

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?

If 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).

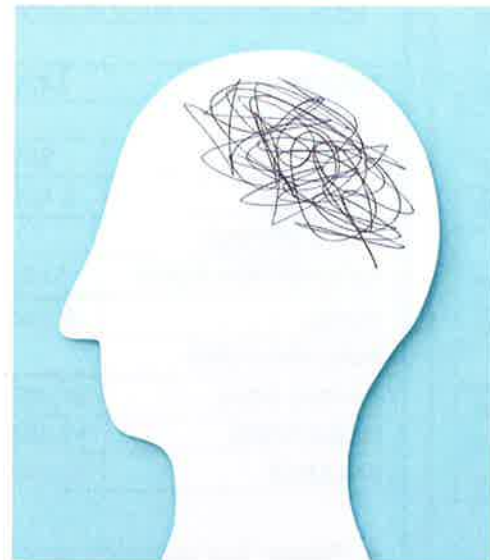
However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, 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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SHUTTERSTOCK

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.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014



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Calendar

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

Tuesday
AUGUST 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday
AUGUST 25
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-13
Mt 23:27-32

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Jn 6:60-69

Simon Peter answered... "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

JOHN 6:68-69

SHUTTERSTOCK

Make Up Your Mind

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67-68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?
- ★ Trust in God's care and protection even if you might have chosen better.





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We Have Come to Believe

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." [John 6:66-69](#)

As a result of what? As a result of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." The Eucharist was the deepest and most beautiful teaching Jesus had given, but for some it was more than they could handle. So many left Him. But this passage also reveals the beautiful faith of the Apostles, especially Peter.

First of all, Jesus does not back down in any way from His beautiful and very deep teaching on the Holy Eucharist. What He said He stands behind, namely, that "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" ([John 6:53](#)). He goes on to say, "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" ([John 6:55](#)).

From there, Jesus turns to His disciples and gives them the freedom to accept or reject what He just taught. This freedom He gives to them is essential to them entering into authentic faith. If Jesus would have pressured or manipulated the disciples, it would have been hard for them to freely choose to accept Him and all He taught. The same is true with us. Jesus does not require us to follow Him. He will not force or manipulate us into believing. He will not pressure us. Rather, Jesus offers Himself and His teachings and invites us to believe. Within this context, Peter makes a profound statement of faith. "Master, to whom shall we go?" In other words, Peter was saying, "Lord, even if the teaching is hard, and even if it is unpopular to follow you, and even if we must suffer, be rejected, be misunderstood... you are the best option." Think about it. What other option even comes close to the option of accepting the full and deep teachings of Jesus? Is it better to only take part of what He says? Doing that is a form of rejection of Him.

Peter gives us the witness of one who has come to believe that there is only one good option in life. That option is the choice to follow Jesus no matter what. Nothing in life is worth choosing over Christ. We should strive to discover this truth that He is the only one worth choosing.

Reflect, today, upon these words of Peter. "Lord, to whom shall we go?" Jesus is God, the Messiah and Savior. He has the words of everlasting life. He is the best "option" to choose. Say those words of Peter and, in saying them, make the choice to choose Him no matter how popular or unpopular that choice is and no matter if others are making it. Going with the flow leads us down the wrong river. Making the right choice sets us on solid ground.

Lord, there is no place for me to go other than You and Your way. You are the Lord of all, and You are the Messiah. I choose You and accept all that You have taught. Jesus, I trust in You. Reflections from "My Catholic Life"

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
8/23	Monday		No Mass Today	
8/24	Tuesday		No Mass Today	
8/25	Wednesday		No Mass Today	
8/26	Thursday		No Mass Today	
8/27	Friday		No Mass Today	
8/28	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	For People of the Parish
8/29	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Ted Tafoya, Jr.
8/29	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	\$900.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$190.00
SUBTOTAL	\$1,090.00
MASS STIPEND	
ASSUMPTION MARY	\$167.00
TOTAL	\$1,257.00
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.
- Any men interested in 'That Man Is You', there will be a kick-off meeting on Wed, Aug. 25, at 6:00 at 1406 S St., Bpt. Contact Doug H. at 279-0052 with questions. Meetings are Thursday morning at 6:30 AM.



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1003 AVE B
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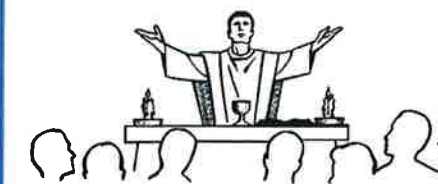
MASS TIME
Sunday – 8:00 AM



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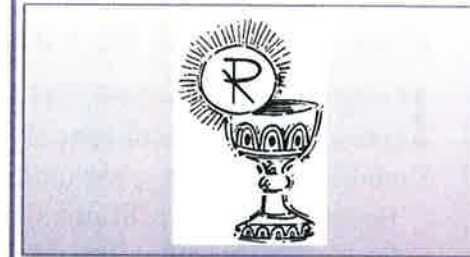
ADULTS	\$410.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$55.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 465.00
MASS STIPEND	
ASSUMPTION MARY	\$165.00
TOTAL	\$ 630.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,165.00
BALANCE	\$1,742.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.
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**SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131**

MASS TIME
Saturday – 5:30 PM



OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$670.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$35.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 705.00
MASS STIPEND	\$20.00
ASSUMPTION MARY	\$225
TOTAL	\$ 950.00
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.
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