

Dear Padre,

My aunt has terminal cancer. Her doctors have advised her to stop chemotherapy and begin palliative care, but she says that's equivalent to assisted suicide. Is that what the Church thinks?

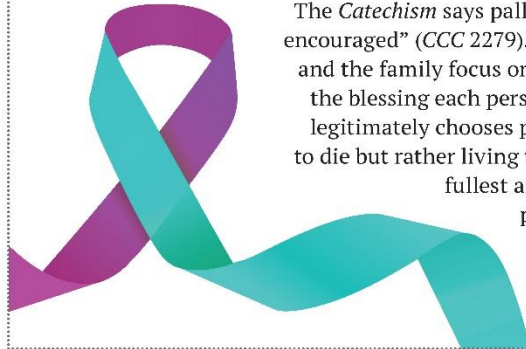
Palliative care doesn't prolong life, but neither does it cause life to end. The bishops are quite clear that palliative care is neither euthanasia nor assisted suicide, both of which are always sinful.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says treating or not treating a patient in a way that will cause death is always murder (CCC 2277). However, a patient's choice to discontinue "burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary" treatment "can be legitimate" when it's done not to cause death, but in recognition of "one's inability to impede it" (CCC 2278). But even when death seems to be close, "ordinary care" that would be given to any sick person cannot be interrupted (CCC 2279).

Palliative care does not cause death. It gives terminally ill people spiritual support and relief from their physical symptoms. An excellent resource on this topic, "Killing the Pain, Not the Patient: Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide," is available at usccb.org.

The *Catechism* says palliative care "should be encouraged" (CCC 2279). It helps the dying person and the family focus on the gift of life and the blessing each person is. The patient who legitimately chooses palliative care is not waiting to die but rather living those last moments to the fullest and as comfortably as possible.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Even if we know that we cannot always guarantee healing or a cure, we can and must always care for the living, without ourselves shortening their life, but also without futilely resisting their death. This approach is reflected in palliative care, which...opposes what makes death most terrifying and unwelcome—pain and loneliness.

MESSAGE TO WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, NOVEMBER 7, 2017



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Calendar

Monday
 OCTOBER 31
Weekday
 Phil 2:1-4
 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday
 NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
 Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
 1 Jn 3:1-3
 Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday
 NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
 Any readings from
 no. 668 or from the
 Masses for the Dead

Thursday
 NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
 Phil 3:3-8a
 Lk 15:1-10

Friday
 NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop
 Phil 3:17-4:1
 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
 NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
 Phil 4:10-19
 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
 NOVEMBER 6
Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14
 2 Thes 2:16-3:5
 Lk 20:27-38
 or 20:27, 34-38



31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022



Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission

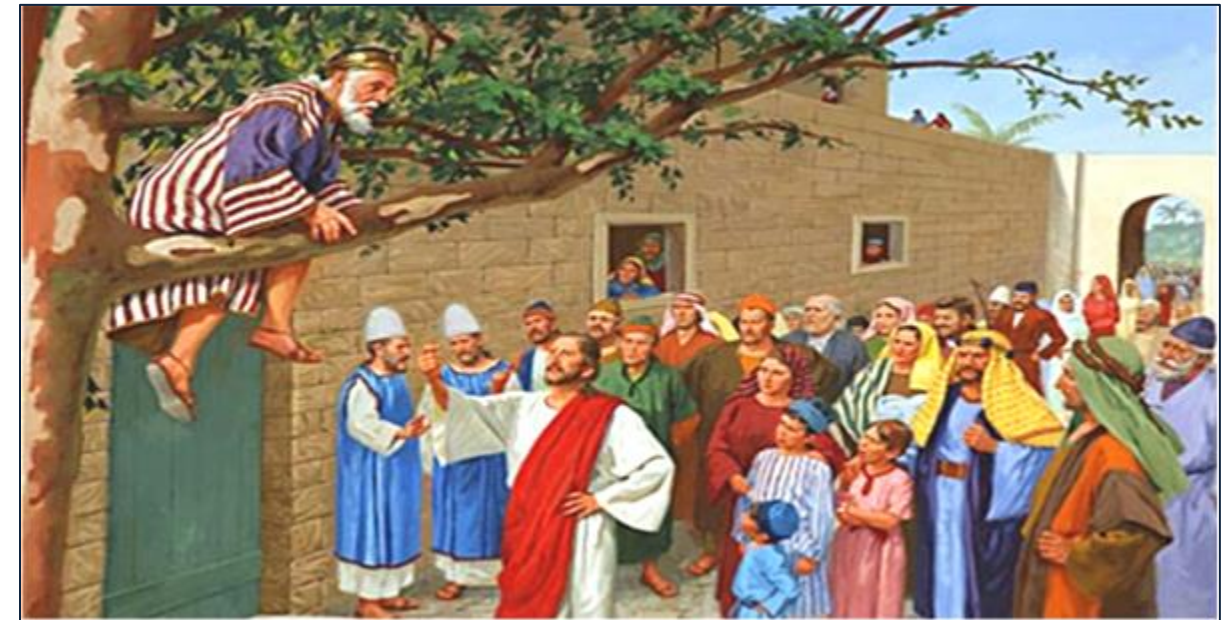
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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of Oct 29 – Nov 4

Sat 6:00 pm †Albie Lechner
 Sun 11:00 am †Bob Croker
 Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
 Mon 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased; esp. those names that are placed upon the Altar
 Tue 8:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased; esp. those names that are placed upon the Altar
 Wed 8:00 am †All Souls Novena
 Thr 8:00 am †All Souls Novena
 Fri 8:00 am †All Souls Novena

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of Oct 29 – Nov 4

Sat 4:00 pm †Debbie Willis
 Sun 9:15 am †Ann & Ruth Newman
 Tue 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased; esp. those names that are placed upon the Altar

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

