

Dear Padre,

Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday
NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
NOVEMBER 7
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

Take to Heart These Words

"Hear, O Israel!" (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of "pledge of allegiance" that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God's personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: "I will be your God and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God's people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. "Hear, O Israel!" "Take to heart these words" (Deuteronomy 6:6).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?
- ★ How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?

[The scribe said to Jesus,]
"To love your neighbor
as yourself" is worth more
than all burnt offerings
and sacrifices."

MARK 12:33



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

Parish phone: 509-234-2262 **Oct. 31, 2021** website: stvincentconnell.org

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31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Oct. 31, 2021

Lector: Danny Holt

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Stacy Ferguson

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Stacy Ferguson & Family

Altar Servers:

Ruby b. & Angie V.

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Nov. 7, 2021

Lector: Oliva Grassl-Kniveton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike Reimers

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Mike & Jeannie Reimers

Alter Servers:

Adrian K. & Giselle S.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

**People Who Suffer from Depression;
We pray that people who suffer from depression
or burn-out will find support and a light that
opens them up to life.**

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Fridays: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Tuesdays 7:00 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Julie Hart Call at 234-7232 or gjhart@outlook.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

LIKE our Facebook page to get updated posts and information about our parish. You can also see photos of all the activities that have been happening. If you want to post church happenings on Facebook please email Onna Pollock at olpollock@yahoo.com

FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK:

Oct. 31, 2021 - Nov. 7, 2021

Sun. Oct. 31: Mass Schedule

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Monday Nov. 1: All Saints Day

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City-Deacon Arturo

7:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Tues. Nov. 2: all Souls Day

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City –Deacon Arturo

Wed. Nov. 3:

No Confessions @ Connell

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

@ Basin City

Thurs. Nov. 4:

10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia

5:30 pm Parish Council @ Eltopia

7:30 pm Finance Council @ Eltopia

Fri. Nov. 5:

Fr. Gus' Day Off

Sat Nov. 6:

1:00 pm Wedding @ Basin City

Congrats Jose & Dana

7:00 pm @ Basin City

Sun. Nov. 7: Mass Schedule

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Remember to Keep Fr. Gus in
Your Prayers**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Why is love of neighbor as important as love of God? What are some ways you show that you love God and your neighbor with your whole heart?

STEWARDSHIP

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal for St. Vincent & San Juan Diego

\$21,678.00

Contributions to date: \$4950.00

High School Religious Ed. Registration Has started and

**Is open to 8th graders that have their
Baptism, Confirmation & 1st Communion. More info call
Elida Fernandez, secretary.**

During office hours Tues.-Thurs.

Noon – 4 pm

\$20 fee for all students.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

REMINDER

Our website has:

**The times and days of Mass and
Confession,**

The latest news and events,

The option for online donations,

Go to:

www.stvincentconnell.org

Altar Flowers

Nov. – Guadalupanas

Dec. – Altar Society; Guild 3

GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 18 of NOV.

@ 5 pm

Advent Dinner

Dec. 5th @ 5 pm

(21 yrs. and older)

Sign up at the entrance of church.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

**Masks are required in our church
buildings and offices. Thank you for
your understanding and for taking
care of each other, Fr. Gus.**