

Dear Padre,

In the story of Noah, God destroyed most of the world. Did that really happen? How should we think about the world's end?

Most biblical scholars generally consider the Noah story to be a tale of God's new covenant with the people. Life here is temporary, but life with God is eternal. The story of the Flood was probably based on some historical event that was recounted in oral traditions for centuries before the story of Noah was written.

The National Geographic Society, in researching that region, discovered that the Mediterranean Sea broke through a natural dam more than 7,500 years ago, filling a freshwater lake with seawater and creating the Black Sea. This natural catastrophe could be the basis for the story of Noah and the Ark. Catastrophic world events such as war, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes remind us repeatedly how fragile and temporary our lives are.

The biblical truth of the Noah story and of Jesus' account of the end of the world tell us that God is our beginning and our end. The world will end, but

God will not end. God's love for us will also never end. There is a spiritual transformation that will happen both at the end of lives on earth and at the end of time. We can be certain that, in the end, sin and death will be no more and God's love will reign forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is vital that the Church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance, or fear. We do so in obedience to the Lord's missionary mandate, certain of his presence among us until the end of the world.

—ADDRESS TO UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES, OCTOBER 5, 2017

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35



**TWENTY – THIRD
SUNDAY
SEP 06, 2020.**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00pm. Paul Irby

Sun: 9:00am. Robin Shamplo & Julia Perronne

Sun: 6.00pm. Parish

Mon 8.00am. Donor

Tues 8. 00am. Int Donor

Wed 6.00 pm. Donor

Thu 8. 00am. Donor

Fri 8:00am. Katelyn Glock

Sept.12th Sat 5.00 Robin

Shamplo & Julia Perronn

Sept 13th 9.00 Parish

6.00pm. Pm Paul Irby

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers? Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance. This might be a hard

message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

FOR Reflection ✨ Is your life an example of the values of your faith?
✨ Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

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Diocese Announcement: Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate? If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in 2021. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30-noon on the following days: Sept 19th at St. Clare, Waveland; Sept 26th at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and Oct 3rd at St. Mary, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is

mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Mike Saxer, (228) 216-8060 or Deacon Mike Harris, (228) 342-1536.

Lectors for weekend: For 5pm: Mike West; at 9 Am.: John Davis and at 6pm: Beverly Saucier

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

New Secretary: Celeste Lousteau has accepted to be secretary for our Church. Thanks for accepting.

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

Upcoming Second Collection: At the request of Pope Francis the 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection is to be taken up September 13, 2020. This will go to the Holy Land. Thanks for your generosity.

Welcome Fr. Mike. On September 5th and 6th Fr. Mike SVD, Provincial, from Bay St. Louis will celebrate the Mass here. Please welcome him with your hospitality. Thanks

Garage Sale: The first weekend in October. If you have any donations or questions, please call Beverly Saucier: 228-234-1919

Pray for Priests: Please keep in your prayers all the priests of diocese of Biloxi

as they go for the retreat from September 7th to September 11th. Thanks

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.
- Anyone interested in serving parish in this way please contact Ellen at 2283410279

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 Necaize, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, 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; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, and kathy Squillate Wally Clifford, Dorris, and Robin Shamplo