



## Take to Heart These Words

**"Hear, O Israel!"** (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of "pledge of allegiance" that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God's personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: "I will be your God and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God's people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. "Hear, O Israel!" "Take to heart these words" (Deuteronomy 6:6).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?*
- ★ *How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?*

*[The scribe said to Jesus,]  
"To love your neighbor  
as yourself' is worth more  
than all burnt offerings  
and sacrifices."*

MARK 12:33



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew  
Business Manager/Finance: Theresa Gard  
Secretary: Laekyn Wagner  
Religious Education: Rose Ramirez  
Adult Religious Education: Rev. Jason Pettigrew

## 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)  
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## OCTOBER 31ST

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 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

### 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

### Nursing Home, Clayton

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 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Oct. 30</b>  | +Lillie F. Barreras        | by the Gonzales & Barreras Families |
|                      | +Sandra Rael               | by Ross & Shelley Carter            |
|                      | +Theresa Leal              | by Narce Cardenas                   |
| (OLOG)               | +Johnny & Barbara Commiato | by Marjorie & Grant Long            |
| <b>Sun, Oct. 31</b>  | +Clare Wood                | by Sammie & Chip Wood               |
|                      | +Inez & Andres Romero      | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan     |
|                      | +Sandra Rael               | by Teresina Montano & Family        |
| (OLOG)               | +Johnny & Barbara Commiato | by Marjorie & Grant Long            |
| <b>Tues, Nov. 1</b>  | +Margaret Heringa          | by Loretta Butler                   |
|                      | +Clare Wood                | by Sammie & Chip Wood               |
| <b>Thurs, Nov. 4</b> | +Carlota Padilla           | by Gina Escobedo & Family           |
| <b>Sat, Nov. 6</b>   | +Gerry Davis               | by Ross & Shelley Carter            |
|                      | +George Lovato             | by Rose Alford                      |
|                      | +Ronnie Rael               | by Ross & Shelley Carter            |

**Weekly Collections Summary: October 2021**

|               | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| October 23-24 | \$1,834.27 | \$ 388.50   |
| October 16-17 | \$2,378.00 | \$ 340.00   |
| October 9-10  | \$1,747.80 | \$ 328.00   |
| October 2-3   | \$3,492.00 | \$ 603.00   |

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- [v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

Since all Saints Day falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation.

**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 Drop-boxes at the Office or Rectory.

DO NOT leave the stubs in the church!

Drawing is December 11, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After almost two years of no singing or music at Mass, I would like to try and bring it back. But need volunteers to work the organ and sing at their discretion parts such as: the entrance hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, (Holy, Holy or Sanctus), the Mystery of Faith, (Lamb of God or Angus Dei) and closing hymn. All at volunteers' discretion.

Fr. Jason Pettigrew

"In protecting human life, we must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. We urge Catholics and others to promote laws and social policies that protect human life and promote human dignity to the maximum degree possible. Laws that legitimize abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are profoundly unjust and immoral. We support constitutional protection for unborn human life, as well as legislative efforts to end abortion and euthanasia" (Faithful Citizenship, US Bishops, 2003).

**Lectors for Masses**

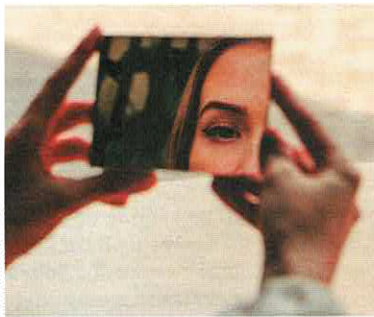
- Sat, Nov 6- Ross Carter
- Sun, Nov 7- Effie Walker
- Sat, Nov. 13- pat Crisp
- Sun, Nov.14- Johnna & Tailyn Kimble

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

**F**or clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs,"



"tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.*

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 1  
*All Saints*  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 2  
*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*  
Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 3  
*Weekday*  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 4  
*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 5  
*Weekday*  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 6  
*Weekday*  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 7  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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