

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Mc 6:18-31	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31	1 Mc 2:15-29	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59	1 Mc 6:1-13	2 Sm 5:1-3
Lk 18:35-43	Lk 19:1-10	Lk 19:11-28	Lk 19:41-44	Lk 19:45-48	Lk 20:27-40	Col 1:12-20
						Lk 23:35-43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.

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[Jesus said,] "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

LUKE 21:6

Dismantled and Reassembled

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is the time of year when seasons turn and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

Have I known the experience of life being dismantled and reassembled into something new?

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Nov 16, 2025

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for “It will lead to your giving testimony” (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Sign up for a Catholics Encounter Christ Weekend- See the flier in your church.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of November 17, 2025

Mon.	Nov.	17	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Nov.	18	7:00 AM	SJ	All Souls
Wed.	Nov.	19	5:30 PM	SA	Raylen & Harper Neal
Thurs.	Nov.	20	5:30 PM	SB	Adele Hassenstab Nursing Home
Fri.	Nov.	21	8:30 AM	SJ	Sue Beshaler †
Sun.	Nov.	23	8:00 AM	SJ	Charlene Walz †
Sun.	Nov.	23	9:30 AM	SA	Kelley Whitaker
Sun.	Nov.	23	11:00 AM	SB	People of the Parish †



Traci Kennedy Nov 17th
Makenna Weiman Nov 20th
Bartley Brogan Nov 21st
Margaret Neal Nov 22nd
Taylar Doggett Nov 22nd
John Beshaler Nov 23rd



Mr. & Mrs. Bill Karn Nov 23rd

Ministry Schedule

Date: Nov 23	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	Sunday 9:30 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM
Hospitality	Aleta & Conrad P.	Bartley & Kaylee B.	Cody & Charli S.
Lector	Aleta A.	Mike P.	Jon W.
Server		Wyatt B. & Emmett P.	Leo W. & Gregory W.
EMHC	Aleta & Conrad P.	David P. & Diane P.	Jim & Kristy O.
Communion to shut ins or Music		David P.	Music: Kelsey A.

St. Agnes

Our Gifts to God & Church
November 2, 2025

Total Collection: \$2604.00

November 9, 2025

Total Collection: \$549.00

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal the
GOAL is MET!!!

Thrift Store

Open Nov 28 9AM to 4PM

CCD Oct Nov 19th

Elementary 3:40 PM

High School 7:30 PM Meal Ambler

St. Boniface

Our Gifts to God & Church
November 2, 2025

Total Collection: \$1607

November 9, 2025

Total Collection: \$799.00

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal \$3650 of \$7452
with 10 of 17 Donors

CCD Wednesday Nov 19th

PreK to 2nd 4 PM

Supper 6:10

Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM

St. John's

Our Gifts to God & Church
November 2, 2025

Total Collection: \$4291.50

November 9, 2025

Total Collection: \$571.00

Diocesan Appeal

Dollar Goal \$2100 of \$5179
with 5 of 15 Donors

CCD Wednesday Nov 19th

PreK to 5th 3:40 PM

6th -12th Supper 6:30 Johnston

Class Begins 7:00 PM

Mass of Thanksgiving
Nov27 at 9 AM



Congratulations to the newest member of the

St. Agnes Catholic Church!

Bexley DeLosh

Lainey Pelster

Dokker DeLosh

Macey Pelster

Council of Catholic
Women Baby Drive

IN HONOR OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please help us collect items for the
Women's Resource Center by placing your items
in the play pen in the Church Hall by December 8th.
Item Suggestions:

Newborn & 0-3 month clothes Baby Hygiene Items
Adult Hygiene Items Baby Bottles Baby Socks
Baby Bath Towels Pacifiers Brush and comb sets
Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 Pullups