

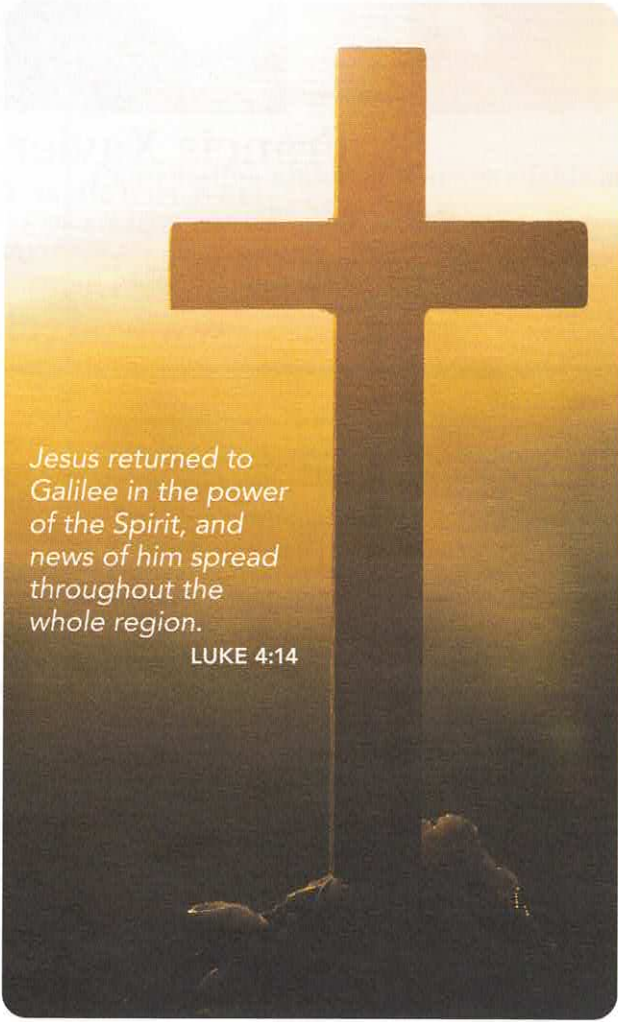
Fulfilled in Your Hearing

When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading. Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reapplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *In many ways the Second Vatican Council reapplied our faith. How has your understanding of how to apply our faith changed in your lifetime?*
- ✦ *Is there anything that you think still should change? Why do you think this?*



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JANUARY 23RD

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

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

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt
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This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal
covenant, which will be poured out for you & for many for the for-
giveness of sins.
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered Jan. & Feb. 2022
+ 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*

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| Jan. 22 | SI Tim Gallagher + Rebecca Stewart +Leoray Vigil +Michael Raines | by Laekyn Wagner by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| Jan. 23 | SI Tim Gallagher +Inez Romero + Mike Raines | by Laekyn Wagner by Dolores Montoya by Lupe Raines |
| Jan 25 | +Joseph Trujillo +Margaret Heringa | by The Trujillo Family by Loretta Butler |
| Jan. 29 | +Richard Arguello +Barbara Campsey | by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| Jan. 30 | In Thanksgiving to St. Philomena +Mike Raines | by Eloisa Trujillo by Lupe Raines |
| Feb. 5 | SI Connie Johnson +Maria Belen Simoes +Richard Arguello | by Teri Mansfield by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter |
| Feb. 6 | +Mike Raines | by Lupe Raines |
| Feb. 11 | +Jose Valdez | by Rose Cardenas |

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“The fact that we know that we are right about the sacred value of human life should make us humble and more determined to spread this message by the love shown in our lives and our willingness to be servants of life. As St. John reminds us, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 Jn 1:8). Pro-lifers are convinced – mightily convinced – of the boundless mercy of God. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God’s love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states.” J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, Canada, Homily at Holy Innocents Annual Pro-Life Mass, January 12, 2010

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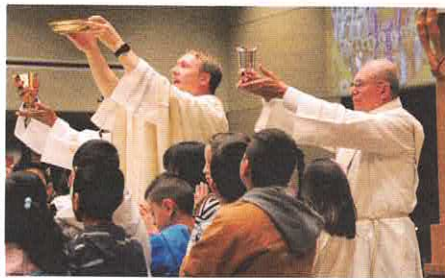
- Sat, Jan 29– Raymond Saccoccia
- Sun, Jan 30– Effie Walker
- Sat, Feb 5– Ross Carter
- Sun, Feb 6– Raymond Saccoccia

Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and his plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



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accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Without Christ we are condemned to be dominated by everyday weariness, with its worries, and by fear of the future. The Sunday encounter with the Lord gives us the strength to experience the present with confidence and courage, and to go forth with hope. For this reason, we Christians go to encounter the Lord...in the Eucharistic celebration.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

JANUARY 25

The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday

JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

JANUARY 27

Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
2 Sm 11:1-4a,
5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

JANUARY 29

Weekday
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

JANUARY 30

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30

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