



What Is God Really Like?

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; “the big guy” up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

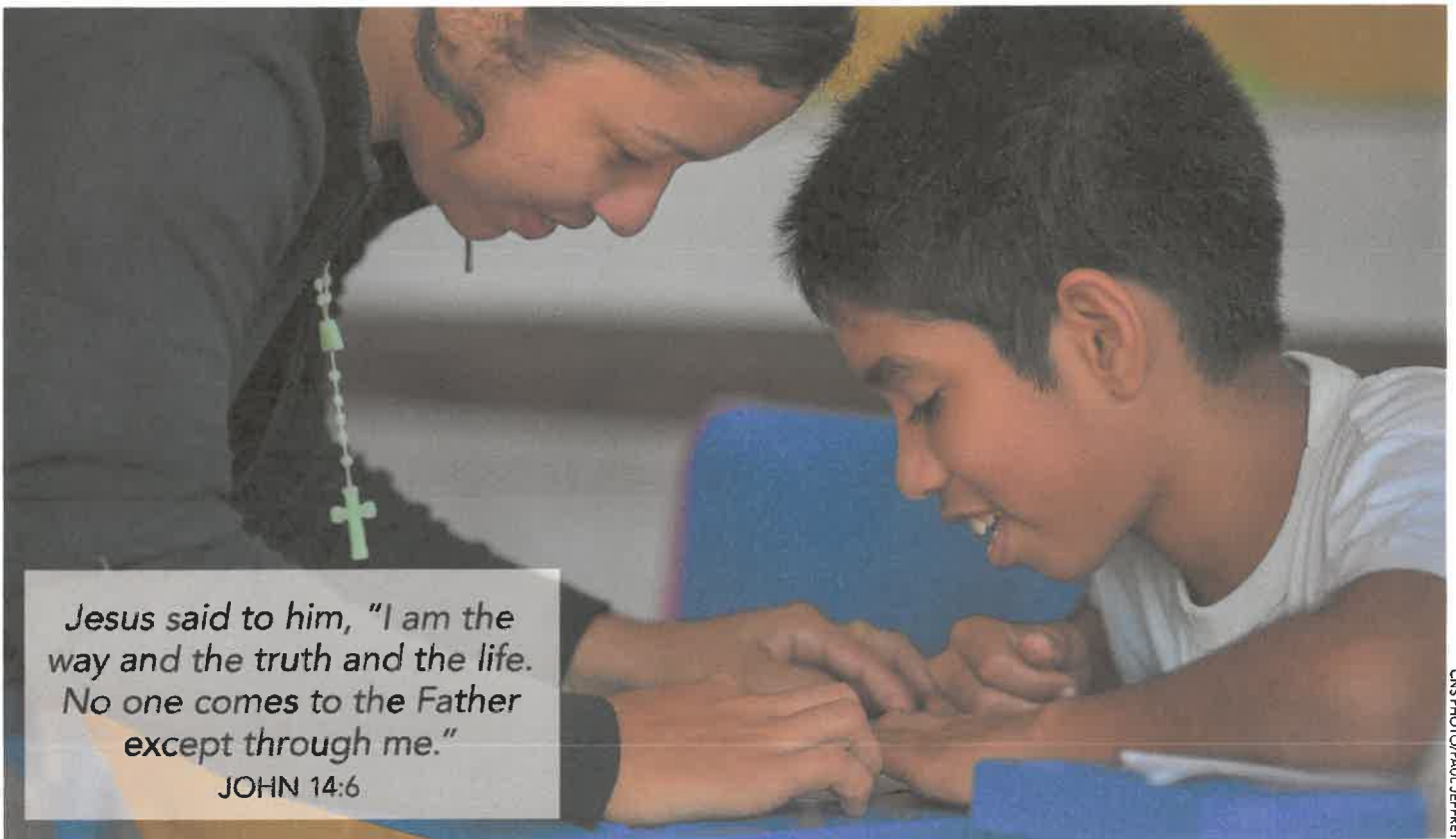
FOR Reflection

- ★ How do you think of God?
- ★ Why do you suppose you think of God in that way?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus’ constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus’ being and existence.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: “Look at me!” His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that *this* is what God is really like?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

JOHN 14:6

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Blessed Sacrament + **St. Edward** + St. Joseph

PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 10, 2020

Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph
Parishioners

**NOTICE OF CANCELTION OF ST. EDWARD'S CENNTENIAL
CELEBRATION**

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, St. Edward's is canceling the Centennial Celebration set for Sunday, June 28th, 2020 and will reschedule the celebration to happen the summer of 2021. Watch for details as to a rescheduled date. The history book is still scheduled for publication in June so please get your family history to Joanie Krantz as soon as possible. Email: jkrantz@wiktel.com or mail to 505 Main St S, Karlstad, MN 56732 Thank you, Joanie



All Masses/Service will be live streamed from Blessed Sacrament.
Go to our webpage: www.bscgreenbush.com
or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

PARISH WEBSITE: www.bscgreenbush.com
 Live Stream Url:
<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at 12 Noon

Use of Parish Facility : Call the parish office, 782-2467

BAPTISM: To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

MARRIAGES: "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

ALL PUBLIC DAILY MASSES AND SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE....

