

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 6:12b-15, and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	17-19	2 Sm 7:18-19, and Doctor of the Church	24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30	Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 1:26-31
		Mk 4:1-20				Mt 5:1-12a

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 LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



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WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.

RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also by appointment.

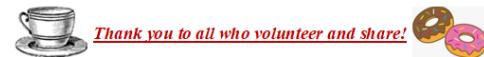
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THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
01/11/26: \$1,032.00 01/18/26: \$963.00
Building Fund Donations: \$0.00

***ON-LINE DONATIONS** can be an easy and inexpensive way to routinely support St. Genevieve. Go to methowcatholic.org and look for the little blue stick man. Questions? Call Nancy at 253-370-0798.



CAFFEINE & CALORIES: The weekly social hour continues, after Mass. Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.



BUILDING COMMITTEE

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet food is especially needed in the winter. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Jan 25 @ 11:00 am, **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Jan 28 @ 9:30 am, **Word & Communion Service**, Rosary 9:00 am
Sunday, Feb 01 @ 11:00 am, **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

Psalm 27 “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 Let there be no divisions among you.

Matthew 4:12–23 or 4:12–17 Andrew and Peter abandon their nets to follow the Lord.

As we begin this final week of January, it does our hearts good to hear that a great light has shone through darkness and gloom. We realize, though, that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord, especially after Matthew writes in the Gospel that Jesus fulfills this passage. He is the light of the world, shining throughout Galilee, preaching repentance, calling disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and healing the sick. We also hear Paul urge the Corinthians to unity. In Christ, we have enlightenment, unity, and salvation. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may God's word light our way.

Question of the Week: The first disciples left their old lives behind to follow Jesus. What is Jesus calling me to leave behind?



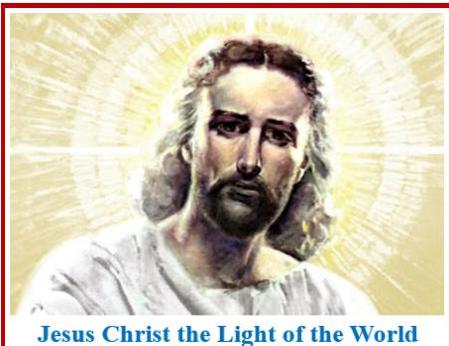
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, Fr. Pat Kerst for celebrating Mass with us today and last Sunday! Fr. Pedro will be returning on Friday, Jan 30.



ADORATION

Following First Friday Mass and Benediction, there will be Adoration of the Lord until 12:00 p.m. Come and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a few minutes or an hour or more. Of course, you can always come into the church and adore the Lord present in the Tabernacle whenever it is convenient for you.



Jesus Christ the Light of the World



**FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.
MATTHEW 4:19**



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