

Dear Padre,

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19-20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that

contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord.

That's why it's important that we examine

our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020



Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Jas 4:13-17

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38

Love Your Enemies

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus directed of his followers is love of enemies. He was not talking about people whom we do not particularly like or who do not belong to your families, ethnic or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or who take from us what we need to live. This kind of love is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called *retributive justice* and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or some form of fine.

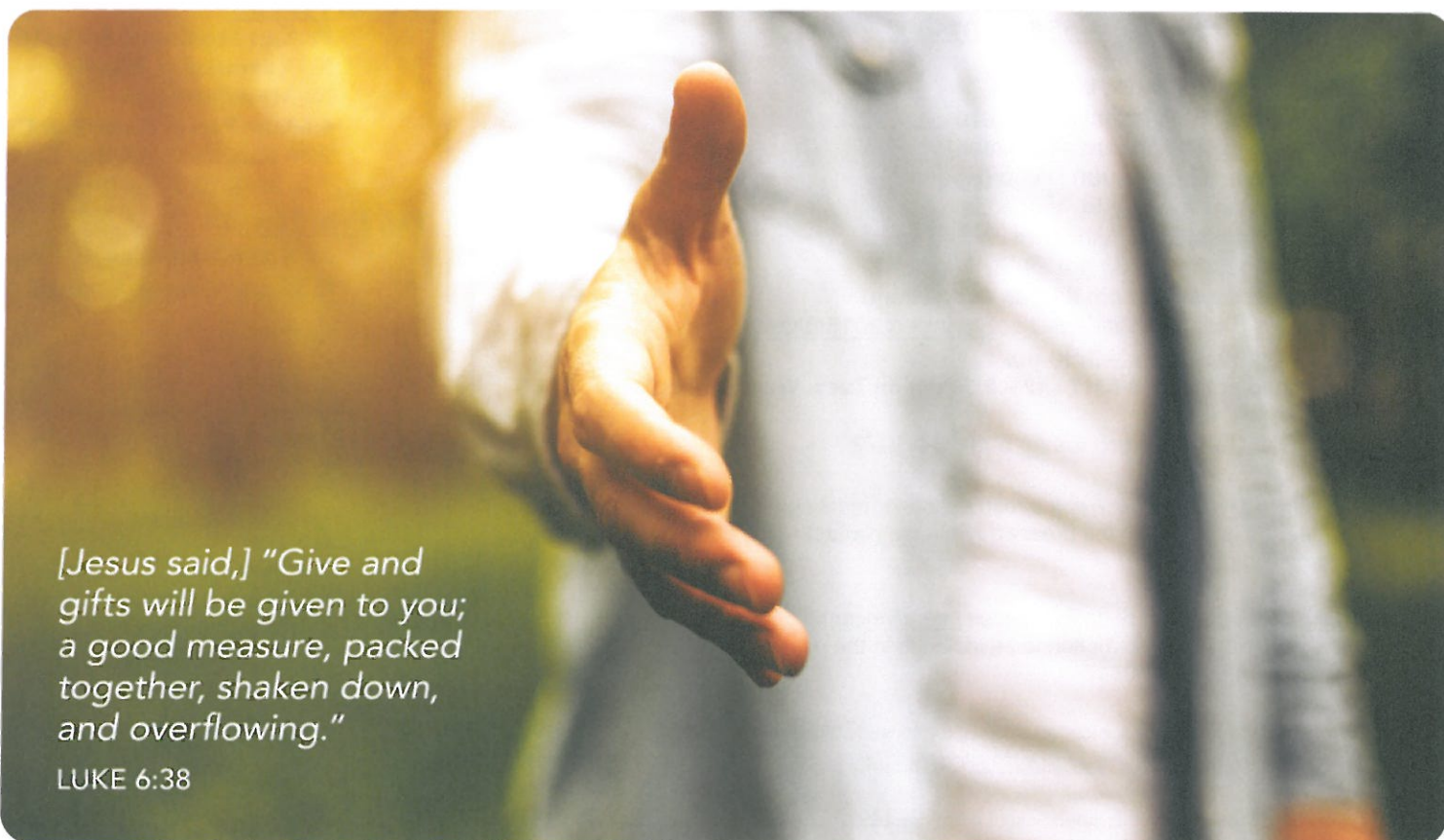
However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures

society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times some form of community service is required. It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's Gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Think of how often you have been made new by the forgiveness of others.*
- ★ *Who in your life might be made new by your forgiveness?*



[Jesus said,] "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing."

LUKE 6:38



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. 20, 2022 website: stvincentconnell.org**

Fr. Miguel A. Gustavo Ruiz Juárez 509-318-0295

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7th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Feb. 20, 2022

Lector: Elida Fernandez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Marv Grassl

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Art & Patricia Barrera family

Altar Servers:

Josh B. & Mackenzie P.

8th Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Feb. 27, 2022

Lector: Stacy Kniveton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Mike Reimers

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Onna Pollock Family

Alter Servers:

Adrian & Emmett K.

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 wmgoad73@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. 20, 2022 - Feb. 27, 2022

Sun. Feb. 20:

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Monday Feb. 21:

Fr. Gus' Day off

Tues. Feb. 22:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. Feb. 23:

6:30 pm - Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Feb. 24:

Fr. Gus Meeting @ Spokane

No Adoration @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

6:00 pm Parish Council @ Connell

7:30 Finance Council @ Connell

Fri. Feb. 25:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

Sat Feb. 26:

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Feb. 27:

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 has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you? When has it been hard to forgive someone who has hurt you? What did you do?

STEWARDSHIP

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Feb. 6, 2022	Jan. 30, 2022
10:30 am - \$1313.00	10:30 am - \$450.00
12:00 pm - \$248.00	12:00 pm - \$358.00
Basin city - \$1648.00	Basin City - \$825.00

Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesday

Feb. 22

10:00 am – 11:00 am

General Public: Wednesday

Feb. 23

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 17 of Mar. 2022

@ 5 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Mar. – Altar Society Guild #2

April – Guadalupe

PARISH COUNCILS MEET

Thurs. Feb. 24

Parish Council @ 6:00 pm

Finance Council @ 7:30 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.**

Wednesday Confession Hour

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 7:30 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

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