



*Love is patient, love is kind....
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4, 7

FOR Reflection

- * *Go out of your way to show love to someone in your family.*
- * *Think of ways of being a bit more understanding of others.*

How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways.

Paul's praise of love from the second reading is a favorite passage for weddings where it acts as a set of promises the bridal couple make to each other. They seem to be saying: "This is the way I am going to act, because I love you. I promise to put you ahead of me." And they genuinely mean it. They're convinced the passion they feel, the concern they experience, will be all that's needed to transcend any future difficulties they might face.

Soon, reality sets in and they realize that the list is really a strategy for scaling the heights of unselfishness or critically examining the conscience to reveals one's failures. This is not to say that people do not genuinely love each other. They do. But we are all so human, and selfishness is a weakness to which we are all susceptible. Perhaps Paul should have written: "Love tries to be patient, love tries to be kind...."

In a way, it is precisely in the give-and-take that occurs between imperfect humans that all the wonderful characteristics listed by Paul are refined. Our impatience is worn away as we deal sympathetically with the disagreeable traits of our loved ones. We become humble when those who should encourage us fail to acknowledge accomplishments that might otherwise inflate our egos. These are the slights we endure because we love the other person. Actually, such humble endurance is evidence that love truly is patient and kind.

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 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.*

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|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Jan. 30 | In Thanksgiving to St. Philomena<br>+Mike Raines<br>+Tim Gallagher<br>(OLOG) SI Jackie Montoya | by Eloisa Trujillo<br>by Lupe Raines<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by The Montoya Family |
| Feb. 5  | SI Connie Johnson<br>+Maria Belen Simoes<br>+Richard Arguello                                  | by Teri Mansfield<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter               |
| Feb. 6  | +Mike Raines<br>(OLOG) +Jim Montoya                                                            | by Lupe Raines<br>by The Montoya Family                                                 |
| Feb. 11 | +Jose Valdez                                                                                   | by Rose Cardenas                                                                        |
| Feb. 12 | +Barbara Campsey<br>+Richard Arguello                                                          | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                    |
| Feb. 13 | (OLOG) +Jim Montoya                                                                            | by The Montoya Family                                                                   |
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Every child who is born brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care, always and at every moment. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God. -- Pope Benedict XVI, January 7, 2007

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**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Feb 5-Ross Carter
- Sun, Feb 6- Raymond Saccoccia
- Sat, Feb 12-Pat Crisp
- Sun, Feb 13- Johnna and Tailyn Kimble

# Dear Padre,

**There are so many preachers urging us to “reform our lives.” Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn’t there more involved?**

**C**onsider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus’ followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every human is a creation of God, created in God’s image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: “With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social

or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God’s intent” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [*Gaudium et Spes*], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country’s division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.*

JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015



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## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco,  
Priest

2 Sm 15:13–14, 30;

16:5–13

Mk 5:1–20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b,

24–25a, 30–19:3

Mk 5:21–43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or

2:22–32

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12

Mk 6:7–13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Sir 47:2–11

Mk 6:14–29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 3:4–13

Mk 6:30–34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 6

Fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8

1 Cor 15:1–11

or 15:3–8, 11

Lk 5:1–11

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