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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 27, 2010

June 27, 2010  
**dear Padre**  
**What does the Church teach about body art?**

*What does the Church teach about tattoos, body piercing, and shaping?*

*Jane*

**Dear Jane,**

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see tattoos covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what they'll think about that tattoo in ten or twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.

The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). Leviticus 19:28 says, "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," which clearly forbids both tattoos and piercings, but then the next verse says, "Do not clip your hair at the temples, nor trim the edges of your beard." I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In the introduction to the Book of Leviticus, the bishops teach us that "the laws contained in this book serve to teach the Israelites that they should always keep themselves in a state of legal purity" ([www.usccb.org/nab/bible/leviticus/intro.htm](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/leviticus/intro.htm)).

We may not have the same obligation of legal purity, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, never forget you are God's temple.

*Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.*

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Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Sundays at 8:45 AM

Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

Saturday from 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Also by appointment.

**BAPTISMAL INITIATIONS:**

Please call the rectory (643-4466).

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and Sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

**WELCOME!**

If you are new in the Parish, Please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social after the Sunday Masses on 2nd Sunday of the month and Pancake Breakfast every 4th Sunday. We hope you will favor your parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

**VISITATION TO THE SICK**

We are most anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call.

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**This week**

Saturday, June 26:

4:00 P.M. Mass for Edgar Lavoie request of The Family.  
(Amanda Baum and Sarah Cohen will receive First Holy Communion at the 4:00 P.M. Mass.)

Sunday, June 27:

8:45 A.M. Mass for the Priests of this parish and all Priests request of St. Maurice Knights of Columbus; and for Michele Rouleau Rios request of Dorli and Lou Cloutier.

**Next week**

Saturday, July 3:

4:00 P.M. Mass for Anne and Joseph Tindal on their 9<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. CONGRATULATIONS!

Sunday, July 4:

8:45 A.M. Mass for Ida Ottone request of Virginia and Michael Ierardi; and for George Maneggia request of Margaret Maneggia and Family.



*And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62*

**STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING**

Offertory for week of June 13.....\$ 2,563  
Amount needed for Ordinary Expenses.....\$ 4,500

**Readings for the Week of June 27, 2010**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62  
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29  
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

**THIS WEEK  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> and 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**USHERS GROUP II  
YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL (last rehearsal for summer)**

MONDAY, June 28: No Mass.

TUESDAY, June 29: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Robert Rouleau request of the St. Maurice Fair Group; and for Ivan Dube and Family request of Solange Fournier.

WEDNESDAY, June 30: Mass at 9:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church. Christmas Fair Workshop 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.  
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
CANCELLED TILL FURTHER NOTICE**

THURSDAY, July 1: Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

FRIDAY, July 2: Mass at 9:00 a.m. for Robert Rouleau request of The Armstrong Family.

SATURDAY, July 3: CONFESSIONS from 3:30 until 3:45 p.m.



Reception of First Holy Communion by  
**AMANDA BAUM  
SARAH COHEN**  
at 4:00 P.M. Mass

**NEXT WEEK July 3/4  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

Altar Servers: Elena Fiano, Erin Gallacher

Lector: Barbara Fiano

Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Lloyd, Arlene Giglio, Patti Cinea

Sunday, 8:45 A.M.

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy, Kimberly Newton

Lector: Stephanie Labanowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Smythe, Maureen Mozzer, Betty Aitkin

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**CHRISTMAS FAIR WORKSHOP**

Our list of needs in on the bulletin board in church. Here is a reminder: Baby Food jars and lids - clean please

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Paraffin wax                        | Flour |
| Material                            | Sugar |
| Thread                              | Yarn  |
| Marie salad dressing jars with lids |       |
| Jelly canning jars                  |       |

You are welcome to any Wednesday Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the church basement. The coffee is always ready.

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