

# Dear Padre,

**My mother divorced, then remarried a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and attending Mass in a church. I think there's a difference, and she should go to Mass in a church with other Catholics. Your thoughts?**

**I**t's a good sign that your mother is watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. When it comes to worship, there's nothing like being there, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person and encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life clearly will be enriched.

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

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 8  
*Weekday*  
Wis 1:1-7  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 9  
*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 10  
*St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
Wis 6:1-11  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 11  
*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*  
Wis 7:22b-8:1  
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 12  
*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*  
Wis 13:1-9  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 13  
*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9  
Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 14  
*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Dn 12:1-3  
Heb 10:11-14, 18  
Mk 13:24-32



## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021



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### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of November 6 – November 12*

Sat 6:00 pm †All Souls Novena  
Sun 11:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Sun 6:00 pm †All Souls Novena  
Mon 8:00 am †All Souls Novena  
Tue 8:00 am †All Souls Novena  
Wed 8:00 am †All Souls Novena  
Thr 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory  
Fri 8:00 am †All Souls in Purgatory

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of November 6 – November 12*

Sat 4:00 pm †All Souls Novena  
Sun 9:15 am †All Souls Novena  
Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls Novena

### 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

*Familiarity with the Lord, of Christians, is always in community. Yes, it is intimate, it is personal, but within the community. A familiarity without community, a familiarity without bread, a familiarity without the Church, without the people, without the sacraments, is dangerous.*

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