

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs," "tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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## Calendar

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

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 2  
*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*

Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 3  
*Weekday*  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 4  
*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 5  
*Weekday*  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 6  
*Weekday*  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 7  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



## 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021



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

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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of October 30 – November 5, 2021

- Sat 6:00 pm Thanksgiving  
Sun 11:00 am †John Hutterer  
Sun 6:00 pm †Larry Hill  
Mon 8:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased; esp. those names that are placed upon the Altar  
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Tue 8:00 am All Souls Novena  
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 October 30 – November 5, 2021

- Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman  
Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Mon 4:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased; esp. those names that are placed upon the Altar  
Tue 6:00 pm All Souls Novena, No Adoration

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.



### 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



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

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