

# Dear Padre,

My aunt tells her husband he shouldn't watch a certain TV show. She says it's an "occasion of sin." What is that?

Occasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give the individual an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types: *remote* and *proximate* (or "near").

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a particular situation, that situation should be

regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as *necessary* or *voluntary*. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty—for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Temptation in us truly works like this: it begins with something small, a desire, an idea, it grows, it infects others and in the end, it justifies itself....And all of us, when we are conquered by temptation, ...end up feeling calm, because we have found a justification for this sin, for this sinful attitude.*

HOMILY, APRIL 4, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 14:5–18  
Jn 14:21–26

**Tuesday**  
MAY 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 14:19–28  
Jn 14:27–31a

**Wednesday**  
MAY 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:1–6  
Jn 15:1–8

**Thursday**  
MAY 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:7–21  
Jn 15:9–11

**Friday**  
MAY 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 15:22–31  
Jn 15:12–17

**Saturday**  
MAY 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 16:1–10  
Jn 15:18–21

**Sunday**  
MAY 22  
Sixth Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29  
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23  
Jn 14:23–29

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

## What's New?

Everyone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new iPhone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the Gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new heaven and a new earth (see Isaiah 65:17). This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or, after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment: "Love one another" (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God's covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

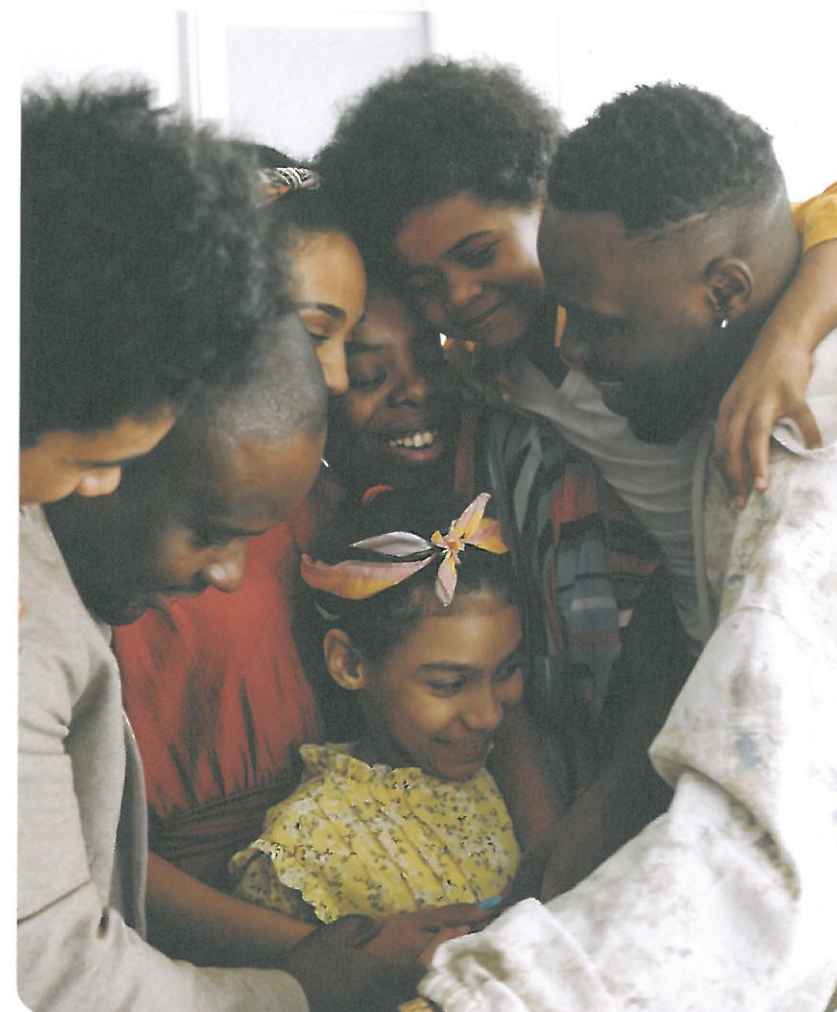
Acts 14:21–27

Rev 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

[Jesus said,] "As I have loved you,  
so you also should love one another.  
This is how all will know that  
you are my disciples."

JOHN 13:34–35



## FOR Reflection

- ★ How has the love of other people made you a better person?
- ★ In what ways does your love of others strengthen them?



