

Dear Padre,

How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, “Don’t become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint.” I would widen his expression to say, “Don’t get baptized unless you want to be a saint.” To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of “saint” by the Church, a person’s life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person’s “cause,” often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*This is the test: if I say, “I love God,” and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.*

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020

<b>MONDAY</b> October 30 Weekday Rom 8:12–17 Lk 13:10–17	<b>THURSDAY</b> NOVEMBER 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) Any readings from no. 668 in the Lectionary or from the Masses for the Dead	<b>SATURDAY</b> November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29 Lk 14:1, 7–11
<b>TUESDAY</b> October 31 Weekday Rom 8:18–25 Lk 13:18–21	<b>FRIDAY</b> November 3 Weekday Rom 9:1–5 Lk 14:1–6	<b>SUNDAY</b> November 5 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10 1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13 Mt 23:1–12
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> November 1 All Saints Rev 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a		

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The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Dennis is one of the local street people who lives around the parish where I live. He is usually pleasant and courteous and wants to do things right, though he also struggles with his own set of demons. For the most part, Dennis seems to be finding his way through the mazes of life, as people do in their own fashion.

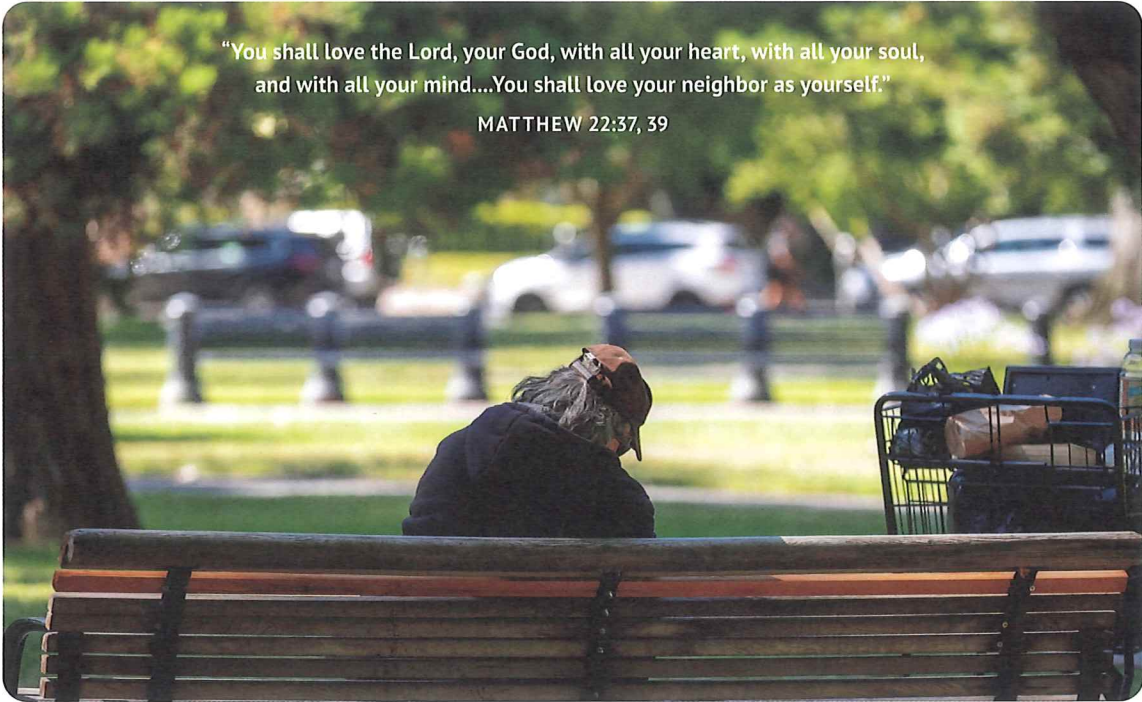
In some ways, the parishioners have become a family for Dennis, or at least a part of the family scattered about the neighborhood. Frequently he will be gone for a time, and we will wonder what happened to Dennis, only to find him drifting back among us.

