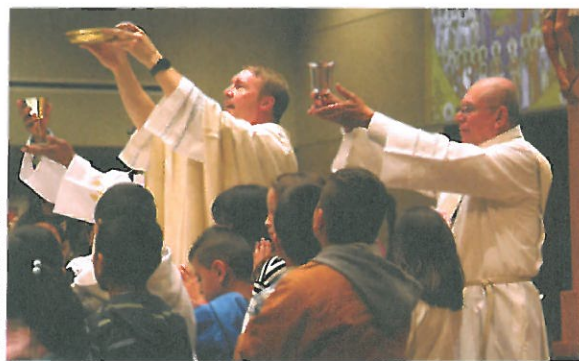


# Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 24  
St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10  
Mk 3:22–30

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 25  
The Conversion of  
St. Paul the Apostle  
Acts 22:3–16  
or Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 26  
Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops  
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5  
Mk 4:1–20

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 27  
Weekday  
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29  
Mk 4:21–25

**Friday**  
JANUARY 28  
St. Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church  
2 Sm 11:1–4a,  
5–10a, 13–17  
Mk 4:26–34

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 29  
Weekday  
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17  
Mk 4:35–41

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 30  
Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
or 13:4–13  
Lk 4:21–30

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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30 or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21

## Fulfilled in Your Hearing

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy.

However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14

## FOR Reflection

- ✦ In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?
- ✦ Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?





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"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."

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### Jan. 23, 2022 Sunday

Mass Jan. 23, 2022

Lector: Molly Kunkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Marv Grassl

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Stacy Ferguson Family

Altar Servers:

Bella & Nadia Holt

### Jan. 30, 2022 Sunday

Mass Jan. 30, 2022

Lector: Greg Hart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Stacy Ferguson

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Larry & Jaeniffer Kaiser

Alter Servers:

Ruby B. & Mackenzie P.

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

True Human Fraternity;

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### 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

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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](mailto:gjhart@outlook.com)

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### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK:

Jan. 23, 2022 - Jan. 30, 2022

#### Sun. Jan. 23:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

#### Monday Jan. 24:

Fr. Gus – on Vacation

#### Tues. Jan. 25:

No Confessions @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

#### Wed. Jan. 26:

No Confessions @ Connell

#### Thurs. Jan. 27:

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

#### Fri. Jan. 28:

No Mass @ Connell

#### Sat Jan. 29:

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

#### Sun. Jan. 30:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Please keep Fr. Gus  
In your daily prayers.**

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

### PAULISH CO:

What do you believe that the anointing you received at Baptism requires you to do?  
What could you do this week for someone who has less than you?

## STEWARDSHIP

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Dec. 19, 2021

10:30 am - \$933.00

12:00 pm - \$156.17

Basin City - \$784.00

Dec. 24, 2021

10:30 am - \$553.00

12:00 pm \$157.00

Basin City - \$604.00

Dec. 26, 2021

10:30am - \$272.00

12:00 pm - 317.00

Basin City - \$434.69

Dec. 31, 2021

12:00 pm 206.00

Basin city - 318.00

Jan. 2, 2022

10:30 am - \$590.00

12:00 pm - \$204.00

Basin city - 607.00

Jan. 9, 2022

10:30 am - \$1224.00

12:00 pm - \$289.25

Basin City - 6516.04

## Altar Flowers

Jan. – Altar Society Guild #1

Feb. – Guadalupanas

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Congratulations!

James Freitag – Educator of the Year  
Darleen Harrington – Senior Citizen of the Year

## Religious Ed @ St. Vincent

Kinder- 8<sup>th</sup> grade began Sunday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>  
High School began Wed. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

## Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

## ADULT ED BEGINS

Mark your calendars

Sunday Jan. 23, 2022

Will be the 1<sup>st</sup> meet date.

New series: Untold Blessing

## Wednesday Confession Hour

There is no confessions until  
Fr. Gus returns in February.

## GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 17 of Feb. 2022

@ 5 pm

## Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesdays

Feb. 8th and Feb. 22

10:00 am – 11:00 am

General Public: Wednesdays

Feb. 9th and Feb. 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm