

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a / Romans 9:1–5 / Matthew 14:22–33



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”
MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?



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WEEKDAY MASS: THURSDAY 8:00AM

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2026

PASTORATE MASS TIMES (Mason City)

SATURDAY 4:00 PM, HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY 8:00 AM, HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY 10:30 AM, HOLY FAMILY

OTHER PASTORATE MASS TIMES (Area)

SUNDAY 9:00 AM, ST. PATRICK (Hampton)

SUNDAY 12:00 PM SACRED HEART* (Rockwell)

**Spanish Mass*

MASS INTENTIONS AT MANLY FOR

Thursday August 6th-----For the People

Thursday August 13th-----For the People

Mass Intentions: how to Schedule:

Mike Romig will now be the sole person scheduling Mass intentions for Epiphany and Sacred Heart Manly & Rockwell and St. Patrick's, Hampton. Intentions are currently being taken for July 15, 2026-Jan 15, 2027 and are limited to two (2) per parishioner. We are not able to schedule beyond January 15th 2027 at this time. You may contact Mike via phone 641-454-2586 or by email at: dbq124s@dbqarch.org. You may schedule your mass intentions at any of the Pastorate churches at the given Mass times for each church. Standard intentions are \$10.00 or higher if requested.

Financial Support of Sacred Heart: you may use your current tithing envelop putting it in the offertory collection at any mass you attend in the Pastorate, or use a plain envelope with Sacred Heart Manly written on it. Any unmarked cash will be seen as offertory which will go to support the Pastorate and will not come to Sacred Heart Manly. Electronic giving is encouraged. Our Business Manager is working to develop a form which will be needed to setup an ACH (Automated Clearing House) or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) account with our bank, First Security.

FINANCIAL GIVING COLLECTION RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK ENDED: July 26, 2026:

Tithing \$815.00; Offertory \$00.00 Total \$815.00 Thank You!

There will be 8:00 AM Mass Thursday August 13, 2026; Sacred Heart, Manly

Pastor's Pen by Fr. Dave O'Connor

See Attached

Ø Confession times for the pastorate

o **Sacred Heart, Manly – After the 8:00 AM Thursday Mass**

o Epiphany Parish, Mason City – Saturdays from 8 AM to 9 AM

o Sacred Heart, Rockwell – Spanish or English at 11:00 AM on Sunday

o St. Patrick, Hampton – Before the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday

Ø Eucharistic Adoration

o Epiphany Parish, Mason City – The first Friday of the month after the 12:05 PM Mass until 8:00 AM on Saturday; The third Wednesday of the month after the 12:05 PM Mass until 4 PM.

o Sacred Heart, Rockwell – From 11:00 AM-11:50 AM on Sundays

o St. Patrick, Hampton – Thursdays at 7 PM

90th Birthday Open House for Fr. Ken Gehling

Sunday, August 9, 2026, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Epiphany Parish-Holy Family Social Hall

Everyone invited. Come one, come all!

Journey in Faith:

Director of Evangelization and Director of Operations

Each pastorate will hire a Director of Evangelization and a Director of Operations between September 2026 and January 2027. The Director of Evangelization will help lead the pastorate's mission of evangelization and forming disciples, while the Director of Operations will oversee the administrative and operational functions that support that mission. We invite you to begin prayerfully considering whether God may be calling you – or someone you know – to serve in one of these important leadership roles. Both positions report directly to the pastor and require vision, initiative, and a commitment to our Catholic mission, with strong experience in supervision and leadership. More information, including job descriptions, will be shared in the coming months. Please keep the hiring of these important roles in your prayers.

Called & Gifted "Called & Gifted changed everything: how I understand God and my relationship with God, and how I understand the Church." ~ Called & Gifted Participant. Come learn about your personal vocation: your place in the Church's mission to the world, and about the charisms God gives you to help you fulfill that mission. The Called & Gifted Discernment Program begins on Monday, September 14. To register, go to Epiphany's website or pick up a registration form in the back of the church or at the Parish Center. To find out more about Called & Gifted, please contact: Karen Knudson 641.423.5001; Rollie Knudson 641.420.0022; Christie Curtis 605-545-3529; Jane Wageman 641.530.5018.

"For in Him we live and move and have our being