

Dear Padre,

What are deacons' duties? Can they preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually reserved for priests?

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: transitional deacons, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and permanent deacons, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on St. Blaise's feast day), perform the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.



DEACON, AT LEFT / CNS PHOTO SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

—Fr. Donald Kirchner, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It deeply troubles me when I see a timetable in a parish: "From such a time to such a time." ...Don't worry about the timetable: have the courage to look past the timetable. In this way, dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful.

—JUBILEE OF DEACONS, MAY 29, 2016



Calendar

Monday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10
Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor of
the Church
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
2 Sm 7:4–17
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 30
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a,
13–17
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
FEBRUARY 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4
Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40
or 2:22–32

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13

Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

Is Christ Divided?

"You're breaking the back of the body of Christ!" Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: "I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas" (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God's beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * How do you act toward someone who understands faith differently? Do you respect their viewpoint or automatically ignore them?
- * Which religious voices do you listen to? Why?

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

MATTHEW 4:17



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MARY AND GOOD SHEPHERD

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday 10-2pm & by appointments.
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6
Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm Tues-Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am
Confessions: in GS Lometa Sunday 7:30-7:55am
Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina: Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am
Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida: Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am
Shared Blessing: Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm
Baptismal Class Call the office for date.
Clase de Bautismo Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Joan Brown, Julia Aguilar, Reynaldo De La Cruz, Luis Torres, Espirion Moreno, Mike Medina, Robert Maldonado, Mario Gill, Josephine Valadez, Nick Hull, Mike Valles, Edna Deanda, William Clayton, Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer, Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, January 27
8:00am: Communion Service
Tuesday/Martes, January 28
8:00am: †Father Angelo Barteni
Wednesday/Miércoles, January 29
8:00am: Janie Ovalle health
6:00pm †Father Angelo Barteni
Thursday/Jueves, January 30
6:00pm: Sophia Shepherd Birthday
Friday/Viernes, January 31
8:00am: †Donald Gamble
Saturday/Sábado, February 1
5:30pm: For the Donors and their Intentions of Armor of God Radio
Sunday/Domingo, February 2
8:00am: (GS) For the Donors and their Intentions of Armor of God Radio
10:00am: For the Donors and their Intentions of Armor of God Radio
12:15pm: For the Donors and their Intentions of Armor of God Radio

Sacrificial Giving: January 18/19

1st Collection: \$4015.30
 Children's Collection: \$85.50
 Poor and Needy: \$832.25

Counters: January 28

Carol Boberg & Dolores Stewart

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Janie Ovalle, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,
Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LECTORS January 25/26

Sat 5:30pm: Wanda Bunting
 Sun 10:00am: Simon Valles Karen DeZarn
Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas y Nancy Miranda
Lectors February 1/2
 Sat 5:30pm: Jonathan Marks
 Sun 10:00am: Tony/Clara Gamez
Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

EMHC January 25/26

Sun 5:30pm: Carmen Coonrod Mary Cisneros
 Sun 10:00am: Robert Stluka Andrea Cardon
Dom 12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu, Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo
EMHC February 1/2
 5:30 Sat 5:30pm: Carmen Coonrod Andrea Cardon
 Sun 10:00am: Donna Caughron Lily Olivarez
Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas, Nancy Miranda y Bernarda Abreu

Those Who Serve Our Country

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser, Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyan Self, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall
GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY: Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.
GRUPO SAN BENITO: Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.
MENS PRAYER GROUP: Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in in the upstairs hall.
ROSARY CRUSADE: Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, call Vicki Franco 512-540-1199 for more info
CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO: Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros
RCIA CLASS: Mondays @ 7:00pm
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Meets Sundays @ 9:00am in upper hall
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Meets Mondays @ 6pm in cafeteria

KOC BREAKFAST: PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY JANUARY 26 FOR SOME BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP...

FOOD PANTRY: We are taking non-perishable food items for our neighbors in need. Please feel free to drop some of in our foyer food basket.
DESPENSA DE ALIMNTOS: Estamos tomando alimentos para nuestro vecinos en necesidad. Por favor, siéntase libre de dejar un poco en nuestra cesta de alimentos el vestibulo.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Looking to put together a second Bereavement Group. This second group will be called upon to help first group or take over in case first group is not available for that particular day. If interested in heading or joining the second Bereavement Group please call the office.

GRUPO DE AFLICCION: Buscando armar un segundo grupo de Aflicción. Este segundo grupo será llamado a ayudar al primer grupo o a tomar el control en caso de que el primer grupo no esté disponible para ese día en particular. Si está usted interesado en dirigirse or unirse al segundo grupo de Aflicción, por favor llame a la oficina.

Good Shepherd Announcements

FLOWERS: Beth Griese
ALTAR: Heather Oliver
LECTOR: Tom Griese
EMHC: Adela Perez, John Vasques & Adelaida Martinez

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday, January 29 @ 6:00pm
DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center.
SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 19
 Weekly Offering: \$419.00
 Poor and Needy: \$148.00

St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:

EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:

Schedule for January:

St. Luke/Temple (English) 1/28 @6:30pm
 St. Elizabeth, Pflugerville 1/28 (Spanish) @7:00pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe/Austin 1/29 (English) @7:00pm
 St. Catherine of Siena/Austin 1/29 (English) @7:00pm
 St. Luke/Temple 1/30 (English) 1/30 @12:00pm

The EIM Office annually requests membership lists for all persons in ministries/groups/organizations which require compliance with EIM policies (visit austindiocese.org/eim-policies). Please send your membership list to your parish EIM site administrator. Please include last name, first name, other last names used, nick names or other names known as at the parish, their email address and mailing address. All lists should be provided to Carol Boberg, your site administrator, by Friday March 6th. Thank you for your assistance.

The EIM Office is in the process of helping all applicants update their email address in their EIM account in order to improve communication regarding EIM compliance matters. Please login to your EIM account at eappsdb.com/austin to update your email address (in Main Application section). If you are not able to login, email the parish EIM site administrator Carol Boberg at smccltx3@gmail.com with your full name, your nickname or name known as at the parish, and your correct email address. Thank you for your help

SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH UPDATE:

If you would like to receive parish updates on your cell phone, text to 84576, St. Mary parishioners type Lampasas into the body of text, Good Shepherd type Lometa to subscribe.

CHECK REQUEST: If your group (San Benito, Guadalupanos, etc.) or you as a person need a check from the office, please turn in a check request form available at the office at least two weeks in advance. Thank You for your cooperation.

CHEQUE FORMULARIO : Si su grupo (San Benito o Guadalupanos, etc.) o usted como persona necesita un cheque de la oficina por favor entregue un formulario de cheque disponible en la oficina con al menos dos semanas de antelación. Gracias por su cooperación.