The Mass times for live streaming are noted below and will be viewable on our website: www.bscgreenbush.com

FOR THE WEEK OF May 11

Monday, May 11 + 9:00am
 +Greg Truscinski

Tuesday, May 12 + 9:00am
 +Harry Kalinowski

Wednesday, May 13+ 9:00am
 +Judith Kleinvachter

Thursday, May 14+ 9:00am
 +End to abortion

Friday, May 15 + 9:00am
 +Birthday Blessings Oliver Lindley

Saturday, May 16 + 9:00am
 +Rudy Blawat

Sunday, May 17+ 9:00am
 +For the people

RECONCILIATION....
please contact Fr. George for an appointment. 218-289-1735

2020 DAA Status as of May 1

	Goal	Donated	% of Goal
BSC	13,818	17,074.50	127.31%
St Edward	4,182	2,373.00	52.49%
St Joseph	4,004	1,628.33	42.86%
Diocese Goal	900,000.00	706,945.13	77.47%

**5th Sunday
of
Easter**

ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

Prayer Line Contact: Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Eric Mimnaugh

UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY FOR MIDDLE RIVER ST. JOSEPH: Historical submissions are being requested for the 100th celebration of our parish on July 26 beginning with mass at 11:30. All parishioners, past parishioners, along with others are asked to send any photos, information, or memories/stories for publication in our history booklet. Deadline for submissions is June 1. Start searching now! This information can be submitted by Emailing: Super33@wiktel.com or rachbuko7@gmail.com
Calling: 218-222-3767 or 218-688-0018
Texting: 218-689-2874 or 218-688-0018
Mailing: St. Joe History, Box 38, Middle River, MN 56737
Please help us celebrate this special occasion!

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

There are three ways to continue giving.

1. Mail in your weekly stewardship to:
Mindy Bukowski
18360—350th Street NE
Middle River, MN 56737
2. Sign up for Auto-withdrawal from your checking account.
3. Use the Credit Card Debit Card option on our website. www.bscgreenbush.com

St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, April 26
Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

Budget As of 4/26	Received as of 4/30	Difference
\$28,529.00	\$29,404.00	\$875.00
Stewardship:	\$310.00	



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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ST. EDWARD CORNER

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...
Virginia Wade Maxine Holmstrom

100th Centennial**CANCELED**

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St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

Sunday, April 26
Fiscal Year Budget \$38,200.00

Budget As of 4/26	Received as of 4/30	Difference
\$31,588.00	\$38,258.00	\$6,670.00
Stewardship:	\$1,490.00	



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 St. Joseph's - Middle River
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CREED CLASS NEWS

First Communion will be celebrated with our students as soon as we can gather as community. We will keep you posted right here!

FREE SACK MEALS FOR ALL K-12 STUDENTS PICK UP ANYTIME

8am-8pm in Blessed Sacrament Church Entryway. Beginning Wednesday, March 18 until School Resumes

Brought to you by our Tri-Parishes:
 Blessed Sacrament Church
 Bethel Lutheran Church
 United Free Lutheran

BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

Prayer Line Contact:

Ann Novacek at 782-2749 or Kathy Schafer at 528-3241 get a prayer line requested started. Shelly Kern to start the email prayer line: 782-2467 office

Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Will Foss Jonah Novacek Oren Lund
 Shawn Stanislawski Kyle Stauffenecker
 Phylomena Henry

St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

February –May: Joy Sand

Memorials:

A memorial was received to the BSC Building Fund, General Fund and BSC Cemetery in memory of Lillian Howdahl and Dena Pulczynski



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BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual Sunday, April 26

Fiscal Year Budget \$136,150.00

Budget as of 4/26	Received as of 4/30	Difference
\$112,586.00	\$112,234.00	\$178.00
Adult Stewardship:	\$500.00	
Adult EFT Gifts:	\$ 30.00	
Easter Sunday:	\$250.00	



BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Blessed Sacrament St. Edward - St. Joseph Religious Education (RE) Committee

Elle Frislie	Chairperson
Mary Stauffenecker	Secretary
Jess Foss	DRE
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Rachel Lund	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

Dear Padre,

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother's Day!



