



Jesus said, "...A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

MARK 6:4

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Who Do You Think You Are?

This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the

implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Do you appreciate the valid insights of others, even when they challenge your own?*
- ★ *Who do you think has insight into today's chaotic world? Why do you choose that person?*



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Sacrament of Baptism

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Contact Pastor

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

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By appointment with the Pastor

JULY 4TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday (Bilingual Mass) 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month:10:30am

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

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

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

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

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

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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 July 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat, July 3  | +Nancy Ambroggio      | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
| Sun, July 4  | SI Van Ahn Hoang      | by Dieu Hoang                   |
|              | +Andres & Inez Romero | by Debra Thelander              |
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| Sat, July 10 | +Nancy Ambroggio      | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
| Sun, July 11 | SI Van Anh Hoang      | by Dieu Hoang                   |
|              | +Cornelia Martinez    | by JoAnn Padilla                |
| (OLOG)       | +Sonya Roberts        | by Carlos & Bernie<br>Fernandez |
| (OLOG)       | +Ken Commiato         | by Marjorie & Grant Long        |
| (OLOG)       | +Charles Carr         | by Marjorie & Grant Long        |
| Sun, July 18 | +Andres & Inez Romero | by Debra Thelander              |
| (OLOG)       | +Chuck Montoya        | by Carlos & Bernie<br>Fernandez |
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| (OLOG)       | +Charles Carr         | by Marjorie & Grant Long        |

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|            | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| June 26-27 | \$2,658.00 | \$ 512.00   |
| June 19-20 | \$1,739.75 | \$ 343.00   |
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**Announcement**

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**Announcement**

**We will be having a visiting priest July 24th and July 25th. We are in need of a volunteer for the role of Mayordomo for that weekend. The Mayordomo will be responsible for helping the visiting priest set up for Mass, unlocking and locking up the Church, and helping as needed. Please contact Fr. Jason for more information.**

“While it is always necessary to work to reduce the number of abortions by providing alternatives and help to vulnerable parents and children, Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict and bring to an end the destruction of unborn human life. As the Church carries out its central responsibility to teach clearly and help form consciences, and as Catholic legislators seek to act in accord with their own consciences, it is essential to remember that conscience must be consistent with fundamental moral principles. As members of the Church, all Catholics are obliged to shape our consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the Church.” --  
Statement on Responsibilities of Catholics in Public Life, March 10, 2006

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, July 10– Sammie Wood
- Sun, July 11–Effie Walker
- Sat, July 17– Shelley Carter
- Sun, July 18–Jack Chosvig

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 religious freedom mean we're free to worship whoever and whatever we wish? I thought Jesus gave us rules on this.

**J**esus gave us the gift of freedom. Even as he hung on the cross, he didn't use force to change the minds of people or coerce them to believe in him. His example shaped the Declaration on Religious Freedom (*Dignitatis Humanae*), a document from the Second Vatican Council. The council gave us several principles that outline our beliefs about religious freedom:



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First, God has made known to us the way in which we are to serve God and find salvation and eternal life in Jesus.

Second, this one true religion consists in the catholic and apostolic Church. To this Church, the Lord himself committed the obligation and duty to spread the truth that salvation in Jesus is ours.

Third, all people are bound to seek the truth, to embrace the truth they come to know, and to hold fast to that truth.

Finally, all of us have a right to be immune from coercion by individuals, social groups, or other human powers. No one is to be forced to act contrary to personal beliefs or prevented from acting in accord with those beliefs.

This also means that if people choose to reject Christ, they must not be forced to do anything against their will. The judgment for their actions must be left up to God. As a Church, we proclaim the truth of Christ and set high standards for membership in the Church, but we do not force people to convert or believe.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.*

VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015



## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 5

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday

JULY 7

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57;

42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday

JULY 8

Weekday

Gn 44:18–21,

23b–29; 45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

### Friday

JULY 9

Weekday

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday

JULY 10

Weekday

Gn 49:29–32;

50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday

JULY 11

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12–15

Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10

Mk 6:7–13

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