

Dear Padre,

When I hear “Oh my God,” should I tell the person he or she is breaking a commandment? When I see people at Mass in revealing or disrespectful clothing, should I say something?

When I was young, I went to a baseball game with my parents. While we were in line, a man cursed using Jesus’ name. My mother said, “Oh, I don’t think Jesus is playing today.” She made her point, but I doubt she



changed his future behavior.

I don’t think we’re obliged to evangelize by calling out someone who is using God’s name in vain. I hear someone cursing many times in public. Depending on the situation, I might say something simple like, “You know, there are children here.” Sometimes people apologize and stop; other times they tell me to mind my own business, using even more choice words, at which point I walk away. But we’re under no obligation to do this, and always be very careful about confronting strangers about anything.

As for appropriate dress for Mass, this is a problem in many parishes. I wouldn’t say anything to the person wearing the disrespectful or revealing clothing.

Instead, ask your pastor whether your parish or diocese has a dress code. If they do, ask him why it’s not being enforced. If there is no dress code, ask him if you can form a committee to establish one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Christ] took our names upon himself, to the very end, including the evil that is within us....Anyone, in whatever situation..., can invoke the holy name of the Lord, who is faithful and merciful Love. God will never say no to a heart that invokes him sincerely.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, AUGUST 22, 2018



Calendar

Monday AUGUST 9 Weekday Dt 10:12–22 Mt 17:22–27
Tuesday AUGUST 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6–10 Jn 12:24–26
Wednesday AUGUST 11 St. Clare, Virgin Dt 34:1–12 Mt 18:15–20
Thursday AUGUST 12 Weekday Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 Mt 18:21–19:1
Friday AUGUST 13 Weekday Jos 24:1–13 Mt 19:3–12
Saturday AUGUST 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Jos 24:14–29 Mt 19:13–15
Sunday AUGUST 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20–27 Lk 1:39–56

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 19:4–8

Eph 4:30–5:2

Jn 6:41–51

Live in Love

Now that’s an exhortation that should be **easy to follow**, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it’s not as easy as it appears. Today’s second reading contains a list of offenses against love: “bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling” (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don’t even know or those we don’t like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been “sealed for the day of redemption” with the “holy Spirit of God” (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be “imitators of God, as beloved children” (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don’t we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don’t we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What keeps you from being a loving person?
- ★ What can you do about this?

*Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another
as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4:32





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Interior Murmuring

The Jews murmured about Jesus... Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves." [John 6:41&43](#)

Jesus was the object of gossip, ridicule, belittlement, etc. They "murmured" about Him. What a silly thing for the people to do.

In the passage above, Jesus was giving one of His most glorious and profound teachings. He was continuing His teaching on the Most Holy Eucharist, the Gift of His Body and Blood as the Bread of Life. He said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." And upon hearing this teaching, they murmured about Him.

Again, what a silly thing for many to do at that time. But sadly this same thing still happens in a variety of ways today. Every Sunday (and every day if we are able) we are given the opportunity to consume the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Messiah, the King of all Kings, the Savior of the World, the Creator, Omnipotent and Glorious God! Yet, what do so many of us do? We come to Mass disinterested, distracted, and more concerned about what we will be doing later in the day than what we are doing at the Holy Mass.

This is a sad truth that needs to be corrected. "If we but understood the gift of the Holy Mass we would die instantly out of love," said St. John Vianney. Do you understand the Mass?

Murmuring about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist does not necessarily have to be only something we say out loud. We "murmur" about Jesus interiorly when we fail to understand, accept and enter into this glorious gift. Murmuring is the same as lacking a complete conviction and embrace of this gift. Perhaps we do not murmur externally with our words, but we may find we murmur interiorly in the sense that we lack interest in this Precious Gift.

Reflect, today, upon whether or not your heart is fully engaged with the Holy Eucharist. When you think about going to Mass, are you overwhelmed with joy and a deep spiritual longing? Or do you look at it as an obligation you need to fulfill? If it is more of an obligation you need to fulfill, then you may have more of an interior "murmuring" than you realize.

Lord, help me to see You in the Holy Mass. Help me to long for You in the Most Holy Eucharist. May I never lack proper faith and devotion. May I always be filled with a deep love for You, present in this Sacred Gift! Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflections from "My Catholic Life"

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
8/9	Monday		No Mass Today	
8/10	Tuesday		No Mass Today	
8/11	Wednesday		No Mass Today	
8/12	Thursday		No Mass Today	
8/13	Friday		No Mass Today	
8/14	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For People of the Parish
8/15	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Don Williamson
8/15	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	Don Loxterkamp

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

MASS TIME
Sunday — 10.30 AM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$1185.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$126.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,311.00
MASS STIPEND	
ASSUMPTION MARY	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$1,321.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3,815.00
BALANCE	\$2,231.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

MASS TIME
Sunday — 8:00 AM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$580.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$321.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 901.00
MASS STIPEND	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$ 911.00
BUILDING FUND	\$15.00
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,165.00
BALANCE	\$1,742.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MASS TIME
Saturday — 5:30 PM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$995.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$15.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,010.00
MASS STIPEND	
TOTAL	\$1,010.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