VIRGIN AND CHILD (1660) BY CARLO MARATTI/JOHN SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Be my ambassador, [Mary] says to us, giving food to the hungry, drink to those who thirst, a refuge to those in need, clothe the naked and visit the sick. Come to the aid of your neighbor, forgive whoever has offended you, console the grieving, be patient with others, and above all beseech and pray to God.

—HOMILY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

Calendar

Monday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 14

St. Matthias,
Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Friday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 17

Sixth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Living Stones

Almighty God, master builder,
your Son is the foundation of our lives.
If the world seems to crumble and fall,
keep us anchored in faith, hope, and love.
Smooth and polish our hearts
until they gleam
and radiate your glory dwelling within us.
Build us up in holiness,

and fit us together so securely
that evil cannot fracture us
nor pain and death break us.
Fashion others into living stones, too,
until all people are part of your
house forever.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Dwelling



Today's Readings: Acts 6:1–7; Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19 (22); 1 Peter 2:4–9; John 14:1–12. Although God was understood to dwell in the Jerusalem Temple, that stone structure was a sign that God dwelled among his people, his “royal priesthood” and “holy nation.” As Jesus explained to his disciples, he fully reveals God’s presence and is the means by which people enter that presence. As God’s Son, Jesus is God’s place of dwelling and the one through whom we will dwell with God forever.

Jesus also tells us that there is endless space in his Father’s house. Jesus, the foundation of a living and eternal temple, has room for everyone to build their lives upon him. This living, growing dwelling place is so vast that it is ulti-

mately unavoidable: those who want to go around it can’t. There is no avoiding God’s presence, no hiding from his wonderful light.

As people build themselves on Christ, there’s the danger that parts of this structure will weaken. In the reading from Acts, we hear that some members of the community were not receiving the material assistance they needed. Once the problem was pointed out, however, the Apostles acted quickly. They not only ensured that help was given, they shared their Christ-given authority with others to prevent such problems from happening again. We must do the same. By showing others that Christ dwells among us, we will help them—and us—to dwell with Christ forever.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 11

The Best of Intentions

The people who worship Paul and Barnabas recognize that something wonderful has happened, but their faith is misdirected. They need instruction on how to interpret and respond to the healing they witnessed. They need the Advocate, who will teach and guide them. This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, continues to guide the Church to this day. Ask God for the Spirit's help in discerning where and how God is acting and how you can best respond. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

Tuesday, May 12

Eternal Peace

Jesus offers a peace that no suffering or hardship can take away from us. His peace rises from God's salvation: we who believe in our Lord's triumph over sin and death no longer have anything to fear. St. Paul demonstrated confidence in this gift of peace when he resumes his mission right after nearly being killed for preaching the Gospel. Pray that whatever happens in your life, your faith in God's gift of peace may remain unassailable. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 13

Bearing Fruit

The first serious challenge to the unity of the Church was the question of whether Gentile converts had to obey the Jewish law. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people thought that those who believed in him must also become Jewish. Although the Church concluded that Christians did not also have to become Jews, we follow laws, such as the Ten Commandments that were given to the Jews. By obeying such laws we bear fruit, which Jesus, our true vine, commands us to do. What can you do to show you are bearing fruit? *Today's Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.*

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Jesus reminds his disciples that he chose them; they did not choose him. This remains true when the disciples choose an Apostle to replace Judas. After narrowing the list of candidates, the disciples cast lots as a way of inviting God to choose between the two men. Do we readily invite God into our decision-making? Do we pray with the Scriptures and consult people who are faithful and wise? Do we open our hearts to God for a clear look at our motivations? *Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.*

Friday, May 15

Love One Another

Jesus tells us to “love one another,” but how exactly do we do that? One example is the way the Church dealt with the question of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to become Jews. The Apostles wanted to ensure that both groups could come together for ritual meals in which they worshipped Christ. By resolving the dispute in a way that acknowledged the concerns of both parties, the Apostles brought more people into the peace and friendship of Christ. In what specific way can you fulfill Christ's commandment to love? *Today's Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 16

Respect

It seems hypocritical for Paul to have Timothy circumcised when he previously said that Gentiles did not need to be. What Paul understands, however, is that Timothy, whose mother is Jewish, must honor his Jewish heritage. By upholding Jewish practices, Paul and Timothy also show their fellow Jews the continuity between Judaism and faith in Christ. Try to learn something more about Judaism today. *Today's Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.*

