

Dear Padre,

I heard some people talking about the coming of the Antichrist. Who or what is this Antichrist?

Some Christian sects believe there will come a point when the faithful of their church will be taken off the earth and whisked into heaven. This is usually referred to as “the rapture.” After this event, they believe the Antichrist will come. This Antichrist is an individual man who will incarnate in himself the power of Satan. He will deceive even the holiest person and will rule the entire world. It is believed that Jesus will then return and defeat this Antichrist in the ultimate battle between good and evil. The appearance of the Antichrist supposedly coincides with the end of time.

Most of the material that would support this scenario is found in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here the devil tries to stop Christ’s victory and to convince people that Christ is not the master. This chapter of Revelation deals with the conflict in the Roman Empire between the emperor Nero and the faithful Christians. Nero, the evil one, is assigned the number 666 so Christians could refer to him without openly attacking him. This section of the book was written to give hope to persecuted Christians.

Instead of worrying about the end of time, an Antichrist, a final battle, and “evil” numbers, Catholics are encouraged to believe that Christ has already conquered sin, death, and Satan. God’s reign is already here in our midst (see Luke 17:20–21). Our task is to prepare for our own moment of dying and meeting the Lord. We leave the rest to God’s providence!



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We can make many pastoral plans, conceive of new methods for drawing people close, but if we don’t take the path of God who has come in the flesh...then we are not on the path of the good spirit. [Instead, what prevails] is the Antichrist, worldliness, the spirit of the world.

MORNING MEDITATION, JANUARY 7, 2016



Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 7
Weekday
1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13
Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1–10
Mk 7:14–23

Thursday
FEBRUARY 10
St. Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kgs 11:4–13
Mk 7:24–30

Friday
FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday
FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 12:26–32;
13:33–34
Mk 8:1–10

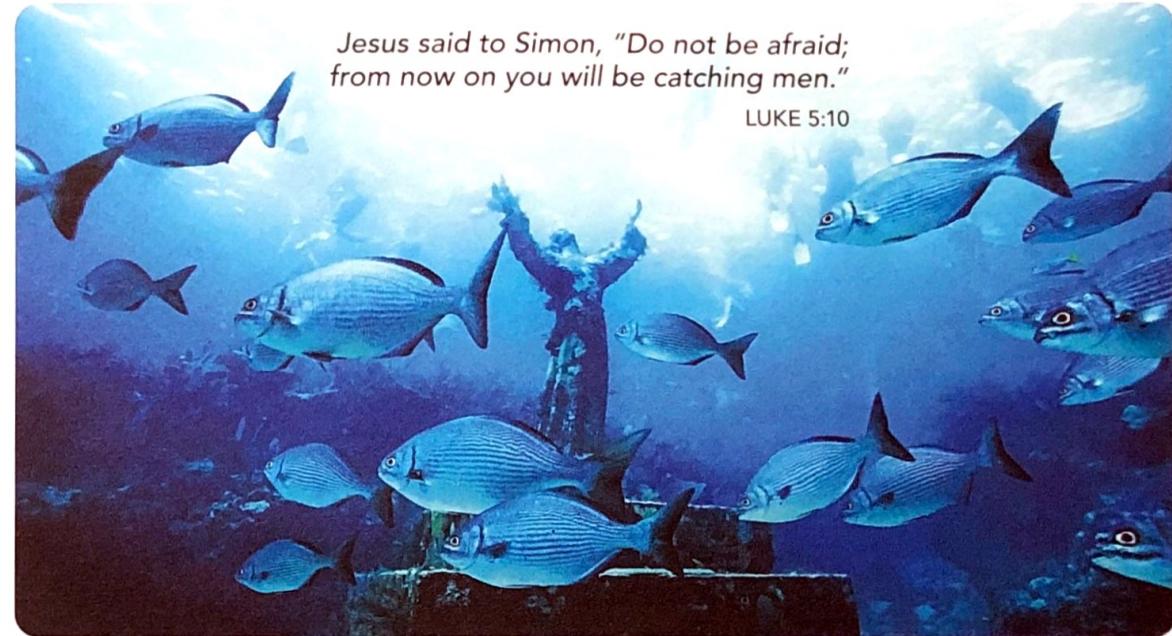
Sunday
FEBRUARY 13
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5–8
1 Cor 15:12, 16–20
Lk 6:17, 20–26

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Is 6:1–2a, 3–8
1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11
Lk 5:1–11



Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

LUKE 5:10

Whom Shall I Send?

This could very well be called Mission Sunday—not because there is a second collection, but because today’s readings challenge us to examine how we have responded to being called and sent.

Isaiah recounts a religious experience he had while in the Temple. Most majestic of all aspects of that vision was the voice that spoke to him. He heard the words, “Whom shall I send?” (Isaiah 6:8). Send where? To do what? Presumably it meant: “Whom shall I send to speak my word to the people?” The eagerness of the prophet is remarkable: “Here I am...send me!” This passage describes Isaiah’s call to ministry, to be God’s prophet to the people.

The Gospel reading reports another call—that of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to

attract (catch) men and women. Again, almost without thinking, “they left everything and followed him” (Luke 5:11).

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the “fish” (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: “I handed on to you...what I also received” (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: “I will be your God and you will be my people.” This is what we’ve all been called to experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, then the disciples, then Paul, and now you and me.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ In which life circumstances have you been called to be a disciple of Jesus?
- ★ How might you spread the Good News of God’s love to others in your life?



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Feb. 5	4:00 p.m.	Carol Meier
Sunday, Feb. 6	9:00 a.m.	Jack, Leona & Joe Randolph
Monday, Feb. 7	8:00 a.m.	Charles & Eileen Hoff
Tuesday, Feb. 8	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Burden
Thursday, Feb. 10	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Gorges
Friday, Feb. 11	8:00 a.m.	Special Int.-Power
Saturday, Feb. 12	4: 00 p.m.	For the People
Sunday, Feb. 13	9:00 a.m.	Loren Hackstadt

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

2/5/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

Reader: Karen Burden

2/6/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Volunteers

Reader: Kyle Berning

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (color: Green)

2/12/2022- Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

Reader: Tom Bachman

2/12/2022–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Alvin Bergkamp

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 6, 2022



My friends, I know it's not easy to gladly bear the responsibility of spreading our Catholic faith to others ---sharing it with those who are struggling to believe, with those who find religion to be a pointless pursuit, or with those who have no idea what this 'Jesus thing' is all about. What do we really know about life's deepest mysteries? Who are we to act as if we know something others don't know?

Yet, if we truly want to be a faithful disciple, we can't go through life with a kind of faith that's completely invisible. Rather, we need to adopt the attitude of those first believers and countless others through the centuries --- men and women who let Jesus lead the way, let Jesus set the priorities, let the Lord Jesus shape their thoughts and attitudes and most importantly, their words and actions --- words and actions that made it quite clear to others exactly what they believed, what they hoped for, in whom they placed their trust, and whom they followed.

If we don't --- if we don't do our part --- there most certainly will be people who will never come to believe, people who will never come to hope in God, people who will never come to trust in God's love. Let's trust in God's providence as we are doing our parts in God's plan.

COLLECTION for January 30, 2022: Envelopes: \$580.00; Loose: \$372.25; Online Giving: \$699.62; Total \$ 1651.87; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under -109.3.

Thank you so much to your faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

SINCERE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you, Kay Elliott and Johnny Mason, and your family, on the passing of your beloved brother in law, Loren Huckstadt. May the Almighty God wrap His loving arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Kolby Lyn Koons, daughter of John & Marley Koons, who was baptized on January 29th, 2022. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Kolby and her family.

BUDGET SHOP We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, March 15. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

PARISH PROJECTS:

Dear Friends, The eagerness and generosity of many parishioners to make sacrificial gifts toward the Parking Lot Project made it an awesome one. The success of that has given rise to thoughts of the church improvements and the beautification of St. Anthony's parish such as electrical upgrades, new wall paint and replacing carpet.

As many can see, the church carpet is in a bad shape. One does not need to look long to see how badly our carpet is in need of replacing. In order to accomplish this daunting task, a bid by J & M Paint and Decorating Center has been submitted and accepted. The cost for this project by the J & M Paint and Decorating Center will be around \$42,000, plus the cost of the new paint and electrical upgrades will be around \$10,000.

Can we count on the many generous members of this parish to see these projects through? I, myself, along with the Parish Councils believe this to be so. Will you be willing to donate toward this as a gift to the parish or as a memorial to someone special? This can be an opportunity for families and parishioners to recognize the importance of the spirit of reverence and pride in providing an aesthetic environment of the Lord and His glory, where we sit to hear His words; stand to sing His praises; and kneel to give Him thanks!

On behalf of the Maintenance, Pastoral, Finance Councils I thank you for your love and support of this parish. I thank you for your time in considering your generous support for this worthy endeavor. God bless you, one and all! Fr. Peter Tran

VOCATION VIEW "Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK (adapted from St. Ignatius of Loyola) Lord Jesus, I feel your gaze on me. I think you have put a desire in me. If you will help me, please, I would like to make my offering. I know that you lived as an insignificant person in a little town. I know that you rarely tasted luxury and never privilege, and that you refused to accept power. I know that you suffered rejection by leaders and abandonment by friends. I can hardly bear the thought of it all. But it seems a toweringly wonderful thing that you might call me to follow you and stand with you. I will labor to bring God's reign if you will give me the gift to do it. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - (Luke 5:1-11)

The crowd grows Earlier Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, so Simon (whom we know as Peter) has already seen some of what Jesus can do. Now he listens as Jesus speaks words that are so compelling a crowd gathers. The people stand so closely around Jesus that he has to climb into a boat to avoid standing in the water.

The prophetic word Although Simon and the others are tired and disheartened, they start fishing again when Jesus tells them to. The fishermen listen to the words of Jesus just as the crowd has. The result is overwhelming: the fishermen catch their own "crowd" of fish. Where humans fail, God succeeds. Jesus makes two prophetic statements in this passage. The first is the promise that the men will catch fish. The second is the promise that Simon will help many to become followers of Jesus. If Jesus was right about the fish, then Simon can be sure that Jesus is right about him catching new disciples.

I'm not worthy! Because Jesus shows great prophetic power, Simon and the others are filled with fear and awe in his presence. Jesus reassures them. This moment isn't something to fear. Rather, it's the start of a new life for them, especially for Simon. In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke tells how Simon and the others continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. Simon emerges as the leader, a role that's foreshadowed in Luke's Gospel in passages like this one.

They left everything Luke frequently emphasizes that Jesus calls people to give up everything. For Luke, those who give up their possessions symbolically give up all that prevents them from loving and serving God. These people are now completely free to do God's will. (www.oursundayreadings)

UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST READING (Isaiah 6:1-1a, 3-8)

A divine thumbs-up Isaiah sometimes contradicted other prophets of his era. In order to show that God alone had instructed him to speak, Isaiah shares a vision he had in 742 BC while praying inside the temple of Jerusalem. The story shows that God truly is speaking through him.

What Isaiah sees Isaiah sees God's heavenly throne room. God's greatness fills up the space (v.1b), angels cover their faces in the presence of such holiness (v.2), and angelic voices constantly praise God (v.3). As Isaiah has this vision, the temple itself rocks and fills with another sign of God's presence (v.4).

