

Live in Love

Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

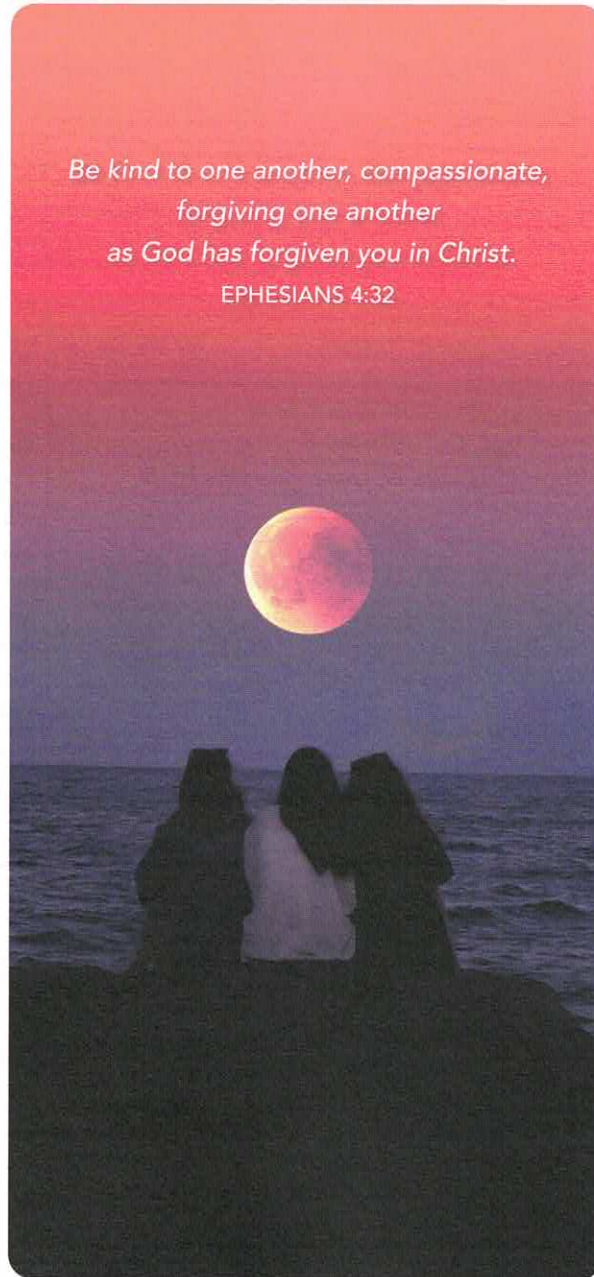
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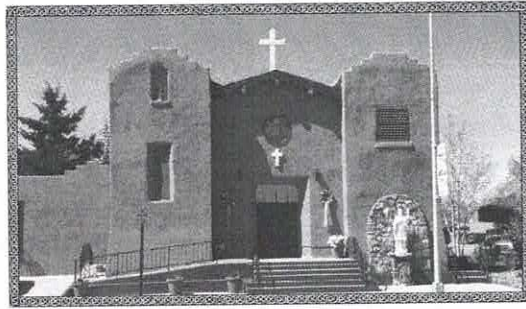
FOR *Reflection*

- * *What keeps you from being a loving person?*
- * *What can you do about this?*

*Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4:32





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AUGUST 8TH

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 7pm

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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

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00

Nursing Home, Clayton

Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

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

Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)

Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

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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 August 2021  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat, Aug 7  | +Johnny Cadwell<br>+Thomas Romero Jr.                   | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Patricia Herrera                               |
| Sun, Aug 8  | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Clare Wood                        | by Loretta Butler<br>by Rosa Lee Britt                                        |
| (OLOG)      | +Frank & Lorna Kelsey                                   | by Grant & Marjorie Long                                                      |
| (OLOG)      | +Agustine & Filia Fernandez                             | by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez                                                  |
| Sun, Aug 15 | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Lillie Barreras                   | by Loretta Butler<br>by Leo Ray & Lupe Gonzales & Family                      |
| (OLOG)      | +Frank & Lorna Kelsey                                   | by Grant & Marjorie Long                                                      |
| (OLOG)      | +Agustine & Filia Fernandez                             | by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez                                                  |
| Sat, Aug 21 | +Clare Wood                                             | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                             |
| Sun, Aug 22 | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey<br>+Dora Alt | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez |
| Sun, Aug 24 | +Margaret Heringa                                       | by Loretta Butler                                                             |
| Sun, Aug 29 | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey              | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long                                 |

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|---------------|------------|-------------|
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"From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education....The family lovingly bears witness to the uniqueness of new life....The instruction of the Didache, "Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother's womb" (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!" (Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Homily to Pontifical Academy for Life, February, 1997).

Lectors for Masses

- Sat, Aug 14- Shelley Carter
- Sun, Aug 15-Sandy Vaughn
- Sat, Aug 21-Effie Walker
- Sun, Aug 22-Raymond Saccoccia

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# Dear Padre,

**When I hear “Oh my God,” should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?**

**W**hen I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus’ name. My mother said, “Oh, I don’t think Jesus is playing today.” She made her point, but I doubt she changed his future behavior.



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I don’t think we’re obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God’s name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, “You know, there are children here.” Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we’re under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn’t say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing.

Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it’s not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 22, 2018



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## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 9  
Weekday  
Dt 10:12–22  
Mt 17:22–27

### Tuesday

AUGUST 10  
St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

### Wednesday

AUGUST 11  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Dt 34:1–12  
Mt 18:15–20

### Thursday

AUGUST 12  
Weekday  
Jos 3:7–10a,  
11, 13–17  
Mt 18:21–19:1

### Friday

AUGUST 13  
Weekday  
Jos 24:1–13  
Mt 19:3–12

### Saturday

AUGUST 14  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr  
Jos 24:14–29  
Mt 19:13–15

### Sunday

AUGUST 15  
The Assumption  
of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a;  
12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

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