

# Dear Padre,

**Where does the tradition of praying with your hands together originate? I pray with my fingers intertwined. Is that acceptable?**

**A**ccording to the *Caeremoniale Episcoporum* (The Ceremonial of Bishops, 1985), "palms extended and joined together in the front of the breast, with the right thumb over the left in the form of a cross" (CE 107, n. 80) is the correct Catholic hand posture at Mass and prayer.

The origin of praying with hands folded is not known, but there's mention of it in the Jewish Talmud. Historians have also asserted that it's modeled on the practice of citizens in ancient Rome who joined their hands in the presence of rulers to communicate loyalty and submission to that higher authority.

Gestures and postures should allow our whole body to pray, as well as our heart and mind. Moreover, they are expressions of our faith. For example, like the early Christians, we stand during prayer and worship to express our readiness for Christ's return, and as a sign of reverence to hear the gospels. Kneeling and striking the breast are expressions of penitence, humility, and our lowliness before God.

Likewise, at Mass the priest assumes the ancient posture of outstretched arms and hands, slightly elevated, to symbolize surrender in a gesture that reverences Christ's outstretched arms on the cross. When we join hands together in prayer, it's a gesture of supplication and a symbol of total submission to God, our supreme authority.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Jb 1:6–22

Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,  
and Raphael,  
Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

or Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome,

Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

### Thursday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the  
Child Jesus, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21–27

Lk 10:1–12

### Friday

OCTOBER 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5

Mt 18:1–5, 10

### Saturday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

### Sunday

OCTOBER 4

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1–7

Phil 4:6–9

Mt 21:33–43



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: "Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving."

—EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018



# TWENTY – SIXTH SUNDAY SEP 27, 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. William Demelo

Sun: 6.00pm. Robin Shamplo & Julia Perronn

Mon 8.00am Donor

Tues 8. 00am. Donor

Wed 6.00 pm. Donor

Thu 8. 00am. Greg West

Fri 8:00am. Allcide Robichaux

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 5pm Paul Irby

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00 Parish

6.00pm. Robin Shamplo & Julia Perronn

*From Father David's Desk...*

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

### **He Emptied Himself**

In the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, and an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: *Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do?* These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able

to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2) Can we?

**With prayers and blessings**

**Fr. David**

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**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: \* 32**

**Identifiable: \$956.00; Loose: \$1334.00;**

**Total: \$2290. 00; ACH: \$05.00. Our Lady**

**of CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

**\$60.00**

### **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.

**This weekend Second Collection:** Seaman Center.

**Parish Council Meeting:** will be on Thursday, October 1 at 5:30pm. Please be present.

**Lumen Christi Recipient for 2020:** I have nominated Linda McGill, as a recipient for this award. Congratulations.

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

**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

**Priest Convocation:** All priest in the Diocese of Biloxi will be having the annual Priest Convocation Oct 12 to Oct 15. There will not be mass on those days at St. Ann's.

**CCD Class:** will begin on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, mainly for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Register your children please. We have only two teachers available right now. If anyone is willing to teach, please come forward. Thanks

**Volunteers Need:** Please sign up to clean the church! Only 2 days out of the entire year. 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

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> with the yard sale: There are eight items. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing will held on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 Necaise, 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 Shamlo