

Dear Padre,

Is gambling a sin?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* mentions gambling in the context of “temperance” to moderate attachment to worldly goods, “justice” to render to our neighbor what is due, and “solidarity in accordance with the golden rule” (CCC 2407). “Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement. Unfair wagers and cheating at games constitute grave matter....” (CCC 2413).

Gambling, therefore, is morally neutral. When properly controlled, it can be a form of recreation for some. However, it becomes an enslavement when obsessive gamblers neglect their families or jobs, risk financial security, and compromise their responsibilities to self, others, and God. The allure of winning and the desire to win even more—along with venues that provide easy gambling credit and other incentives—often make it harder for people to know their limits. Consequently, a severe gambling addiction can lead and has led to stealing to pay debts, divorce, job loss, despair, and suicide.

No wonder St. Augustine cautioned, “The devil invented gambling.” Even if Satan didn’t invent it, he’ll gladly take credit for it when gambling becomes a means to his ends. In so many words, those who win large amounts from lotteries and games of chance frequently warn, “All that glitters isn’t gold.” Despite its enticements, gambling ultimately fails to satisfy the human heart’s longing for meaning and fulfillment.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



MILLE IS LIGUORI PERIODICA

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are three temptations of Christ....First, wealth: seizing hold of goods destined for all and using them only for “my own people.” That is, taking “bread” based on the toil of others or even at the expense of their very lives. That wealth tastes of pain, bitterness, and suffering.

—HOMILY IN MEXICO, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

Thursday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14–16,

23–25

Mt 7:7–12

Friday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

Saturday

MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

Sunday

MARCH 8

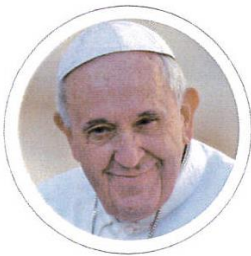
Second Sunday

of Lent

Gn 12:1–4a

2 Tm 1:8b–10

Mt 17:1–9





1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 01; 2020



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1st Sunday of Lent

*At that time
Jesus was led
by the Spirit
into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 am to
9:30 am

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. Paul Irby.

6.00pm Caroline Seal.

Mon 8:00am, Donor.

Tues 8:00am: Parish.

Wed 8.00 am Donor.

Thu 8:00 am No, Mass.

Fri 8:00 am Donor.

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT”

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But something it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form - a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods who know good and evil” (Gen 3:5)

Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap – acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No, would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No, would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No, that was not the way he would be the messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives? In what ways does temptation sometime

trick you? What can you do so you won't be tricked?

May God bless all of us!

Fr. David

Lizana Light.: Would be every Saturday from Feb 29th; from 9.00am to 11.00am. If someone is need of food refer them please. If you have any Question call Racheal Glodowski (228 263 2865) and Donna Harrison, (228 263 1034)
Thank you.

Upcoming Second Collection: This week Feb: 29th and March: 01st- Black and Indian Mission. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church.

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet Every Friday during Lent from 4:00-7:00PM. Its cost \$13.00 for Adult and \$7.00 for children. 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.

No Mass on Thursday March 05th, due to one day Lenten reflection for the priests in the diocese of Biloxi

Reception for Fr. David: There will be a “Welcome Reception” for Fr. David after 4.00pm Mass and 9.00am Mass, on March 7th and 8th. Please join us in the parish Hall.

Day Light Saving Time begins from March 8th. So following week, March 14th; vigil Mass will be at 5.00pm.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 29 4am	Mike West	Doris, Wanda B, and Rita A	Austin S.	Shorty and August	Ann and Shorty
Sun Mar;01 7:30 am	Sandra A and Beth	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	Tery Mitchell
Sun Mar;01 9pm	Kim Wood	Kim W, Susan P and William B	Kane , Samantha and Page and Paige	Pat L and Will B	Candyn L
Sun Mar;01 6p	Richard Dunlap	Derek, Jodi T and Richard	Blake and Haise smith	John Moran	Deanna Smith
Sat Mar-07 4am	Lanny A costa	Mike, Ellen west & Rita Acosta	Austin .S	Shorty and August	Ann & Shortly Shaw
Sun mar;08 7:30 am	Sandra A and Beth	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	Tery Mitchell
Sun Mar;08 9 pm	Eddie Duran	Lisa C, Beverly S & Susan P	Kane, page and Samantha.	Pat L and Will B	Candyn L
Sun Mar;08 6pm	Kathleen Cueves	John M, Richard D and Jodi T	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran	Deana Smith

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 Necaïse, 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, and Kathy Squillate.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *

52Identifiable: **\$962.00**; Loose: **\$891.00**;
Total: **\$1853.00**; ACH: \$ 55. 00; Children:
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Identifiable: **\$183.00**; Loose: **\$110.00**;
Total: **\$293.00**

Volunteers Need: please sign up to clean church! Only 2 days out of the entire year and pick the date that is right for you!

- Duties include:**
- 1) **Vacuuming** (Have 3)
 - 2) **Dusting** (windowsills, pews, chair etc.)
 - 3) **Sweeping** front walkway/rugs
 - 4) **Cleaning holy water** bowls and adding

To unlock the church, call Fr. David and anyone interested in serving parish please contact Ellen at 228-341-0279