

Dear Padre,

It seems one news story after another has reported a priest, bishop, or other person associated with the Church abusing a child. Why should I remain in the Catholic Church?

Understandably, many Catholics have fallen into anger and despair, thinking their leaders were reprehensible hypocrites. But it's not unprecedented that some bishops, priests, and even popes have done bad things. Recall that Peter denied Jesus, and yet he became the first pope. We also recall that, except for John, all the apostles abandoned Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.



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Scripture describes the Church as “the bride of Christ.” Paul said the Church is the bride for whom Christ sacrificed himself and “handed himself over for her” (Ephesians 5:25). Revelation describes the Church at the end of time “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” (Revelation 21:2). Like a groom or bride loves a spouse—faults and all—Christ loves his bride, the Church.

Matrimony is a sacrament designed by Christ, placing a man and woman amid society, committed exclusively to each other. As an example, it shows the world how Christ also loves his Church—even with its imperfections. Clearly, multiple groups claiming to be the church Jesus founded cannot be that true Church. That would make Jesus a bigamist! Only our Church traces its succession of leaders back to the original apostles.

That some leaders have been unfaithful doesn't mean the Church as a whole is unfaithful. Like a bride and groom pledging fidelity to each other on their wedding day, we should remain faithful to Christ and his Church.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Missionary discipleship is a call from God for today's busy and complicated world, a constant setting out with Jesus... Only a Church which is bride, mother, and servant—one that has renounced the claim to control what is not her own work but God's—can remain with Jesus.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017



Calendar

Monday
 FEBRUARY 14
 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
 Methodius, Bishop

Jas 1:1–11
 Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday
 FEBRUARY 15
 Weekday
 Jas 1:12–18
 Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday
 FEBRUARY 16
 Weekday
 Jas 1:19–27
 Mk 8:22–26

Thursday
 FEBRUARY 17
 Weekday
 Jas 2:1–9
 Mk 8:27–33

Friday
 FEBRUARY 18
 Weekday
 Jas 2:14–24, 26
 Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday
 FEBRUARY 19
 Weekday
 Jas 3:1–10
 Mk 9:2–13

Sunday
 FEBRUARY 20
 Seventh Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,
 12–13, 22–23
 1 Cor 15:45–49
 Lk 6:27–38

**Do you have
 a question
 for the Padre?**

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 to send your question and
 to learn more about
 Dear Padre.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Lk 6:17, 20–26

What Is Your Choice?

So much of who we are is beyond our choice: our parents, our ethnic identity, our time in history, even some of our personality traits. We may not have chosen many of these basic building blocks, but we do have lots to say about what we fashion them into. We certainly are influenced by social groups such as family and neighborhood, church community and civic organizations, political party and national citizenship. However, we still retain the power of choice in many of them. It is on these kinds of choices that today's readings focus.

Jeremiah places two sources of guidance before the people—namely, human ingenuity and divine law. Today's first reading is a classic example of wisdom teaching. With all the possibilities available to us, to whom do we listen? Whose direction will we follow? Both Jeremiah and the psalm response answer these questions by describing the good fortune of a particular choice: Blessed is the one who “delights in the law of the LORD.” The outcome of choosing this way is a meaningful and fruitful life. The consequence of the opposite decision is emptiness and barrenness. What is your choice?

At the heart of Jesus' ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What influences the decisions you make? Television? Social pressure? Religious tradition? Why?*
- ★ *How often do you go along with the crowd?*

[Jesus said,] “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.”

LUKE 6:24



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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 Feb. 13, 2022 website: stvincentconnell.org

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6th Sunday Ordinary Time	7th Sunday Ordinary Time
Mass Feb. 13, 2022	Mass Feb. 20, 2022
Lector: Cynthia Rodríguez & Nelly Guzman	Lector: Elida Fernandez
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Stacy Ferguson	Marv Grassl
Greeters & Presentation of Gift	Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Sacra Prep Kids	Art & Patricia Barrera family
Altar Servers:	Alter Servers:
Angie Villafan	Josh B. & Mackenzie P.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women;

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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 Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.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: Feb. 13, 2022 - Feb. 20, 2022

Sun. Feb. 13:

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

Monday Feb. 14:

Fr. Gus – on Vacation

Tues. Feb. 15:

No Confessions @ Eltopia

Wed. Feb. 16:

No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Feb. 17:

No Adoration @ Eltopia
No Mass @ Eltopia
5:00 pm Guadalupe

Fri. Feb. 18:

No Mass @ Connell
6:30 pm Parish Councils @ Basin City

Sat Feb. 19:

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City
7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Feb. 20:

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:

In what way are you serving the poor, as Jesus did? When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

STEWARDSHIP

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Jan. 16, 2022	Jan. 23, 2022
10:30 am - \$1136.88	10:30 am - \$2001.00
12:00 pm - \$321.00	12:00 pm - \$278.25
Basin city - 995.00	Basin City - 1180.00

Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesday

Feb. 22

10:00 am – 11:00 am

General Public: Wednesday

Feb. 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

PARISH COUNCILS MEET

Thurs. Feb. 24

Parish Council @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday Confession Hour

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

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Feb. – Guadalupe

Mar. – Altar Society Guild #2

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

GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 17 of Feb. 2022

@ 5 pm

SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Feed

Tuesday March 1st @ 5:30 pm

All parish family invited.

Prepare for Lent!

Sign up is at the entrance to church on the ambo.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Beginning on Feb. 9th all children in our religious education programs from Kinder to 12th grade will be presented the annual Safe Environment lesson as per Diocesan instructions. Any parent not wanting their children to participate in the lesson or more information please contact:
Elida Fernandez 318-0917