

The Cost of Discipleship

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object

of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- What is the cost of discipleship for you?
- What in your life might be the cross you are being asked to bear?

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24



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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

W, TH, F 1:00pm -5:00pm
Closed on M, TU and Church & Civil Holidays

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

AUGUST 30TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

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 August/September 2020  
+ 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*

|                      |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Aug 29</b>   | +Jim Miller<br>+John Luther<br>+Eloy Gonzales                                       | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carte                                   |
| <b>Sun, Aug 30</b>   | OLOG +Anne Conder<br>+John Luther<br>+Jim Miller                                    | by Frances Green<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood                                             |
| <b>Sat, Sept. 5</b>  | +Jim Miller<br>+John Luther                                                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                              |
| <b>Sun, Sept. 6</b>  | +John Luther<br>+Jim Miller<br>OLOG +Petra & Conrado Montoya<br>OLOG +Sonya Roberts | by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez |
| <b>Sat, Sept. 12</b> | +John Luther<br>+Jim Miller<br>+Eloy Gonzales                                       | by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                     |
| <b>Sun, Sept. 13</b> | +Jim Miller<br>+Angela Trujillo<br>OLOG +Augustine & Filia Fernandez                | by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by C<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez                                                  |

**Announcement**  
No Week Day Mass or Adoration  
On September 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 8th, 9th.  
Will resume on 10th.

**Announcement**  
**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER DONATING  
YOUR TIME:**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR!**

**CCD Teachers    Confirmation Teach-  
ers**

**Lectors and Sanitizing after Masses**

|                     |         |                                                      |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Aug 29</b>  | 5:00pm  | - Effie Walker—Lector<br>- April Geary—Sanitizing    |
| <b>Sun, Aug 30</b>  | 10:30am | - Pat Crisp—Lector<br>- Donna Kimble-Sanitizing      |
| <b>Sat, Sept. 5</b> | 5:00pm  | - Pat Crisp—Lector<br>- April Geary—Sanitizing       |
| <b>Sun, Sept. 6</b> | 10:30am | - Jack Chosvig—Lector<br>- JoAnn Padilla--Sanitizing |

**Weekly Collections Summary: August 2020**

|              | <u>SFX</u>  | <u>OLOG</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| August 22-23 | \$ 1,245.50 | \$ 278.00   |
| August 15-16 | \$ 1,743.00 | \$ 385.00   |
| August 08-09 | \$ 2,591.00 | \$ 229.00   |
| August 01-02 | \$ 1,293.00 | \$ 607.00   |

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**ACA Pledge Goal Report**

**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
**% of Participation - 11.82**  
**Number of Families -313**  
**Parish Goal - \$13,500.00**  
**% Goal Pledged -71.81%**  
**% Goal Paid -71.29%**  
**Total Pledge-\$9,694.00 Total Paid-\$9,659.00**  
**Short-\$3,841.00**

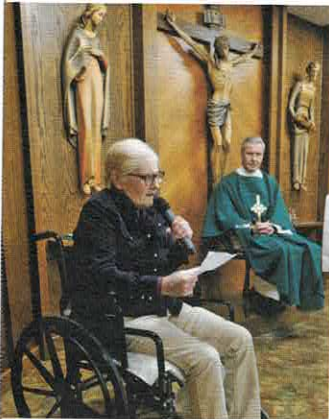
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# Dear Padre,

## I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

**C**aring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one.



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The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for."

Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!*

—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor

of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 6

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

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