These days Dennis is angry with us. For whatever reason, Dennis brought his assembled belongings and took up residence on our garage roof. The roof is flat and has a two-foot-high wall around the edge, a place that affords a bit of shelter from the wind. Soon, however, the parish came up with a list of reasons why it would be best if Dennis did not live on our garage roof—safety, security, and insurance among them. So Dennis was asked to move on, and that’s why Dennis is angry with us.

The parish staff tries to be sensitive and caring about the street people. They try to let them make their own way when that is what they want to do. Yet at other times the staff needs to do what is best for everyone involved in the parish. It’s not always easy to know how to love someone. ●

**Reflect**

*When have you been unsure of how to love someone?*







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**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10/28/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Volunteer, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Debbie Frederick

**E.O.HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

**10/29/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Julie Kaps

**E.O. HC:** Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

**31th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11/4/2023 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy, Jonathan, & Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Gwen Waechter

**E.O.HC:** Tino Rosales Jr., Karen Burden

**11/5/2023 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Cade & Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**E.O. HC:** Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, Oct. 28</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Int. Bachman Family</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For our parishioners</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 30</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Int. Burden Family</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 31</b>	<b>9: 30 a.m.</b>	<b>David Hoang</b>
<b>(Tuesday Mass at the High Plains Retirement Village )</b>		
<b>Wednesday Nov. 1</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>For our parishioners</b>
<b>(Holy day of obligation)</b>		
<b>Thursday, Nov. 2</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Int. Powers Family</b>
<b>(ALL SOULS DEPARTED)</b>		
<b>Friday, Nov. 3</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Gary Sack</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 4</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Int. Bachman Family</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 5</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>For more priestly vocation</b>

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**October 29, 2023**

**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Give the Lord glory and honor." (Psalm 96)*

To answer the question raised by a scholar of the law in this Sunday Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40) Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God,.... And You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

My friends, the idea that love of God and love of neighbor are the same means two important things. One --- it means that some of us can't really claim to love God if we don't actually love the people around us. In other words --- if we mistreat people, or do wrong by them, or fail to help them --- our words, "I love God" become empty, impoverished, false. And secondly, the equivalency of love of God and love of neighbor means that non-believers who truly love those around them --- are (in a very real way) loving God --- even if they can't see it, don't believe it, or won't admit it. A loving person is someone who is responding to the Spirit, open to the Spirit, open to grace. Love of neighbor is actually evidence of a person within whom God is alive, well, and at work. Love of God and love of neighbor. Let's see them for what they are --- the same thing. Equal. And therefore, let's not try to somehow claim the "easier" one while ignoring the other. Fr. Peter

**Eucharistic Revival Parish Mission** St. Dominic Church in Garden City and St. Stanislaus Church in Ingalls will be holding a Eucharistic Revival Parish Mission from Sunday Nov. 5-Tuesday Nov. 7. The mission is being preached by Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, a member of the St. Joseph Province of the Order of Preachers. The parish mission will run from 6-8 pm each night and include the praying of the Rosary, Father Kalisch's mission talk, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, and more. Each night's talk will be on a different Eucharistic theme. The Parish Mission will be held at St. Dominic's (615 JC Street) on Nov. 5-6 and at St. Stanislaus (200 N. Rush Street) on Nov. 7. For more information please contact Father Tim S. Hickey, pastor, at [tshickey@icloud.com](mailto:tshickey@icloud.com).

**COLLECTION** for October 22, 2023: Envelopes: \$590; Loose: \$348; Online Giving: \$302.64; Total \$1240.64; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under –520.53

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Building Fund To Date: \$37073.74. *Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the past years. Located in our church vestibule is a Book of Reembrace to which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones. All names will be remembered at our upcoming Masses in November.

**THE TRAVELING MONSTRANCE AND ADORATION** During the visit of the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance in our parish during November, Father is offering additional times for Adoration besides on Fridays. On Wednesdays the Holy Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. follows by Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30 p.m. This will include with Benediction. On Saturdays and Sundays Eucharistic Adoration will follows after Mass.

**PARISH BREAKFAST—RIGHT AFTER MASS** You are invited to join us for food & fellowship on Sunday, October 29, served by our K of C Council.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING** Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m.- Parish Hall. **Notice:** Monthly meetings are typically on the first Wednesday of each month

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK** What concrete action can I take this month to reflect God’s love and mercy to others?

