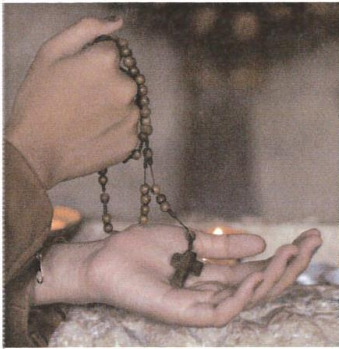


Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals *are* necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!



BY MARIA MARGANESHUSHUTTE/ISTOCK

Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 3:13–18

Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 4:1–10

Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Thursday

FEBRUARY 27

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

Friday

FEBRUARY 28

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 29

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

MARCH 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12

17–19

Mt 4:1–11



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020



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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 Parish family.

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat 4 pm Our Parish Family.

9:00am. Parish.

6:00pm Paul Irby.

Mon 8:00am, Donor.

Tues 8:00am: No Mass.

Wed 8.00 am and 7.00pm Donor.

Thu 8:00 am Donor.

Fri 8:00 am Donor.

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“BE PERFECT”

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does perfect mean?

The Greek word means “full” or “complete.” In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be holy, a word with cultic allusions – to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between perfect and holy, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tell us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” The punishment may not exceed the crime. This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all. Even those who do us injustice. God makes the “sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust” (mt: 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

May God bless all of us!

Fr. David

Lizana Light: let us thank Doris and Barbara for all that they had done for the Church and for the poor through lizana light. Racheal Glodowski and Donna Harrison will take over the responsibilities of lizana light on march-7th. Thanks for accepting, we assure you of our full support. May God bless your hearts and work. Lizana light would be every Saturday from March 7th; from 9am to 11am. If someone is need of food refer them please. Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collection: Feb: 26th {Ash Wednesday}; the Churches in Eastern Europe Churches in Africa

Feb: 29th and March: 01st- Black and Indian Mission. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church please pick one each.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule Feb 26; 2020 St Ann: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet Every Friday beginning February: 28 – April: 03; from 4:00-7:00PM. Anyone that would like to donate a dessert (cakes, cookies, pies, puddings) please call Lenell King 228-861-0997. Thank you.

Friday Stations of the Cross: Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m.

CCD: This week Feb: 23 we will not have CCD due to Mardi Gras.

No Mass on Tuesday Due to Mardi Gras.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 22 4pm	Lanny Acosta	Mike, Diane mays & Lenell king	Austin S.	Shorty and August	Ann and Shorty
Sun Feb 23 7:30am	Sandra A and Beth	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchel	Terry Mitchel
Sun Feb 23 9am	Sharon Leimer	Beverly S, Lisa & Tracy O	Kane , Samantha and Page and Paige	Pat L and Will B	Candyn L
Sun Feb 23 6pm	Kathleen Cuves	Derek, Jodi T and Richard	Blake and Haise smith	John Moran	Deanna Smith
Sat Feb 29 4am	Mike West	Doris, Wanda B, and Rita A	Austin .S	Shorty and August	Ann & Shortly Shaw
Sun mar:01 7:30 am	Sandra A and Beth	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchel	Terry Mitchel
Sun Mar:01 9 pm	Kim Wood	Kim W, Susan P and William B	Kane, page and Samantha.	Pat L and Will B	Candyn L
Sun Mar:01 6pm	Richard Dunlap	John M, Richard D and Derek T	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran	Deana Smith

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *

63Identifiable: **\$1,430.00**; Loose: **\$946.00**;

Total: **\$2,376.00**; ACH: \$ 640.00;

Children: **\$19.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$50.00**; Loose: **\$48.00**; Total:

\$98.00

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

CSA COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Feb 29th and March 1st; Bishop's letter will be read during the Mass instead of homily.

Penance service: Wednesday April 1st. after 6pm Mass. Make use of this great opportunity and this is the best way to prepare ourselves for the Easter

PRAYER 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; 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, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan, Daughter Colbi Pittman Capuano, 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 and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amy Pittman; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs.