

Dear Padre,

Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?

Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshipping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

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**2nd Sunday
Of Advent**



December 4, 2022

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.

ADDRESS IN A MEETING
WITH YOUNG PEOPLE,
ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021



MONDAY

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

TUESDAY

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

WEDNESDAY

December 7
*St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

THURSDAY

December 8
*The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary*
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

FRIDAY

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

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SATURDAY

December 10
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

SUNDAY

December 11
*Third Sunday
of Advent*
Is 35:1–6a, 10
Jas 5:7–10
Mt 11:2–11

Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 3 – December 9

Sat 6:00 pm †Catherine Holliman
Sun 11:00 am †Susan Louise Barron
Sun 4:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am †Denise Payan
Wed 8:00 am †Thomas John Antonowicz, Jr.
Thri 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Fri 8:00 am †Steve Quinn

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of December 3 – December 9

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann & Ruth Newman
Sun 9:15 am †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort
Tue 4:00 pm †Ann Newman
Wed 5:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm at **Holy Spirit**
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 3:30pm-4pm



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