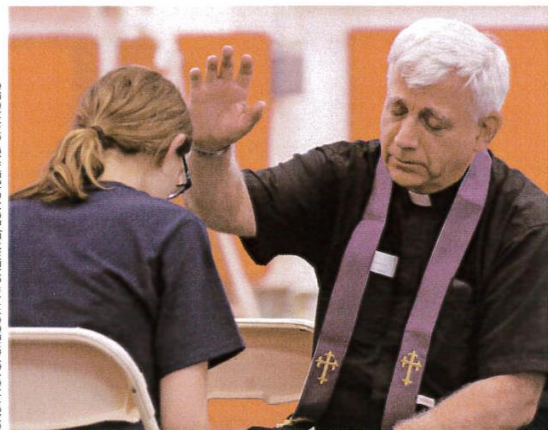


Dear Padre,

As a recovering heroin addict, do I need to go to reconciliation to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin. Right?

Right, but addiction and actually using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, getting it was a crime.



More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look

more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others. You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Every drug addict has a unique personal story and must be listened to, understood, loved, and, insofar as possible, healed and purified. We cannot stoop to the injustice of categorizing drug addicts as if they were mere objects or broken machines; each person must be valued and appreciated in his or her dignity.

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
NOVEMBER 24, 2016

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Eph 2:1–10
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Eph 2:12–22
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Eph 3:2–12
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Eph 3:14–21
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

OCTOBER 23
Weekday
Eph 4:1–6
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

OCTOBER 24
Weekday
Eph 4:7–16
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

OCTOBER 25
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20–26
1 Thes 1:5c–10
Mt 22:34–40





TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2020.



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule &

Intentions.

Sat: 5.00pm. Everate Wardell
Dedeaux

Sun: 9:00am Paul Irby
Sun: 6.00pm Parish

Mon 8.00am Alma Dedeaux
Wed 6.00 pm. Cory James Wilson
Thu 8. 00am Ben Behrens
Fri 8:00am. Donor

Oct 24th Donor
Oct 25th 9.00 Parish
6.00pm. Paul Irby

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our Civic Duty

By coincidence, these readings appear during election time. They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry. The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values.

Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

FOR Reflection

How seriously do you take your civic duty? How informed are you about the values of the candidates you support?

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 46
Identifiable: \$2,285.00; Loose: \$998.00;
Total: \$3,286.00.00; ACH: **\$5.00.OLC**
STEWARDSHIP: \$560.00

Re-open OLC Mission: We will be back to Mass at our mission church on Oct 25th.

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

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.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The Altar Society will be collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items to fill baskets that will provide a Thanksgiving meal for the needy in our community. If you know someone in need please sponsor them by filling out the provided form. Turkeys will be included.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Oct 17 th 5pm	Sandra Ammons	Austin S.	August S
Sun Oct 18 th 9 am	John Davis	Paige Glodowski, Samantha and Page	Will Burker
Sun Oct 18 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran
Oct 24 th 5pm	Mike West	Austin S	Shorty S
Oct 25 7:30 a.m. (OLC)	Sandra Ammons		Terry
Oct 25 th 9 am	Eddie Duran	Kane, Page and Samantha.	Pat Ladner
Sun Oct 25 th 6pm	Beverly Saucier	Blake sand Haise Smith	Richard Dunlap

CCD Class: will begin on today, Oct 18th, mainly for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. Thanks

Modified Lucky Draw: After each Mass 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 be 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

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

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

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 Quevas Emmie Tubbs.and Kathy Squillate Wally Clifford, T.J Moran , and Robin Shamlo