Purging sin Isaiah reacts with fear and trembling as he looks upon the majesty and holiness of God. A theme of the Jewish religious tradition is that we are too small and sinful to look directly at God, so Isaiah declares that he is doomed (v.5). God sends an angel, a seraphim, to purify Isaiah. Seraphim may come from the word saraph, which means burning or fiery. By touching Isaiah's lips with a hot coal, the seraphim symbolically removes Isaiah's sinfulness. Isaiah is now ready to speak God's word to his people, who need their own sins to be purged.

(www.oursundayreadings)

QUESTION & ANSWER

Question: If a Catholic member of my family gets married outside the Church, are there any rules about attending the wedding, bestowing gifts, and so forth? — Name withheld

Answer: As a general rule, one ought not attend weddings ceremonies where the couple invalidly marries. The word “ceremony” generally indicates that something is being celebrated. But we should not celebrate what is invalid and therefore untrue. Further, it is sinful for a Catholic to enter into a marriage invalidly, and sin should not be celebrated. Attendance at such ceremonies usually indicates support for what is taking place and bestows a kind of honor upon the proceedings. Therefore, we should not attend such ceremonies in most cases. There may be, however, prudential judgment necessary in some cases. If the failure to attend might so poison family relationships as to cut off the likely possibility of future conversion, one might decide to attend, while expressing concern and a hope that things are rectified very soon. On the other hand, too many Catholics are forever compromising the truth or remaining silent to “keep the peace.” At some point, mere silence becomes tacit approval. It would seem that, if one makes a judgment to attend an invalid marriage, there ought to be some purpose at work where the truth of the Gospel can eventually be proclaimed in a clear and helpful way. If one attends, the goal should be to stay in relationships so that one can draw others to conversion and holiness, not merely so that everyone is pleased and happy. (Monsignor Charles Pope)

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY (From Bishop Gerald Vincke, Apostolic Administrator)

The Synod is meant for everyone to participate. How can each participate? By following the process below.

- Please take the time to listen to another person’s story...perhaps someone you have been meaning to talk with but haven’t for one reason or another. Perhaps a neighbor, perhaps someone in Church whom you have seen but haven’t had a conversation with, perhaps someone who is struggling, someone that you may have different views on politics and the Church, someone who is poor.
- Listen to your spouse, your parents, your siblings, your children, your coworkers, your friends...
- After listening to their story, you might not need to ask anything. But if it’s needed do ask them, “how has your parish community walked with you on your faith journey?” “Is there anything your parish community could do to help you?” “Is there anything the Church could do better?” There might be a parish specific question the Pastor might want to ask.
- The questions that can be asked to one another are meant to “share with honesty and openness about their real-life experiences, and to reflect together on what the Holy Spirit might be revealing through what they share with one another”
- Write a short summary of what you learned from that person. Then please send that summary to the chancery either via a letter or email.
- Or if you personally would like to share your faith story, please also write down your thoughts and send that in.

Synod Summary, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801 or bishop@dcdioocese.org

Please contact Georgina Paz gpaz@dcdioocese.org or 620-227-1531 if you have any questions on how to participate.

MADE FOR GREATNESS: High School Pilgrimage for the Diocese of Dodge City will be held on February 20th from 4-6 p.m. This is a free event for high schoolers from the diocese to learn about virtuous living and Saints who exemplify a virtuous life. Registration can be found at <https://www.dcdioocese.org/youth-events>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dreams for my family

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. It recalls Pope Francis' encouragement of a family feeling among us all: “We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 8). Pray for unity in families, society, and church. (Prepare the Word)

QUINTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Sueños para mi familia

Hoy es el Día Nacional de la Oración por la Familia Afroamericana. Recuerda el llamado del Papa Francisco para que todos tengamos un sentimiento de familia: "Necesitamos una comunidad que nos apoye y ayude, en la que podamos ayudarnos mutuamente a seguir mirando hacia adelante. Qué importante es soñar juntos Soñemos, pues, como una sola familia humana, como compañeros de viaje que comparten la misma carne" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 8). Reza por la unidad de las familias, de la sociedad y de la Iglesia.