Dear Padre,

There are so many preachers urging us to "reform our lives." Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn't there more involved?

onsider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus' followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every



human is a creation of God, created in God's image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: "With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social

or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God's intent" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [Gaudium et Spes], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country's division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.

JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015



Monday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5–13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30—19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 6

Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

or 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

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January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Jer 1:4–5, 17–19 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4–13 Lk 4:21–30



FOR Reflection

- * Go out of your way to show love to someone in your family.
- * Think of ways of being a bit more understanding of others.

How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

Paul's praise of love from the second reading is a favorite passage for weddings where it acts as a set of promises the bridal couple make to each other. They seem to be saying: "This is the way I am going to act, because I love you. I promise to put you ahead of me." And they genuinely mean it. They're convinced the passion they feel, the concern they experience, will be all that's needed to transcend any future difficulties they might face.

Soon, reality sets in and they realize that the list is really a strategy for scaling the heights of unselfishness or critically examining the conscience to reveals one's failures. This is not to say that people do not genuinely love each other. They do. But we are all so human, and selfishness is a weakness to which we are all susceptible. Perhaps Paul should have written: "Love tries to be patient, love tries to be kind...."

In a way, it is precisely in the give-and-take that occurs between imperfect humans that all the wonderful characteristics listed by Paul are refined. Our impatience is worn away as we deal sympathetically with the disagreeable traits of our loved ones. We become humble when those who should encourage us fail to acknowledge accomplishments that might otherwise inflate our egos. These are the slights we endure because we love the other person. Actually, such humble endurance is evidence that love truly *is* patient and kind.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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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 Jan. 30, 2022 website: stvincentconnell.org

Feb. 6, 2022 Sunday

Fr. Miguel A. Gustavo Ruiz Juárez 509-318-0295 gruiz@dioceseofspokane.org

Jan. 30, 2022 Sunday
Mass Jan. 30, 2022
Lector: Greg Hart
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Stacy Ferguson
Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Larry & Jaeniffer Kaiser
Altar Servers:

Ruby B. & Mackenzie P.

Mass Feb. 6, 2022
Lector: Danny Holt
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Maria Garcia
Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Jeff & Andrea Shawver
Alter Servers:
Brandy F. & Giselle S.

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 (English)

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

<u>Church Secretary:</u> Elida Fernández - <u>secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com</u>

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

<u>Breezeway Calendar</u>: 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

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FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK: Jan. 30, 2022 - Feb. 6, 2022

Sun. Jan. 30:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia 10:30 am Mass @ Connell 12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Monday Jan. 31:

Fr. Gus - on Vacation

Tues. Feb. 1:

No Confessions @ Eltopia No Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. <u>Feb. 2:</u>

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Feb. 3:

No Adoration @ Eltopia No Mass @ Eltopia

Fri. Feb. 4:

No Mass @ Connell

Sat Feb. 5:

1:00 pm Quinceanera @Connell Congrats Itzel! 7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Feb. 6:

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 do when a message you are trying to deliver "falls on deaf ears"? Are there times when you have not listened as well as you could to what someone was telling you? Why didn't you?

STEWARDSHIP

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

 Jan. 16. 2022
 Jan. 9, 2022

 10:30 am - \$1136.88
 10:30 am - \$1224.00

 12:00 pm - \$321.00
 12:00 pm - \$289.25

 Basin city - 995.00
 Basin City - 6516.04

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Jan. – Altar Society Guild #1 Feb. – Guadalupanas

Religious Ed @ St. Vincent

Kinder- 8th grade has resumed classes On Sunday 8:30 am – 10:00 am High School meets every Wednesday 5:30 pm is dinner, class begins at 5:50 pm

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 MEETS

Tonight at 5:30 pm
We begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm,
then class 6 pm – 7 pm
New series: Untold Blessing
By Bishop Barron

Wednesday Confession Hour There is no confessions until Fr. Gus returns in February.

GUADALUPANAS MEET
Thursday, 17 of Feb. 2022
@ 5 pm