

# Dear Padre,

**I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?**

**Yes, under certain conditions.** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.



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

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

## Calendar

**Monday**  
OCTOBER 4  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11  
Lk 10:25—37

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 5  
Weekday  
Jon 3:1—10  
Lk 10:38—42

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 6  
Weekday  
Jon 4:1—11  
Lk 11:1—4

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 7  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
Mal 3:13—20b  
Lk 11:5—13

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 8  
Weekday  
Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2  
Lk 11:15—26

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 9  
Weekday  
Jl 4:12—21  
Lk 11:27—28

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 10  
Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 7:7—11  
Heb 4:12—13  
Mk 10:17—30  
or 10:17—27

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

October 3, 2021



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

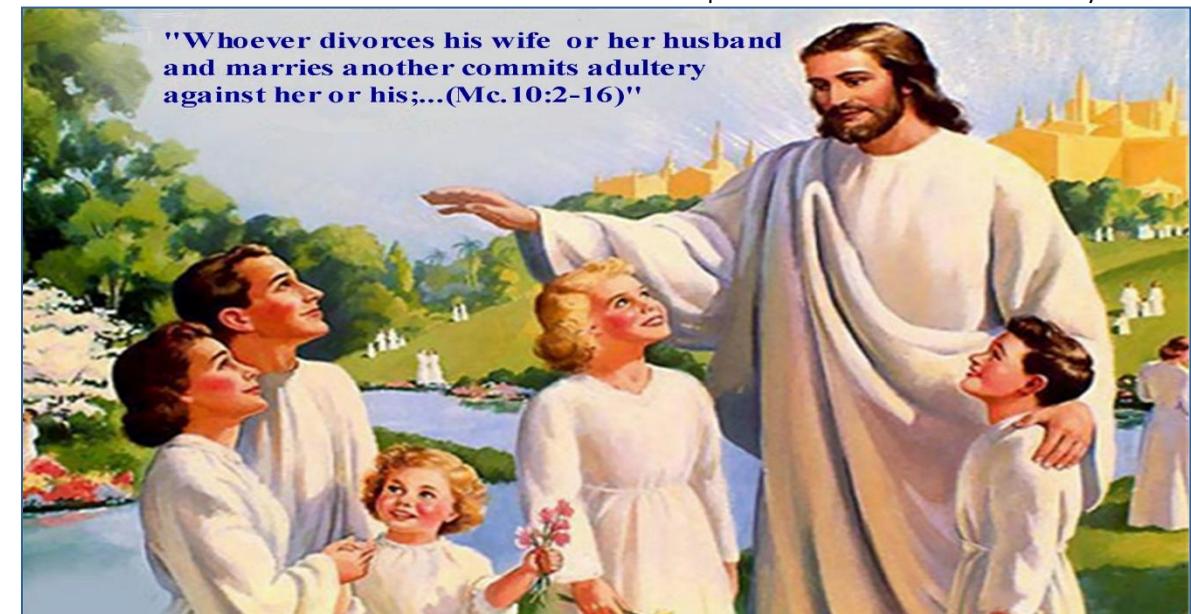
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Office Hours: Mon-Thur-8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Fr. Peter is off on Monday



### Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of October 2 – October 8, 2021*

Sat 6:00 pm †Lydia McGonagle  
Sun 11:00 am †Diane Fisher  
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased  
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS  
Tue 8:00 am Albert Santa Cruz (Healing)  
Wed 8:00 am †Roland Landry  
Thr 8:00 am †Don Landry  
Fri 8:00 am Albert Santa Cruz (Healing)

### Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

*Week of October 2 – October 8, 2021*

Sat 4:00 pm †John & Delores Radich  
Sun 9:15 am Falcone & Johnson Family  
Tue 6:00 pm †Ann Newman

### 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 first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.*

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015