

Can You Drink the Cup?

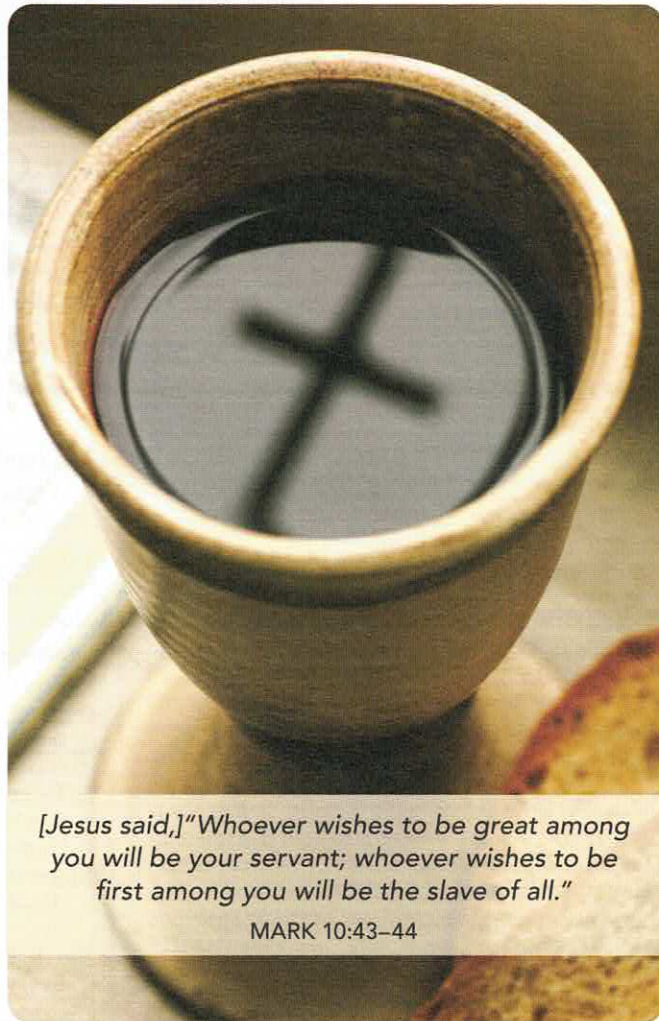
That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



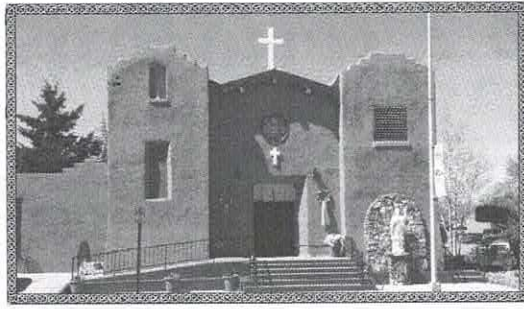
[Jesus said,] "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

MARK 10:43–44

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FOR Reflection

- * Think of times when the welfare of another made you forget about yourself.
- * Do you always seek praise? Are you indignant when others are praised? What can you do about this?



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OCTOBER 17TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

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

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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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 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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| <b>Sat, Oct 16</b>  | +Clare Wood<br>+Sandra Rael<br>+Joe M. Montano                                                                                                | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Teresina Monatno & Family                                                                      |
| <b>Sun, Oct 17</b>  | SI Marcelo Lucero<br>+Inez & Andres Romero<br><br>+Corazon O. Bugas<br>+Mark Montoya<br>+Lillie Barreras<br>(OLOG) +Johnny & Barabra Commiato | by Angela Montoya<br>by Debra Thelander & Pam<br>Jordan<br>by Della Wetzel<br>by Lupe Montoya<br>by the Barreras Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant<br>Long |
| <b>Sat, Oct 23</b>  | +Clare Wood<br>+Sonia Maulsby<br>+Ronald Cardenas                                                                                             | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Narce Cardenas                                                                                 |
| <b>Sun, Oct 24</b>  | +Inez & Andres Romero<br><br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Juanita Cordova<br>(OLOG) +Johnny & Barbara Commiato                                       | by Debra Thelander & Pam<br>Jordan<br>by Loretta Butler<br>by Teresina Montano & Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant<br>Long                                 |
| <b>Tues, Oct 26</b> | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                                    | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Wed, Oct 27</b>  | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                                    | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                      |

**Weekly Collections Summary: September 2021**

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| October 9-10    | \$1,747.80 | \$ 328.00   |
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**Announcements**

2021 Raffle Tickets are in.  
This year, \$6 per ticket or \$25 for a book of five.  
1st place prize \$1000, 2nd place prize is \$500,  
3rd \$400, 4th \$300, 5th \$200, 6th \$100.

Come by the office for your tickets!  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm

Please Drop off Raffle stubs at the Office or in the Dropboxes at the Office or Rectory.

DO NOT leave the stubs in the church!

**ATTENTION!!!**

**New Facebook Page has been created! Link has been posted in the old page. The new page is directly linked to the office.**

**Facebook Page link:  
@sfxclaytonparish1937**

“Unanimously the Texas Catholic Bishops celebrated the passage of this life beating bill and state, “we celebrate every life saved by this legislation”. Opponents of the law argue the term “heartbeat” is misleading. Strangely they call it “embryonic cardiac activity” or worse. These attempts to dehumanize the unborn are disturbing. The bishops stress that abortion is a human life issue: the most fundamental human life is the right to life. Abortion is in no way healthcare. Abortion is not freedom. Abortion is not helping women as it is always a violent taking of innocent human life.” – Texas **“Heartbeat Law” Will Keep the Hearts of Thousands of Tiny Unborn Beating with Life, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of San Angelo**

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Oct 23– Shelley Carter
- Sun, Oct 24– Laekyn Wagner
- Sat, Oct 30– Sammie Wood
- Sun, Oct 31– Sandy Vaughn

# Dear Padre,

**Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?**

**Y**ou did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

*Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 18  
St. Luke, Evangelist  
2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Lk 10:1-9

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 19  
Sts. John de Brébeuf  
and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17-19, 20b-21  
Lk 12:35-38

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 20  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12-18  
Lk 12:39-48

### Thursday

OCTOBER 21  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12-18  
Lk 12:39-48

### Friday

OCTOBER 22  
Weekday  
Rom 7:18-25a  
Lk 12:54-59

### Saturday

OCTOBER 23  
Weekday  
Rom 8:1-11  
Lk 13:1-9

### Sunday

OCTOBER 24  
Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 31:7-9  
Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52



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