## 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."

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4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Mass May 8, 2022	Mass May 15, 2022
Lector: Brandy Ferguson	Lector: Victoria Ocampo
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>
Mike Reimers	Stacy Ferguson
Greeters & Presentation of Gift	Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Art & Pat Barrera	Terry & Helen Tobin
Altar Servers:	Alter Servers:
Ruby & Josh Barrera	Angie V.

### Pope's Prayer intentions:

**For a Christian response to bioethical challenges,**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### 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)  
**Wednesday:** 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's  
8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's  
**Confessions:** Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's  
Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

**Church Secretary:** Elida Fernández - [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wmgoade73@gmail.com)

**Weekly Bulletin:** Please email Elida Fernández [secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com](mailto:secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com) by  
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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](mailto:olpollock@yahoo.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Altar Flowers**  
**May – Altar Society**  
**June – Guadalupanas**

**RICE BOWLS DONATION**  
Please bring your rice bowls  
And put into the collection basket

**NO CONFESSIONS**  
**This week @ St. Vincent**

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

As of April 22, 2022 all  
presentations to children in Kinder  
– 12<sup>th</sup> grade are done. If parents or  
any parishioner wants a copy of the  
material presented please contact;  
Elida Fernandez 318-0917

**Connell Food Bank**  
**Seniors: Tuesdays**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Edad- los Martes**  
**MAY 10<sup>th</sup> and 24th**  
**10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**General Public:**  
**El público en general:**  
**Wednesdays / los Miércoles**  
**MAY 11<sup>th</sup> and 25th**  
**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

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

#### PAULISH CO:

Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects  
you? Who helps you feel safe and protected?  
Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

#### STEWARDSHIP

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy  
Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able  
to spread the Gospel message with strength and  
vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if  
we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our  
hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God  
intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that  
others notice and are attracted to!

#### Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Apr. 17, 2022	Apr. 24, 2022
10:30 am - \$1583.00	10:30 am - \$479.00
12:00 pm - \$602.00	12:00 pm - \$522.00
Basin city – \$730.54	Basin City – \$823.26
Holy Thurs. Basin City \$632.00	Good Fri. Basin City \$570.00
Easter Vigil Connell \$244.00	

**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.**

**Graduation Bilingual Mass**  
**May 22 @ 10:30 am**  
**All are invited in celebrating our**  
**graduating high school seniors.**

**Reception for Graduating Seniors**  
**Altar Society will have a reception after the May**  
**22 Bilingual Mass in honor of the**  
**Graduating Seniors.**  
**Please join us in congratulating them.**  
**Cake, coffee and lemonade will be served.**

### FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS: May 9, 2022 - May 22, 2022

**Monday May 9:**  
Fr. Gus' Day of Rest

**Tues. May 10:**  
5:30 pm K of C Meets @ Connell  
No Mass / Confessions @ Eltopia

**Wed. May 11:**  
8:00 am Adoration @ Connell  
8:30 am Mass @ Connell  
4:00 pm Confessions for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children  
@ Eltopia

**Thurs. May 12:**  
10:00 am Adoration @ Eltopia  
10:30 am Mass @ Eltopia  
4:00 pm Confessions for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children  
@ Connell

**Fri. May 13:**  
Fr. Gus @ TriCities Prep  
5:00 pm Practice 1<sup>st</sup> Communion @ Basin City

**Sat May 14:**  
10:00 am 1st Communions @ Basin City  
4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City  
7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. May 15:**  
8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia  
10:30 am Mass @ Connell - CHILDREN'S MASS  
12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

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

**Monday May 16:**  
Fr. Gus' Day of Rest

**Tues. May 17:**  
4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia  
5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia  
7:00 pm Marriage Prep @ Eltopia

**Wed. May 18:**  
8:00 am Adoration @ Connell  
8:30 am Mass @ Connell  
6:00 pm Meet w/ Core Hi School Teach Teams  
No Confessions @ Connell

**Thurs. May 19:**  
Fr. Gus @ Spokane meeting  
No Adoration/ Mass @ Eltopia  
5:00 pm Guadalupanas @ Connell

**Fri. May 20:**  
8:00 am @ Prison Ministry  
7:00 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

**Sat May 21:**  
10:00 am Ordination  
4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City  
7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

**Sun. May 22: Bilingual Graduation Mass**  
8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia  
10:30 am Mass @ Connell  
Reception for Graduates in Hall after Mass.  
No Noon Mass @ Connell