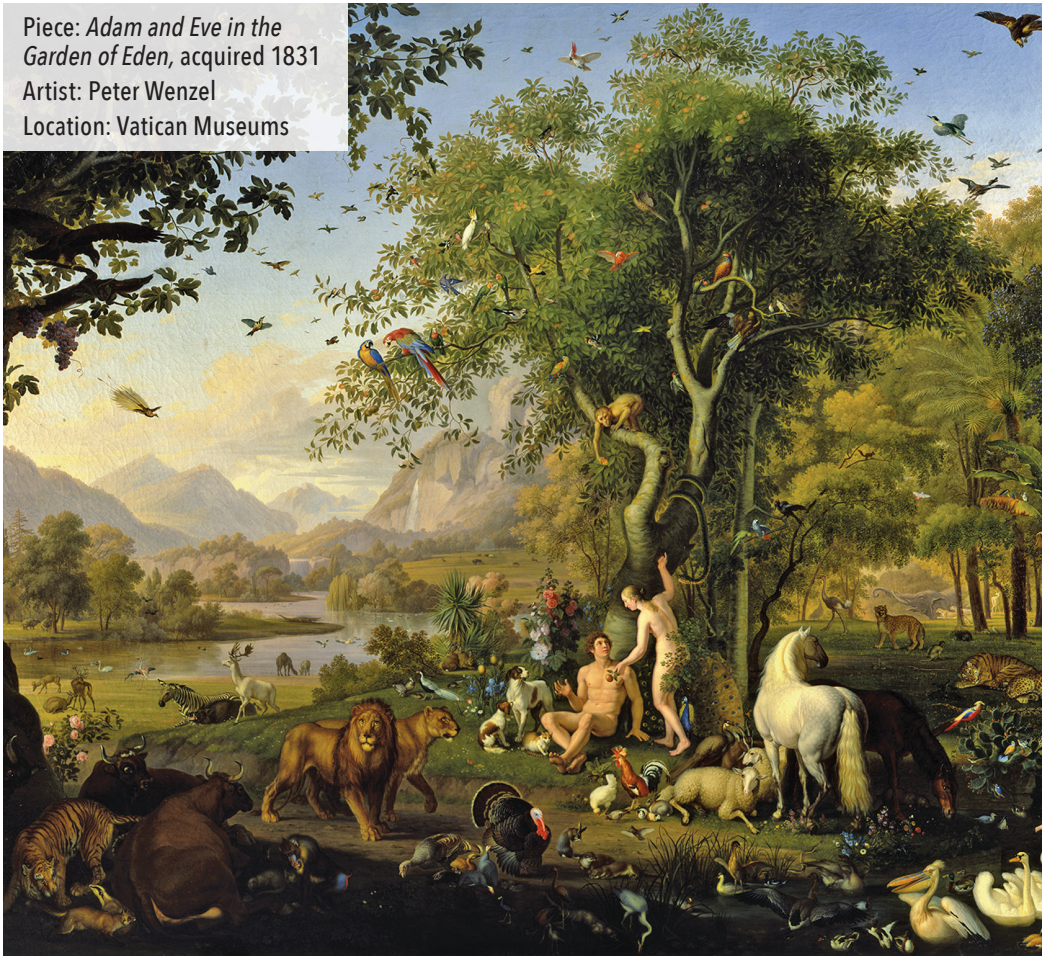


## God's Gift of Creation

In this idyllic landscape, Peter Wenzel wonderfully depicts the harmony and multiplicity of all God's creatures. The pastel heavens and the majestic soft mountains give a natural warmth and serenity to the background. Birds appear to be chatting in a tree while a tiger plays with a hare at his feet. A lion and lioness vigilantly stroll their kingdom, inspiring security rather than fear. There is space to run, shade for rest, a path under a leafy arch that invites us to walk. Eden is the perfect habitat of protection, freedom, and fraternity.

Piece: *Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden*, acquired 1831  
Artist: Peter Wenzel  
Location: Vatican Museums



And in the center are Adam and Eve. Traditional farm animals are nearby, and man's best friend is at Adam's right hand with a cat sitting at his feet. Like our first parents, we are not alone in our search for God. We are surrounded by many of the wonderful creatures he has placed alongside us to reflect his glory and show us his love.

When God comes looking for people in the Garden, he expects to find them enjoying the beauty and harmony of his creation. Yet original sin, that abuse of freedom by doubting God's goodness, destroyed humanity's innocence and his unity with creation.

What was cherished now becomes a source of fear and suspicion. We destroy and pollute what God gave us to use and to preserve. Trusting in God's goodness, as proved by the wonderful beauty in creation, is the key to inner peace and unity with others and creation. Doubting his love is to doubt our very source and goodness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Is there any created thing  
that doesn't lead me back to  
God or make me fear him?  
Is there a way I hide from  
God in shame for my  
choices?*

*The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: Where are you?  
Genesis 3:9*

## Calendar

### Monday

June 11

St. Barnabas,

Apostle

Acts 11:21b–26; 12:1–3

Mt 5:1–12

### Tuesday

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:7–16

Mt 5:13–16

### Wednesday

June 13

St. Anthony of Padua,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

1 Kgs 18:20–39

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:41–46

Mt 5:20–26

### Friday

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–16

Mt 5:27–32

### Saturday

June 16

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19–21

Mt 5:33–37

### Sunday

June 17

Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22–24

2 Cor 5:6–10

Mk 4:26–34

# Dear Padre,

## Does a Saturday wedding Mass count for Sunday obligation?

Your question is frequently asked of priests, so it's good to help clarify this matter. If you attend Mass anywhere in a Catholic rite either on Sunday or in the evening of the preceding day, then the obligation is satisfied (Canon 1248). "Evening" is generally understood in most dioceses as anytime from 4 PM onward. Thus, an afternoon Mass (wedding or otherwise) before 4 PM on Saturday is not an evening Mass and doesn't fulfill the obligation.

Moreover, if Mass is celebrated in a Catholic rite after 4 PM on Saturday, the Sunday obligation is satisfied regardless if the scriptural texts differ from those of the Sunday or holy day (Canon 1248 commentary).

A related question often asked of priests is whether Communion may be received more than once a day. Any eligible Catholic can receive Communion "a second time on the same day only within the eucharistic celebration in which

the person participates" (Canon 917). "A second time" doesn't mean "repeatedly." Only those in danger of death, or priests who trinate at Mass, can receive Communion a third time in one day. This law is intended to promote a full sharing in the Lord's Body and Blood, while preventing the abuse of receiving multiple Communions out of misguided devotion.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*Allow me to call your attention to the value and beauty of marriage....The differences between man and woman are not for opposition or subordination, but for communion and generation, always in the "image and likeness" of God. Without mutual self-giving, neither one can understand the other in depth.*

—Address to bishops in Puerto Rico, June 8, 2015