

# Dear Padre,

Can a minister of holy Communion who visits hospitals bless a doctor? I was recently asked to do this. I didn't know how to say no, so I said a prayer over him even though I'm not ordained. Was that OK?

**Y**ou did the right thing. The Church's *Book of Blessings* gives guidelines for a variety of blessings, some of which may be given by laypeople (see page xxviii). For example, parents may bless their children. Baptized laypeople



who carry out functions on behalf of the Church may also give blessings: catechists may bless their students, and eucharistic ministers who visit the sick may bless them.

Laypeople may give various other blessings, including blessing the sick, food, a new home, seeds at planting time, and throats on the feast of St. Blaise. A layperson may distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, though the actual blessing of the ashes is reserved for the clergy. Also reserved for

the ordained are blessings of liturgical vessels and parishioners entering ministry as readers, altar servers, ministers of holy Communion, or musicians. Blessings of the cathedra (the bishop's chair in the cathedral church) and the consecration of the sacred chrism are reserved for bishops.

If you're trained to minister in the hospital and are there with the approval of your pastor and the hospital's pastoral team, you can give blessings. The *Book of Blessings* has texts to guide your words.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*The way of service is the most effective antidote against the disease of seeking first place....Therefore, as disciples of Christ, let us receive this Gospel passage as a call to conversion, in order to witness with courage and generosity a Church that bows at the feet of the least, in order to serve them with love and simplicity.*

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 21, 2018

## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 18  
St. Luke, Evangelist  
2 Tm 4:10-17b  
Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 19  
Sts. John de Brébeuf  
and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17-19, 20b-21  
Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 20  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12-18  
Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 21  
Weekday  
Rom 6:19-23  
Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 22  
Weekday  
Rom 7:18-25a  
Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 23  
Weekday  
Rom 8:1-11  
Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 24  
Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 31:7-9  
Heb 5:1-6  
Mk 10:46-52



# 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021



## Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

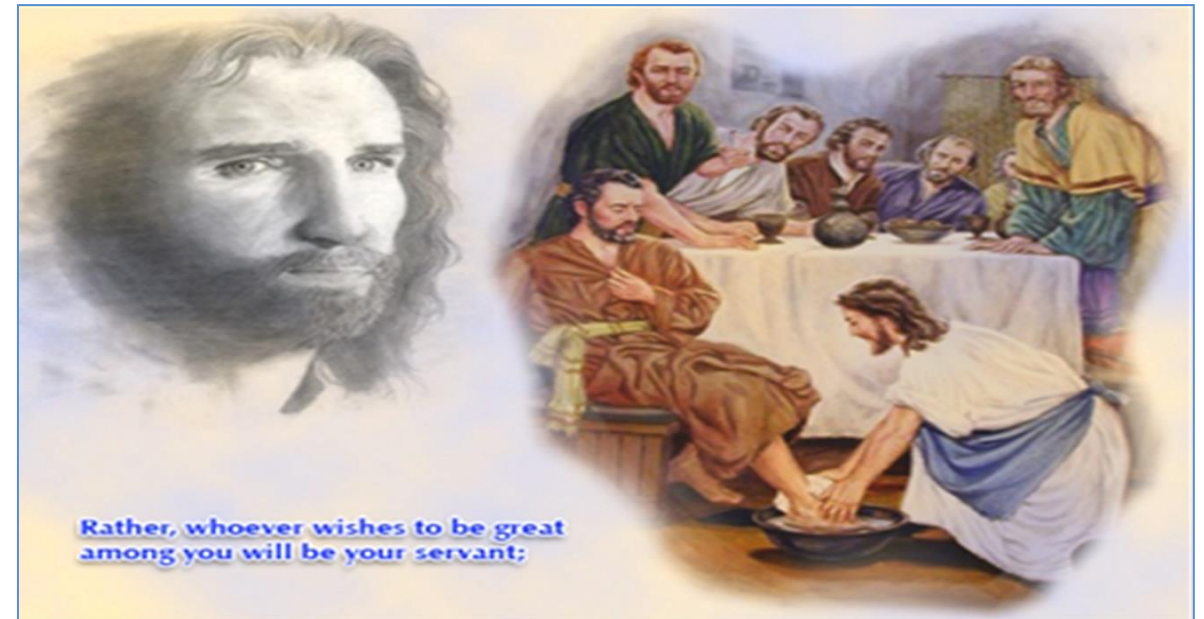
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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of October 16 – October 22, 2021

Sat 6:00 pm †Lydia McGonagle  
Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Sun 6:00 pm †Lorenzo Ortiz (Anniv. Of Death)  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am NO MASS  
Wed 8:00 am NO MASS  
Thr 8:00 am NO MASS  
Fri 8:00 am †Paul Bahnick, Sr.

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of October 16 – October 22, 2021

Sat 4:00 pm †Deceased Members of the Radich Family  
Sun 9:15 am †Souls in Purgatory, especially the souls of  
The Johnson & Falcone Family  
Tue 6:00 pm NO MASS, NO ADORATION

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm  
at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel  
Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

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