

Dear Padre,

What does holy water do, and why is it near the entrance to the church?

Blessed water is a sacramental—a sign of spiritual effects and favors from God. The Church admonishes us to use sacramentals, like holy water, crucifixes, and rosaries, with reverence and respect.

Water is full of mystery. Although material, it can express something spiritual. It cleanses us from filth and impurities; therefore, water is a symbol



of interior cleansing and purifying. It also symbolizes life. The scarcity of water in many regions, including the Holy Land, gives it special value. What's more, water is necessary for the existence of all plants, animals, and people.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist baptized with water as an outward sign of inner sorrow for personal sins. In the sacrament of baptism instituted

by Christ, we are washed completely and born again of water and the Spirit. Water here symbolizes the grace of God washing away our sins, purifying our souls, and giving us new life in Christ.

The custom of placing a holy water font near the church doors is quite old. As you enter a Catholic church, making the sign of the cross with holy water reminds you of your baptism and of cleansing yourself before you approach God's presence. As you leave, bless yourself again and recall that baptism has marked you for eternal life. When we bless ourselves with holy water, we do it "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1–8

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9–20

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1–11

Mk 1:40–45

Friday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19;
10:1

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday

JANUARY 19

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5–6

1 Cor 1:1–3

Jn 1:29–34



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In baptism, your life was already immersed in the mystery of the Trinity and you belong to Jesus. And if one day you should be taken by fear, or you think that evil is too great to be challenged, simply consider that Jesus lives within you.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017



The Baptism Of the Lord

January 12, 2020



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Benefactors
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Benefactors
Sun 6:00pm Benefactors

Mon 8:00 Benefactors
Tues 8 am Benefactors
Wed 6pm Benefactors
Thu 8:00 Fr Pete, Fr Fannon
Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." (CCC 459). All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can and should invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life

that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

May God bless all of us! Enjoy your praying!

...Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

85Identifiable: **\$1,469.00**; Loose: **\$1,830.00**;
ACH: \$325.00. Total: \$3,624.00; Children:
\$25.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$30.00, In
Memory of Paul Irby: **50.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$330.00**; Loose: **\$340.00**; Total:
\$670.00. Christmas: **\$100.00**.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Society: meet **this Sunday Jan 12.**

Parish Council: Meet **next Saturday Jan 19.**

We need Volunteers!

Sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board
Please sign up to clean your church! Only 2
days out of the entire year!

Duties include: 1. Vacuuming (We have
three vacuum cleaners) 2. Dusting
(windowsills, pews, chairs, etc.) 3. Sweeping
front walkway/rugs 4. Cleaning Holy Water
bowls and adding new Holy water.

CCD: If you have any questions, please
contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact
Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green
salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the
funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Jan 11 4pm	Judith Martinez	Kay Van Pelt, Diane & Kermit Northrop	Austin S.	August Dale	August and Ruth
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 12 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Kim Wood, Susan Peleaz, James Quintini	Jaseigh Nick	Robert Will	Rose Show, George, Beau
Sun 6pm	TBA	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA
Sat Jan 18 4pm	Lisa Cuevas	Doris Snowden, Mike and & Diane Mays	Austin S.	Mike Shorty	Tammy Scarengoes
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 19 9am	Beverly	Palmer Lester, Robin Peterson, Will Burke	Paige Will	Garland Thomas	Ron & Tino & Mariah Northrop
Sun 6pm	TBA	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus: Meet first Sundays. If you have any question, please contact Garland Moran.

Bible Study: We study **St Peter**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth**.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

RAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Nancy (Chicago), Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Paula Foreman, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Meghan and Daughter Colbi Pittman Necaie, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, Liz Weiss, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner.