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Fr Jack

The last few weeks I have been challenging you as to whether your faith is making the world a better place or not. Is it making you/me a better person? Today I have another challenge.Is Jesus just another voice among many for you. Is He the way, the truth and the life for you? A great mistake is to make Him into another voice among many and it is up to me to take my pick. Sounds like a lotto, and as we know, in that, there are many losers. "Jesus spoke with authority." He did not have to refer to anyone else. As at times I may refer to the Pope or somebody else. Even to Pilate, He said, "I am He." In today's Gospel we see Satan recognising Jesus and he trembles in his boots. I hope you recognise him and He IS YOUR LIFE.

SILENCE IS ONE GREAT ART OF CONVERSATION (And it's where you find God)

BABIES FOR BAPTISM.

Tomorrow Monday evening at 7.30pm there will be a meeting for parents of babies for baptism in the church.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 10:00am Josie Golden RIP Tuesday 10:00am John Hazell RIP Wednesday 10:00am Liturgy of the Word

Thursday 10:00am Vivian Palat

Presentation of the Lord

Friday 10:00am Children & Young People

Saturday 06:00pm Holy Souls

Sunday 08:30am Maria Minh Tan RIP 10:00am People of the Parish 12:00noon Personal Intention

A FALSE DICHOTOMY OF SCIENCE AND FAITH

Catholic parents often find themselves at a loss when it comes to science education. Society's clear message is that one can either be reasonable or religious, but certainly not both. Our culture sets us up with an impossible choice between fidelity and rationality. Some Christians attempt to patch the hole of this false dichotomy by diluting science with a hefty dose of Scripture, but the Catholic Church shows us another way. We can wonder at a world full of wonders. Science, as I explain to my classes in the first week of school, is a methodical way of looking at the world. It is the process of seeking natural explanations for natural phenomena. As scientists, wonder is expressed as an inquiry and the scientist experiences a certain restlessness until that question is answer. The query "Why does the sun rise and set?" eventually led to discoveries about the rotation of the Earth, its orbit around the sun and its position in the universe. Questions, even those that seem absurd or obvious, can lead to remarkable revelation. Louis Pasteur, father of immunology (and a devout Catholic), observed, "To know how to wonder and question is the first step of the mind toward discovery." Kolbe Acadeby