

# Dear Padre,

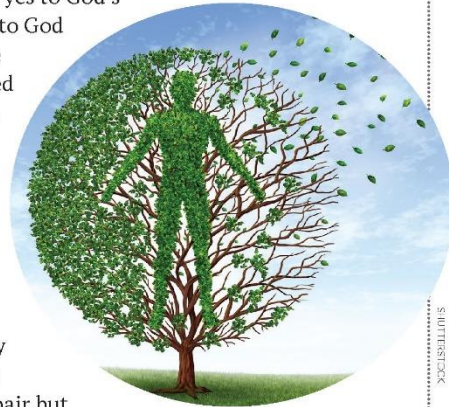
**My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?**

**P**opular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."*

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 2  
Weekday  
Nm 11:4b–15  
Mt 14:13–21

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 3  
Weekday  
Nm 12:1–13  
Mt 14:22–36 or  
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 4  
St. John Vianney,  
Priest  
Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,  
26–29a, 34–35  
Mt 15:21–28

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 5  
Weekday  
Nm 20:1–13  
Mt 16:13–23

**Friday**  
AUGUST 6  
Transfiguration  
of the Lord  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14  
2 Pt 1:16–19  
Mk 9:2–10

**Saturday**  
AUGUST 7  
Weekday  
Dt 6:4–13  
Mt 17:14–20

**Sunday**  
AUGUST 8  
Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 19:4–8  
Eph 4:30–5:2  
Jn 6:41–51



# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 1, 2021



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

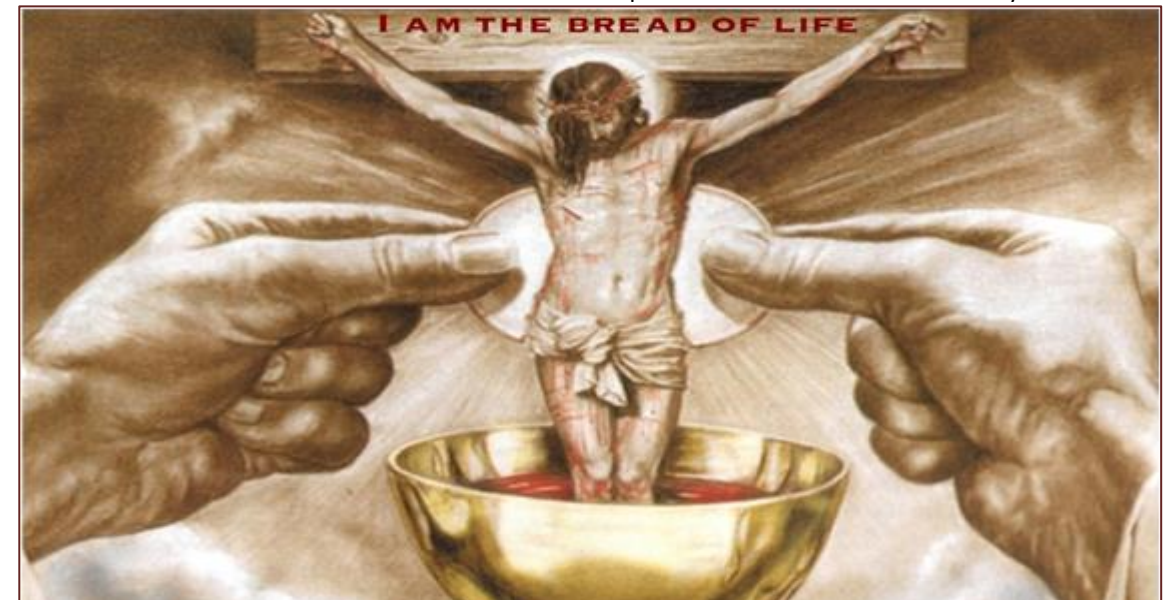
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Office Hours: Mon-Thur-8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Fr. Peter is off on Monday



### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of July 31–August 6*

Sat 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Sun 11:00 am †Bob Fisher  
Sun 6:00 pm †Amanda Brazeal  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am †Diane Fisher  
Wed 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory  
Thr 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory  
Fri 8:00 am †Diane Fisher

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of July 31–August 6*

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman  
Sun 9:15 am †John & Delores Radich  
Tue 6:00 pm †Elsie French

### 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