

# Dear Padre,

## Why does Jesus refer to himself as the Son of Man? What does the title mean?

Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man seventy-six times in the Gospels, so it's clearly one of his favorite titles. When people call him the Messiah, Jesus often corrects them by calling himself the Son of Man. That title has at least three meanings: the Son of Man in all his humanity, the suffering Son of Man, and the Son of Man who will come again.

Jesus uses the title to stress his true humanity and identify with us. Jesus as Son of Man must suffer and die. Every time Jesus prophesies about his death, it is as the Son of Man. Jesus connects the title with his passion and death, linking it to Isaiah 53, the great Song of the Suffering Servant. Also, in using that title Jesus is explicitly saying that he is the one fulfilling those prophecies of Isaiah and Daniel, as when he said in the synagogue, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).



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The Son of Man is God's powerful representative (Daniel 7:13) coming to establish the kingdom of God. To do so, the Son of Man suffers, dies, and rises. That one title, Son of Man, summarizes much of Jesus' work of redemption. He became fully human, suffering and dying to establish the kingdom of God.

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

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 25  
Weekday  
Rom 8:12-17  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 26  
Weekday  
Rom 8:18-25  
Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 27  
Weekday  
Rom 8:26-30  
Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 28  
Sts. Simon and Jude,  
Apostles  
Eph 2:19-22  
Lk 6:12-16

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 29  
Weekday  
Rom 9:1-5  
Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 30  
Weekday  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,  
25-29  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 31  
Thirty-first Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 6:2-6  
Heb 7:23-28  
Mk 12:28b-34

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

October 24, 2021



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

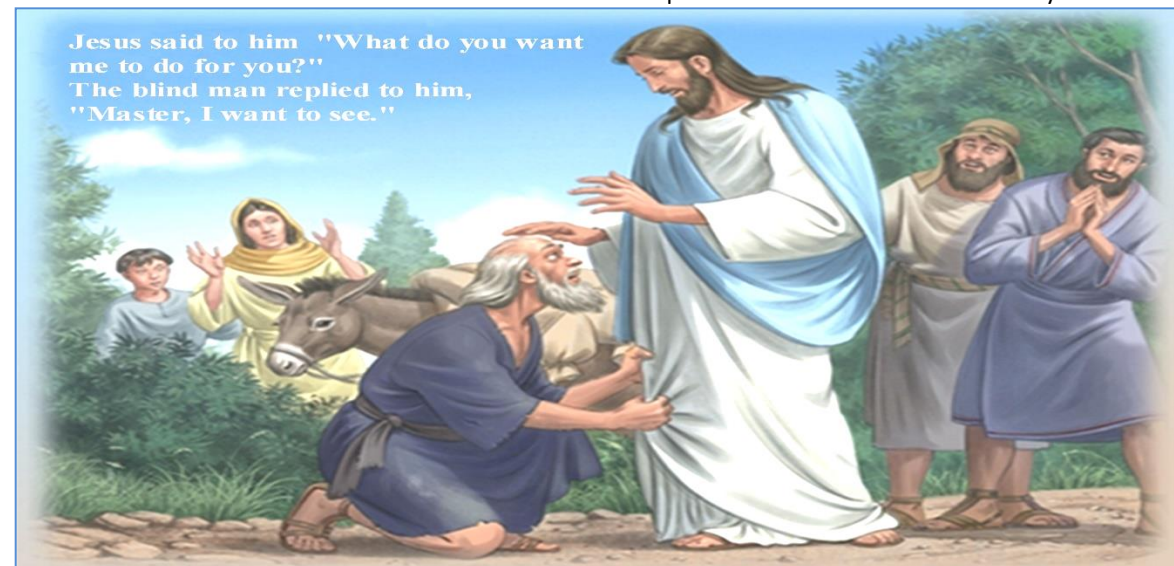
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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of October 23 – October 29, 2021

Sat 6:00 pm †Diane Fisher  
Sun 11:00 am †Leonard Sumter  
Sun 6:00 pm †Robert Robbins  
Mon 8:00 am NO Mass  
Tue 8:00 am †Catherine Hutterer  
Wed 8:00 am Doris & Albert Santa Cruz  
Thr 8:00 am †Larry Hill  
Fri 8:00 am †Deceased Members of the Guerrero Family

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of October 23 – October 29, 2021

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman  
Sun 9:15 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Tue 6:00 pm Special Intention

### 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

In the biblical tradition, the Son of Man is the one who receives from God "dominion, glory, and kingship" (Daniel 7:14). Jesus fills this image with new meaning. He shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life.

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