

Is Christ Divided?

“You’re breaking the back of the body of Christ!” Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: “I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas” (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God’s beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- ★ Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?



From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

MATTHEW 4:17

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January 26, 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Jan. 05	Sancie Gostick Doris Caudron	Tony Whittle Andrew Cassidy	Ramirez Family	Doug Swallow Marie van-Kopp E. Theresa Swallow	TBP
Jan. 12	Andrew Cassidy Marie Kopp-van E	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Liz Buckley and Family	Bea Lepine Tony Whittle Doris Caudron	TBP
Jan. 19	Dee dee Lepine Bea Lepine	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy	Swallow Family	Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez Marie van-Kopp E.	Erika Koop Diana Smith
Jan. 26	Angelica Whittle Amelie Stephens Sophia Brito Sophia Touesnard	Genevieve S. Adam Whittle	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Doug Swallow Andrew Cassidy Dee dee Lepine	Grace Engen Ashley Coombs

The Announcements for January 26th, 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

---Since Father Joe Daley is not always at the parish house when needed, Father Joe can be reached on his cell phone at 1-867-688-1590.

---As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a Pastoral Letter to the faithful on this subject. In *Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death*, they offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. All of us will need support at the time of our dying, they write, but assistance to hasten our death, the willful termination of a human life, is a very different matter. The letter offers words of encouragement on preparing for a holy death, and also calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law and advocate instead for more access to palliative care. To read the full text, please visit <http://bit.ly/AB-NWTBishopsEuthanasia>. While the survey seeking public consultation closes on Monday I encourage the faithful to write to their Member of Parliament at any time and express your concerns about the encroachment of MAiD legislation on the most vulnerable members of our society.

---The next First Communion class will be on February 5th, Sister Maggie is out of town until January 31st.

---We are continuing our gift of giving to the hungry in our community. You are invited to contribute either non-perishable food or money. This gift helps with the hamper program. A list of food items is available on the back table. Last year we donated \$700.00 in cash and many items of food. Thank you for your generosity. When I was hungry, you gave me to eat...."

-----YOUTH CLUB 2020! For youth ages 7-12, from 6:30pm-8pm, every second Friday in the church basement. It is a faith based program with crafts, games, music and friendship. It's starting up this month and here are the dates, mark them in your calendar! For more information contact Brigitte @ 306-714-7530 or Diana @ 867-875-2855.

[January 17,31; February 14,28; March 6,13; April 3,24; May 8,22.](#)

-----For couples who would like to renew their wedding vows for Valentines, it will be on Sunday February 16 during the 10:30 mass. This is now open to all couples, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

----Rosary resumes Tuesdays at 11:45 followed by [Mass at 12:10](#)

-----Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

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\$2,063.85	Revenue Total
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Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Dear Padre,

What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSsR
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DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016



Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 27
Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

JANUARY 29
Weekday

2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

JANUARY 30
Weekday

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

Friday

JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco,
Priest

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a,
13-17
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

FEBRUARY 1
Weekday

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

Sunday

FEBRUARY 2

Presentation
of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32

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