hour with me?"

And all the time, Peter was growing in understanding of who Jesus was. This Jesus was His own man and Peter would have to change and to grow in order to take on the task that later would be his.

Later, Peter denied him. This, for Jesus must have been very, very hard, at the time when he needed someone to stand by Him. Jesus knew, it was not evil on the part of Peter, but weakness. He gave the chance to begin again.

Jesus called Peter "the Rock". In some ways, he was more like a pile of sand! And yet, Jesus continued to believe in him and forgive him, to trust him, to be patient with him and to remain always his friend. This is something that Peter slowly grows in understanding: that Jesus never would turn away from him, that Jesus never would stop helping him, Peter, to grow and to change.

Peter will be the leader of the young Church. Jesus will call upon him, saying: "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep". Peter, in his quieter moments when alone, must have wondered at how Jesus continued to trust him and continued to give him ever greater responsibility.

Looking at this man, Peter, we feel he was very much a man of flesh and blood. At times he is brave; at other times, very cowardly. And, in Peter, each one of us can see so much of

ourselves. His story is, in a way, our story too. We can be so much like him. At times, strong and loyal to Jesus. Then again, like a branch shaking in the wind. We can promise much, but do little.

There is a beautiful story told about Peter. He was in Rome and a great persecution stared. Christians were being hunted and persecuted. Peter fleeing from Rome was met by the Lord. Peter asked Him: "Quo vadis" "Where are you going?" And Jesus answered: "I am going to Rome to be crucified again". And Peter turned around and went back to where he was arrested and crucified.

## 3. New Life:

For you and me, Jesus has His own plans also. He is for me, and will always be so, no matter how I am with Him. He will never stop believing in me, or wanting me to be better, to change. He will never, can never, leave me or abandon me.

Peter knew this. Do you? Our faith, our life, as a Christian must be founded first on this great truth. The Jesus of Peter is the same Jesus for me, for you. This is God's way.

Fr. Francis Bakyor