

Dear Padre,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●



GEMINI

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	February 3 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43	February 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34	February 8 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

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Annunciation
Catholic Church
CALIFORNIA, MO

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12a



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MASS TIMES:
SAT. 4:00 PM
SUN. 9:45 AM
Spanish Mass/
Communion Service:
SUN. 11:15 AM

Our Mission:
We, the family of Annunciation Parish, desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

“Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will
be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

This season of the Church we call “Ordinary Time” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? *We* are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM, and by appointment.

BAPTISMS:
By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

WEDDINGS:
Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:
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JESUS First
OTHERS Second
YOURSELF Third

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 31st, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Tim & Pauline Forck
 Lector: Paulette Fischer
 Server: Jerry Hoback
 Song Leader: David Garnett
 Greeters: Don & Jean Vanderfeltz
 Rosary: Russ Anderson
 Gift Bearers: Joyce Ziehmer & Denise Gerlt

Sunday, February 1st, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Margaret Bieri
 Lector: Becki Collier
 Server: Henry Collier
 Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
 Greeters: Rodney & Janet Henley
 Rosary: Rita Henley
 Gift Bearers: Clayton & Kimberly Reynolds Family

Saturday, February 7th, 4:00 PM

Mass Coord: Elaine Anderson
 Lector: Becky Bloch
 Server: Seth Bax
 Song Leader: Rosemary Bardwell
 Greeters: Arturo & Maria Arellano
 Rosary: Rosemary Bardwell
 Gift Bearers: John & Gabby Ross Family

Sunday, February 8th, 9:45 AM

Mass Coord: Eric Schroeter
 Lector: Addison Jobe
 Server: Nicki Frank
 Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
 Greeters: Joann & Josh Frank
 Rosary: Margaret Bieri
 Gift Bearers: Andrea Scrivner Family

CLERGY & VOCATIONS

We pray especially for Fr. Viviano and for all priests, sisters, deacons & seminarians this weekend as we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Monday, February 2, 2026, and in parishes over the weekend of February 1, 2026. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayers of the Faithful

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness. We pray to the Lord...

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these and all who are in need of prayer.
 To remove or add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Abe Baepler (grandchild of Dale & Sandy Deraps); Bruce Senior (Vicki Glenn's brother); Cliff Ives (Pamela Hill's brother); Larry Dahler; Maggie Lawson; Mary Ann Wasser; Tom Jones; Emma Heise; Wyatt Schmidt; Alex McGill; Ashley Kaplan (daughter of Tricia Brauch); Marian Dorn; Wallace Maynard; Derrick Cleveland (Vickie Schroeder's nephew); David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Sharon Belt; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Robert Garner; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; John Michael McCoy; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Barb Glenn; Peggy Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31	4:00 P.M.	*Annunciation & St. Andrew's Parishioners
Sunday, February 1	9:45 A.M.	*Mickie Bolinger
Spanish Mass	11:15 A.M.	*Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, February 3	8:00 A.M.	*Tina Hoback
Thursday, February 5	8:00 A.M.	*Joseph & Patricia Viviano
Saturday, February 7	4:00 P.M.	*Katie Campbell
Sunday, February 8	9:45 A.M.	*Jo Wolken
Spanish Prayer Svc	11:15 A.M.	

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flower arrangement this week is from Mary Lou Scheidt in loving remembrance of dear friends.

MUSTARD SEED REFLECTION (Every Sunday at 8 A.M. on FM Station 104.1 - KRLI)

February 1st	Joyce Ziehmer
February 8th	Eric Schroeter
February 15th	Lisa Reinkemeyer
February 22nd	Rosemary Bardwell

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES⁵

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1	PSR CLASSES 8:15-9:30 A.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2	5:45 P.M. Rosary 8:00 P.M. AA-ALNON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	Mass at 8 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4	Bible Study 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5	Mass at 8 A.M. Patriotic Rosary following Mass Quilting after 8 A.M. Mass Hispanic Holy Hour at 7 P.M.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6	First Friday Adoration 6 A.M. - 7 P.M.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8	PSR CLASSES 8:15-9:30 A.M.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Congratulations to Dale & Sandy Deraps as they celebrate 56 years of marriage. May God continue to bless their love, faith and commitment to one another.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

The Ladies Sodality are collecting donations for Birthright throughout the month of February. Anyone wishing to donate baby items can do so by placing their items on the bench in the back of Church.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, Fr. will be offering the Blessing of Throats at Tuesday mornings Mass on February 3rd.

HOLY LAND TOUR

A Nine-Day Pilgrimage of Faith Tour with Fr. Viviano as Spiritual Director is being offered from May 15 - 23rd, 2026. For further questions, please contact Wes Hentges by February 13th at 573-353-1779 or by visiting the following website: <https://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/holyland-5883>.

PEWS AVAILABLE

As part of our current renovation, we will be installing new pews. The existing pews will be made available to anyone from the community. A free-will donation will be accepted. Anyone interested in acquiring these pews, please contact either Connor McGill at 573-353-5702 or Rodney Henley at 573-690-8602.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - January 2026

1st Week:	\$8,510.40	3rd Week:	\$5,701.40
2nd Week:	\$5,681.00	4th Week:	\$2,329.20
Building Fund:	\$525.00	Mustard Seed:	\$50.00
Candles:	\$20.50	Stipends:	\$20.00

YEAR END STATEMENTS

A reminder that if you would like your year-end financial statement, please contact the parish office either by phone or email.

College Scholarships Available
 Applications for college scholarships are now available! Through a generous donation from the family of William H. (Bill) Simon, funding is available to high school seniors or current college students with financial needs who commit to practicing their faith. The deadline to apply is March 27th. Find eligibility details and applications at diojeffcity.org/scholarships

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

First Saturday Devotion will begin on February 7th in Tipton with Adoration & Confessions at 8 AM, followed by Mass at 9 AM.
 This is celebrated on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Upcoming Fish Fries: Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church (Chamois) Seafood Buffet 4 - 7:30 P.M. February 27th & March 20th



St. Martin's Lenten Fish Fry 4:30 - 7 P.M. February 27th & March 13th

World Day of Prayer - March 6, 2026

The California United Church of Christ Women's Guild graciously extends an invitation to all women to join them as they celebrate World Day of Prayer beginning at 1 P.M. on Friday, March 6th, in their Friendship Hall. An offering will be received and forwarded to World Day of Prayer - USA.

Don & Ruth Ann Schnieders Annual Pro-Life Event

This annual event will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2026, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri. The keynote speaker this year will be Riley Gaines, a recent graduate from the University of Kentucky where she was a 12-time NCAA All-American swimmer. The luncheon and program are from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the dinner and program are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person for lunch and \$100 per person for dinner. To register or for more information on attending or sponsoring the event, please visit vitaefoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.