

Our Civic Duty

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * How seriously do you take your civic duty?
- * How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?





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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

OCTOBER 18TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00


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Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **October 2020**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Oct. 17</b> | SI Angles Fisk<br>+Gary Carter<br>+Craig Porter                           | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter              |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 18</b> | +Gladys Marie Jesko<br>+Roy Kimble<br>+Lorri Montoya                      | by Kirk & Debbie Jesko<br>by Donna Kimble & Family<br>by Donna Kimble & Family                |
| <b>Sat, Oct. 24</b> | SI Angles Fisk<br>SI Agnes Archuleta<br>+Angela Trujillo<br>+Craig Porter | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Stella Archuleta<br>by Lou Montoya<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 25</b> | +Clare Wood<br>+Gladys Jesko<br>+Marcelo Lucero                           | by RosaLee Britt<br>by Kirk & Debbie Jesko<br>by Angela Montoya                               |
| <b>Sat, Oct. 31</b> | +Gladys Jesko<br>+Fritz Montoya<br>+John Van Du                           | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Lou Montoya<br>by Dieu Hoang                                   |

The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child."

### Announcements

SFX Celebration Raffle Tickets

We will start selling the

2020 "The Birth of CHRIST!!!"

Raffle Tickets early this year at \$5.00 a ticket or \$20.00 a book.

You can get them at the office during office hours, the church after mass, or call the office and we will mail them if need be.

### Weekly Collections Summary: September 2020

|                 | <u>SFX</u>  | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| October 10-11   | \$1456.00   | \$ 278.00   |
| October 03-04   | \$ 2309.50  | \$ 539.03   |
| September 26-27 | \$ 1,646.00 | \$ 458.00   |
| September 19-20 | \$ 1,612.00 | \$ 400.00   |

Thank you so much for your generosity!

### Mission Sunday Collection October 18, 2020

Mission Sunday is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and unified solidarity so Christians over the world recognize their common responsibility with regards to the world.

### Lectors for Masses

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Oct. 17</b> | 5:00pm - Sammie Wood—Lector   |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 18</b> | 10:30am - Craig Reeves—Lector |
| <b>Sat, Oct. 24</b> | 5:00 pm — Effie Walker—Lector |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 25</b> | 10:30am— Jack Chosvig—Lector  |

Please visit the following very informative websites:

[www.archdiocesesantafe.org](http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org)  
[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)  
[w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

**As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?**

**R**ight, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime.



More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look

more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects or broken machines; each person must be valued and appreciated in his or her dignity.*

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,  
NOVEMBER 24, 2016



## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 19  
Sts. John de  
Brébeuf and Isaac  
Jogues, Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs

Eph 2:1–10  
Lk 12:13–21

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 20  
Weekday  
Eph 2:12–22  
Lk 12:35–38

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 21  
Weekday  
Eph 3:2–12  
Lk 12:39–48

### Thursday

OCTOBER 22  
Weekday  
Eph 3:14–21  
Lk 12:49–53

### Friday

OCTOBER 23  
Weekday  
Eph 4:1–6  
Lk 12:54–59

### Saturday

OCTOBER 24  
Weekday  
Eph 4:7–16  
Lk 13:1–9

### Sunday

OCTOBER 25  
Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Ex 22:20–26  
1 Thes 1:5c–10  
Mt 22:34–40

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