

Dear Padre,

My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?

The Catholic Church teaches that “those who dwell in heaven” regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some “healers” have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then “cured” for the sole purpose of getting people to

give money to the “healer.” We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God’s instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any

money to the “healer.” The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 21
St. Matthew,
Apostle and
Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017





**TWENTY – FIFTH
SUNDAY
SEP 20, 2020.**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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Generous Giving Brings Good Results

- 2 Corinthians 9:12 NLT -

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00pm. Jimmy Ammons
Sun: 9:00am. Robin Shampo & Julia Perronn
Sun: 6.00pm. Paul Irby

Mon 8.00am Donor
Tues 8. 00am. Donor
Wed 6.00 pm. Donor
Thu 8. 00am. Donor
Fri 8:00am. Donor

Sept 19th 5pm Paul Irby
9.00 Parish
6.00pm. Robin Shampo & Julia Perronn

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

IT'S NOT FAIR

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is? The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others. As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others? It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells

us: "The LORD is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

FOR Reflection * Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice? * Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 47

Identifiable: \$739.00; Loose: \$2,116.00;

Total: \$2855.00; ACH: \$490.00. Our

Lady of CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:
\$60.00

Diocese Announcement, 2020 wedding anniversary recognition

We will not celebrate together at the Cathedral as usual, but we definitely want to remember the special wedding anniversaries being celebrated in 2020. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (**25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 +**), please complete the form and mail it in. Couples will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Kihneman, a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that can be celebrated with family or friends and a commemorative program listing all the 2020 couples. Bishop Kihneman will also offer a Mass at the Cathedral for the celebrating couples.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Sep 26 th 5pm	Sandra Ammons	Austin S.	Austin S.
Sun Sep 27 th 9am	Eddie Duran	Paige Glodowski, Samantha and Page	Will Burker
Sun Sep 27 th 6pm	Beverly Saucier	Blake and Haise Smith	John Moran
Sat Oct 3 rd 5am	Mike West	Austin S.	Shorty S
Sun Oct 4 th 9pm	John Davis	Kane, Page and Samantha.	Pat Ladner
Sun Oct 4 th 6pm	Richard Dunlap	Blake and Haise Smith	Richard Dunlap

Lectors for weekend: For 5pm: Mike West; at 9 Am: Kim Wood and at 6pm: Judith A. Martinez

Using Masks: For the benefit of all, please use masks during services as advised by our state governor and our Bishop.

Pew Cleaning: Please clean pews with wipes as you leave the Church after the service. Thanks

Hurricane Relief: If you can help please send a donation to the Biloxi Diocese or St. Thomas Parish, Long Beach.

K of C Meeting:

After 9am Sunday Mass. Please join us for this meeting.

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!

This weekend Second Collection: Seaman Center

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

Modified Lucky Draw: will be held in concession stand beginning on Oct 3rd with

the yard sale: There are eight items. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will held on Oct 31st. Thanks for the support.

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 Necaie, 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, D. J. Moran and Robin Shamplo