

## Grin and Bear It

**T**his harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

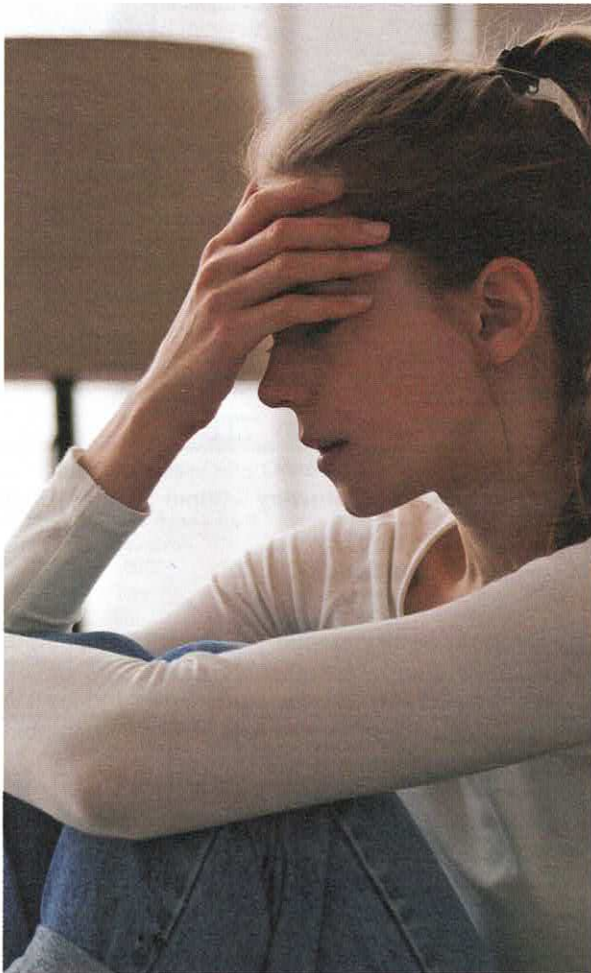
There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*
- \* *As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*



*After sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.*

MARK 1:32-33



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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### Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew  
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### Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00AM -1:00PM  
Closed on Wed, Fri and Church & Civil Holidays

### 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

### FEBRUARY 7TH

#### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

**Daily Mass:**

**Adoration /Confession:**

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

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

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

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#### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

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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 February 2021  
 + 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*

- ri, Feb 5. SI Intentions of the Parishioners  
And Missions of SFX Church
- at, Feb 6. SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Sam Britt by Donna Kimble  
+Joan Lee by Ross & Shelley Carter
- un, Feb 7. +Inez Romero by Dolores Montoya  
+Ignacia R. Lopez by Jim & Maria Cadwell  
And Family  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter  
(OLOG) +Phyllis Loncak by Grant & Marjorie Long  
(OLOG) +Frank Commiato Jr. by Grant & Marjorie Long
- ri, Feb 12. SI Intentions of the Parishioners  
And Missions of SFX Church
- at, Feb 13. SI Britt & Agnes Fisk by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Kit Pettigrew by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Sam Britt by Donna Kimble  
+Joan Lee by Ross & Shelley Carter

**Announcement**

Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:30pm  
 Starting Feb. 18 Daily Mass at 5:30 & Adoration at 6-7pm  
 Starting on Feb. 19th Daily Mass at 12:10pm  
 Friday, Feb. 19th Confession 4:45-5:45pm  
 Stations of the Cross Start Friday February 19th at 6pm  
 Confession is Saturdays at 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

**Announcements**

All Parishioners are encouraged to form prayer groups or Bible studies on their own, and welcome to use the church or CCD Building for such activities.

To all law makers, I urge you to open your hearts and look squarely at the human dignity of the developing child. I am deeply concerned that if we don't protect the youngest, most vulnerable, who will? If we do not, I fear we will become more and more like a 'throw-away' society that Pope Francis warns against. I earnestly ask you to put party politics aside and to hear the needs of all our children. I ask you to work to create supports to welcome life, to surmount the challenges pregnant women may face, and to protect conscience rights of our health care providers who do not want to be forced to participate in abortions. Let's work together to find solutions that help the most vulnerable to thrive.

-Archbishop John C. Wester

**Weekly Collections Summary: January 2021**

|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| January 30-31 | \$4,155.65 | \$ 336.00   |
| January 23-24 | \$2,582.00 | \$ 325.00   |
| January 16-17 | \$1,766.00 | \$ 432.00   |
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**Lectors for Masses**

Saturday, Feb. 13- Sammie Wood  
 Sunday, Feb. 14- Pat Crisp  
 Wednesday, Feb. 17- Craig Reeves  
 Saturday, Feb. 20- Effie Walker

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,

## Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

**T**he Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 8

*Weekday*

Gn 1:1-19

Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9

*Weekday*

Gn 1:20-2:4a

Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17

Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 11

*Weekday*

Gn 2:18-25

Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

FEBRUARY 12

*Weekday*

Gn 3:1-8

Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 13

*Weekday*

Gn 3:9-24

Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 14

*Sixth Sunday*

*in Ordinary Time*

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

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