Dear Padre,

My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?

f circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and

without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this

as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.

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Monday AUGUST 23 *Weekday* 1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 Mt 23:13–22

Calendar

Tuesday AUGUST 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b–14

> Wednesday AUGUST 25 *Weekday* 1 Thes 2:9–13 Mt 23:27–32

Jn 1:45-51

Thursday AUGUST 26 *Weekday* 1 Thes 3:7–13 Mt 24:42–51

Friday AUGUST 27 St. Monica 1 Thes 4:1–8 Mt 25:1–13

Saturday AUGUST 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 4:9–11 Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

AUGUST 29 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

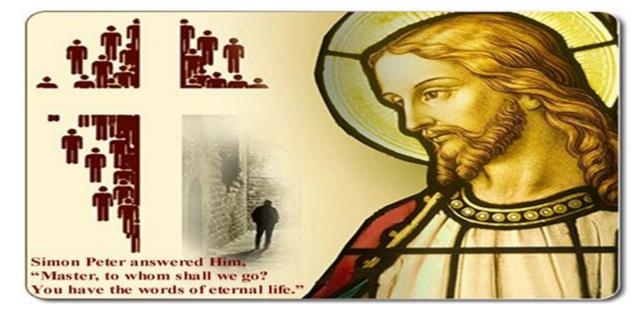


21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Holy Spirit Catholic Church & Christ the King Catholic Mission Reverend Peter Kmiecik, Pastor

Deacon John E. Jennings † Deacon Norbert Lloyd, Jr. Parish Office 283-5252 – Fr. Peter's Office 233-0947 - Fax 283-5255 holyspiritcc@bellsouth.net – www.holyspiritcc.com 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 August 21 –August 27Sat6:00 pmSpecial IntentionSun11:00 am†Bob FisherSun6:00 pm†Robert RobbinsMon8:00 amNO MASSTue8:00 am†Harry DunfieldWed8:00 am†Diane FisherThr8:00 amCharlie Brenke (Healing)Fri8:00 am†Mark Jones

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of August 21 –August 27 Sat 4:00 pm †Anne Newman Sun 9:15 am †Parishioners Living & Deceased Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

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

