

Dear Padre,

In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?

Recently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not!

When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21).

What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God.

It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”

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Calendar

Monday

JULY 20

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday

JULY 23

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

Friday

JULY 24

Weekday

Jer 3:14–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

JULY 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Sunday

JULY 26

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52

or 13:44–46



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



**sixteenth Sunday in
ordinary Time
July 19, 2020**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00. Ex.S

Sun: 9:00am Parish

Sun: 6.00pm. Paul Irby {Ri p}

Mon 8.00am.Ex Sc

Tues 8. 00am. Ex Sc

Wed 6.00 pm.Ex Sc

Thu 8. 00 am. Ex Sc

Fri 8:00 am..Ex Sc

27th July Sat 5.00 Pm Paul Iby

28th July 9.00 Elizabeth

Boudreaux

6.00pm. Ex.S

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVAN IS LIKE...”

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that are easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of years that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheats be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom - the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate - consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and weeds is about the last judgement. But it also insists that the field (society), even the church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of

judgement, and it will be in God's time, in God's hands.

Reflect: We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society? How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?

With love and prayers

Fr. David

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 16
identifiable: 1,791.00; Loose: 633.00;
Total: \$2,424.00; ACH: \$.5. 00.**

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1 Identifiable: \$ 30.00; Loose: \$00.00;
Total: \$30.00**

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 or 228 273 5593.

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.

Lizana Light right now: We are running out of food for the lizana light, if anyone can offer or donate food, you are welcome. If you have any Question call Racheal Glodowski (228 263 2865) and Donna Harrison, (228 263 1034) Thanks.

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.

RCIA: *Are You Considering Becoming Catholic? Are You A Catholic Interested In Being Confirmed? Are You a Confirmed Catholic Who's Ready to Explore Your Faith Anew? Join us. If you have any question Please contact Sherrie Demello . Thank you.*

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.

Catholic Students: Please contact me this week if your children or grandchildren attends Catholic School this year. So far, we have: Keegan, Kennedy, and Carson Leverette, Austin Scarengos, and, Marleigh Smith, and Blakelelee and Adyson Geil, Lindsey McGough, Jacksyn Mitchell, Brooklyn Mitchell and Emily smith.

Parish Council Meeting: Our parish council meeting would be this Thursday July 23rd.

Using Mask: For the good reason please use mask during the service as advised by state governor, as a monitory. Thanks for understanding.

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 2283410279

Pews Cleaning: Pease clean pews with wipers as you leave the Church after the service. Thanks

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, and kathy Squillate Wally Clifford and Dorris