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (adapted from St. Vincent de Paul ) O divine Savior, you came into this world to preach your gospel in delightful simplicity. I humbly ask you to let me learn from your example. Make me acquire your spirit of simplicity. By your grace may I spread your word in a simple and direct manner for the spiritual well-being of others. O my dear Savior, pour your spirit of simplicity into my heart so that I may be your true apostle by always cooperating with your grace. I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Matthew 22: 34-40)**

**Another test** After Jesus spoke parables of judgment against the Jewish authorities (21:28 – 22:14) they tried to trap him with questions about taxes and the resurrection (22:15-33). Now they try to trap him again. There were hundreds of laws that Jews of this era were expected to follow. Most rabbis counted 613 of them. All of these laws ultimately came from God. If Jesus picks one law and says it’s the greatest, then he would imply that all the other laws were less important.

**Love is the basis of the law** Jesus quotes the Shema, the great Jewish prayer based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5. The most important commandment is to commit every part of one’s being to God. Because God cares about people, the next most important commandment is to love others. Love for God must be demonstrated in love for others. All other commandments must be evaluated in the light of these two.

**Jesus, a true and faithful Jew** Jesus’ opponents believed he was rejecting his Jewish heritage because it often seemed like Jesus threw out or ignored the Jewish law. In his response to this question, Jesus shows that he isn’t preoccupied with the details of the law. His concern is instead to help people love God and other people – which is the whole point of the law. Jesus wasn’t the first Jew to link these two laws and make them foundational: other widely respected teachers did, too. Jesus’ opponents are likely to have agreed with Jesus’ reply.

**Jesus fulfills the law** Matthew’s community was rejected by Jews who thought Jesus was a false teacher. Matthew thus presents Jesus as both the true interpreter and fulfillment of the scriptures (5:17). Jesus fulfilled all that God promised for the world. Therefore, the teaching of Jesus is absolute. There is no greater authority.

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**UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING OF THE WEEK - (Exodus 22:20-26)**

**The Sinai Covenant** After freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, God made a covenant with them in the Sinai desert. The Ten Commandments are the best known part of the Sinai Covenant.

**The least among us** The laws in this passage protect those members of society who have few resources and family connections and are thus in danger of suffering from material need and exploitation. • Although the Sinai Covenant was between God and the Israelites, non-Israelites weren’t excluded from it. If aliens/foreigners were doing no harm to God’s people, then they were to be treated well. Just because God’s people were mistreated in Egypt doesn’t mean they have the right to mistreat others. • God instructs his people to shelter widows and orphans. In the Bible these people are symbols of the poor because they often had no means of securing their own income. God warns that if stronger members of the society don’t help weaker ones, then he won’t help the strong. • God wants debts to be repaid, but debts shouldn’t become heavy burdens on the borrower. These commandments are a sample of the many laws that instruct God’s people to help others in the same way that their just, compassionate God helps them

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION OCTOBER 29**

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37*  
Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

*“Debes amar al Señor, Tu Dios, con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente.” – MATEO 22:37*  
¿Pone otros “dioses” antes de Dios? ¿Es su amor por el dinero, el poder, el estatus, la comodidad o algunos de sus bienes personales más grande que su amor por Dios? ¿Reconoce que todo lo que es y todo lo que tiene es regalo de Dios? Poner a Dios de primero en todo ayuda a que no nos convirtamos en esclavos de nuestras posesiones y de nuestro orgullo.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 1: Holy Water and Sacramentals

**The Mass** Why is the Mass so important? Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at specific times during the Mass? Where did the prayers we say at Mass come from? When does Jesus actually become present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity? How do I pray better at Mass? These are just some of the many questions parishioners have asked me through the years. They’re really great questions! The goal of this series is to explore the most common things Catholics want to know about the Mass.

**What is the Mass?** The first question that we need to talk about, the one that underlies all the other questions you might have regarding the Mass, and the question you probably haven’t asked yourself, is this: What is the Mass? This is a really important question, and we’ll be deepening the answer to this throughout the series. However, as we begin, I want to give you for starters a way you can think about the Mass:

- The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another.
- And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Mass is the perfect worship of the Father in heaven, and it is an inestimable source of gifts and blessings for us as well.

In this series, we will be exploring each of the parts of the Mass, beginning from that first moment when we walk through the church doors. So let’s begin.

**Holy Water** What is one of the first things you do when entering the body of a Catholic church? You reach down and dip your fingers in the holy water font and make the Sign of the Cross on yourself. We do this seemingly small gesture so often that sometimes we may not think about its meaning.

First, have you ever wondered why there are holy water fonts located near the entrance of the church? Msgr. Peter Elliott explains, “The holy water stoups [fonts] at the doors of the church are signs which recall the baptismal washing of the faithful” (Ceremonies for the Modern Rite, no. 44). In many traditional church layouts, the baptistry was located near the main door of the church. So just as the Sacrament of Baptism is our entrance into the life of God and the Christian Faith, it’s symbolic that baptistries and fonts are located at the entrance of churches. Their location just inside the church doors recalls for us our entrance into the life of the Church when we were baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (the Sign of the Cross).

So as you enter the body of the church, you bless yourself with holy water to recall the sacrament through which you entered into God’s family, the Church. When you enter the church for Mass, you are, we could say, entering the place of “family celebration.” We have been given tremendous gifts as members of God’s family, and holy water reminds us of these gifts. By blessing ourselves with holy water, we recommit ourselves to living holy lives in fidelity to Christ, and we prepare ourselves to participate fruitfully in the Holy Mass.

Sacramentals

Holy water is water blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon and is among holy things that fall into the category called “sacramentals.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that sacramentals “are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments” (CCC, no. 1667). That means that these holy things or actions remind us of sacraments in some way. They help us recall the graces of the sacraments. They don’t confer grace, but prepare us to receive grace and help us be ready to cooperate with those graces so we can grow in faith and holiness.

Beloved Children of the Father

I mentioned earlier that holy water recalls our Baptism. Dipping our fingers into the holy water and making the Sign of the Cross as we enter the church for Mass is certainly not the same as our Baptism, when water was poured upon us and baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. However, intentionally blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church recalls the day that we were brought into God’s family, and it reminds us we are beloved children of the Father. As we prepare to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, this first gesture as we enter the body of the church helps us to know that we belong and that we have been invited to take part in the Sacrifice of Christ.

For Reflection:

1. After his Resurrection, Jesus Christ gave his disciples a mandate: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt. 28:19-20). As you make the Sign of the Cross, consider the ways in which Christ fulfills his promise to remain with us, and ask for a greater awareness of God’s presence in your life.
2. When were you baptized? Reflect on this gift of initiation into God’s family, and look forward to your next visit to church.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Look beyond our differences

Healing serious division is challenging. The deeper the breach, the tougher the reconciliation. Since 1567, mainline Protestant denominations have celebrated Reformation Day on this Sunday. Yet in 2016, Pope Francis also acknowledged this observance, reaching out to the head of the Lutheran Church to state: "With gratitude we acknowledge that the Reformation helped give a greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the Church's life." Catholic-Lutheran dialogue continues to express the gifts of the Reformation and to seek forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from both traditions. Our witness is stronger together. Collaborate across the aisle. (Preparetheword)

TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Mirar más allá de nuestras diferencias

Sanar una división grave es un desafío. Cuanto más profunda es la brecha, más difícil es la reconciliación. Desde 1567, las principales denominaciones Protestantes han celebrado este domingo el Día de la Reforma. Sin embargo, en 2016, el Papa Francisco también reconoció esta celebración, dirigiéndose al jefe de la Iglesia Luterana para afirmar: "Con gratitud reconocemos que la Reforma contribuyó a dar mayor centralidad a las Sagradas Escrituras en la vida de la Iglesia." El diálogo Católico-Luterano continúa expresando los dones de la Reforma, y buscando el perdón por la división perpetuada por Cristianos de ambas tradiciones. Juntos, nuestro testimonio es más fuerte. Colaboremos a través del pasillo.