

Dear Padre,

What is the Catholic Church's position on grace versus works?

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works" (Ephesians 2:8–9). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* attests that we have merit in God's sight only because "God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace" (CCC 2008). After God acted first on his own initiative, it then follows that we're free to act through his collaboration, "so that the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful" (CCC 2008). In other words, it's only through God's empowering Spirit in each of us that makes our good works for salvation pleasing to the Lord!

Moreover, Catholics believe these good works "contribute to growth in grace, so that the righteousness that comes from God is preserved and communion with Christ is deepened. When Catholics affirm the 'meritorious' character of good works, they wish to say that...a reward in heaven is promised to these works. Their intention is to emphasize the responsibility of persons for their actions, not to contest the character of those works as gifts, or far less to deny that justification always remains the unmerited gift of grace" (*Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church, 38).

Christian prayer provides us with the grace that's needed for meritorious actions (CCC 2010).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Do good works, don't just say words that are gone with the wind....Through the good works that we carry out with love and joy towards others, our faith emerges and bears fruit. Let us ask ourselves...Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or is it sterile instead, and therefore more dead than alive?

—ANGELUS, JULY 10, 2016

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27,
31—5:1

Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Gal 5:1–6

Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Gal 5:18–25

Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

OCTOBER 15

*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church*

Eph 1:1–10

Lk 11:47–54

Friday

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Eph 1:11–14

Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

OCTOBER 17

*St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr*

Eph 1:15–23

Lk 12:8–12

Sunday

OCTOBER 18

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Is 45:1, 4–6

1 Thes 1:1–5b

Mt 22:15–21



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020.



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.

Sat: 5.00pm. George Brignack

Sun: 9:00am Parish

Sun: 6:00pm Paul Irby

Mon 8.00am Walter Sandal

Tues 8. 00am. Garry Walker

Wed 6.00 pm. Mary Jo Nunez

Thu 8. 00amMiranda and Zech.

Fri 8:00am. Garry Walker

Oct 17th 5pm

Everate Wardell Dedeaux

Oct 18th9.00 Parish

6.00pm. Paul Irby

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

OUR INVITATION FROM THE KING

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being. To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that

we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

FOR Reflection

So often our invitation to the heavenly banquet is shrouded. What keeps you from recognizing this invitation?

With prayers and blessings

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 32

Identifiable: \$1,632.00; Loose: \$1,283.00;

Total: \$2, 2915.00; ACH: \$495.00. Our

Lady of CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

\$00.00

Re-open OLC Mission: We will be back to Mass at our mission church on Oct 24th.

Bible Study: We study **St. Peter**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth**.

Trunk or Treat: if anyone is willing and interested, let me know please. Thanks

Upcoming 2nd Collection Oct 17th-18th

World Mission Sunday, please be generous

RCIA: will begin on Oct 15th, Thursday at 6pm. Any Question Please contact Sherrie Demello.

The Word Among Us: for October is available. Please pick up one copy on your way out.

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

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Oct 10 th 5pm	Acosta Lanny	Austin S.	August S
Sun Oct 11 th 9 am	Kim wood	Paige Glodowski, Samantha and Page	Will Burker
Sun Oct 11 th 6pm	Judi Martinez	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran
Oct 17 th 5pm	Sandra Ammons	Austin S	Shorty S
Oct 18 th 9 am	John Davis	Kane, Page and Samantha.	Pat Ladner
Sun Oct 18 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Blake sand Haise Smith	Richard Dunlap

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

CCD Class: will begin on Oct 18th, 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

Modified Lucky Draw: After each Mass and during the Yard Sale the Altar Society will be selling Lucky Draw Tickets in the Concession Stand. There are 14 “gifts” set up on tables for you to see. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Please Help! Some of these gifts were donated before the cancelled Catfish Festival. Drawing will held on Oct 31st. Thanks for the support.

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

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 Shamlo