

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

**T**he Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.*

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,  
MAY 24, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 8  
*Weekday*  
Gn 1:1-19  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 9  
*Weekday*  
Gn 1:20-2:4a  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 10  
*St. Scholastica, Virgin*  
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 11  
*Weekday*  
Gn 2:18-25  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 12  
*Weekday*  
Gn 3:1-8  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 13  
*Weekday*  
Gn 3:9-24  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 14  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45





**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES  
FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

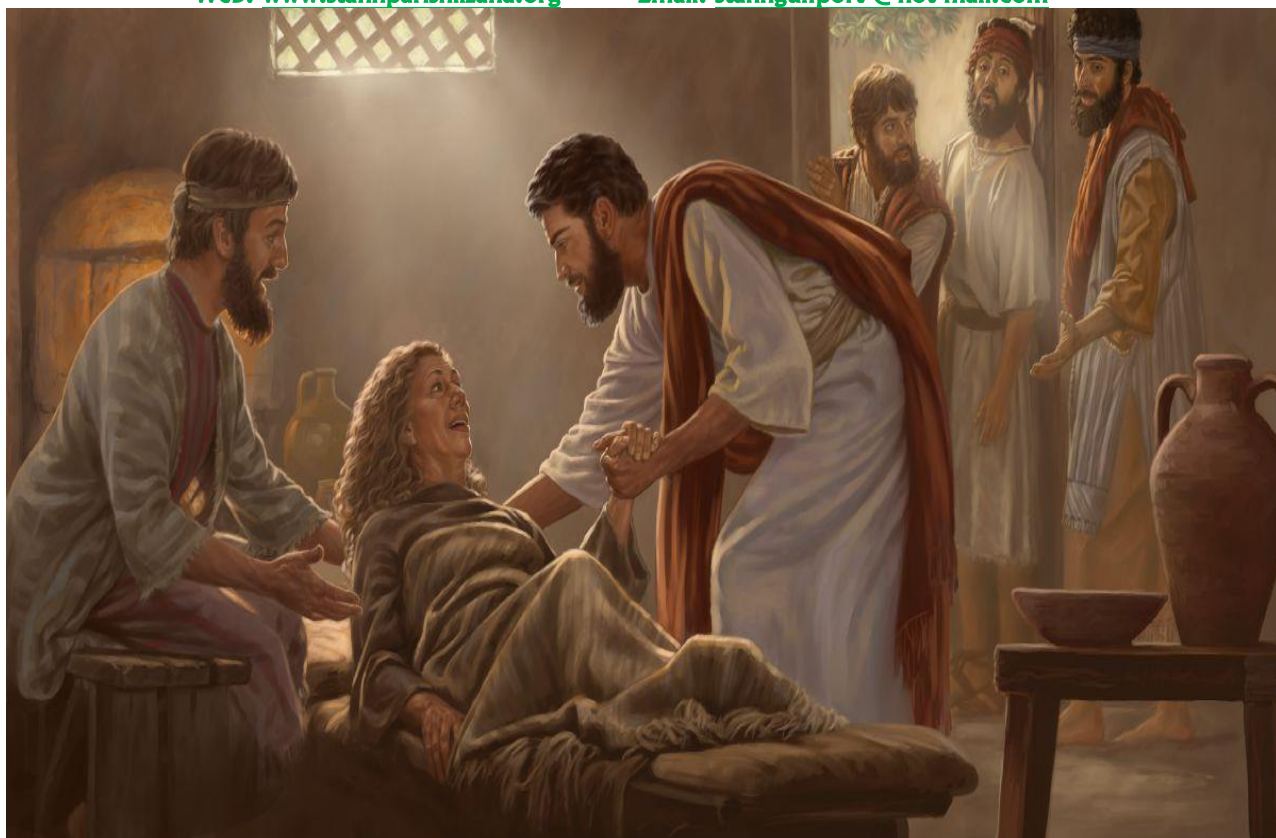


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**St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions**

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 am Parish

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Int Donor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Int Donor

Wed 6pm Int Donor

Thurs 8am Int Donor

Fri 8 am **No mass**

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9 am Parish

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Int Donor

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Parish family

**From Father David's Desk...**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## Grin and Bear It

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out

of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

### Reflection

- *Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*
- *As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*

**With prayers and blessings**  
**Fr. David**

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 45,**

Identifiable: 2,495.00; Loose: \$104.00  
Total: \$2,599.00; children: \$9.00; ACH: \$575.00.

**OLC STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable \$30

Loose: \$135.00 Total: \$165 .00.

**Year-End Summary:** If you'd like to have a summary of your contributions, please call the office. Thanks for your generous heart.

**Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 St Ann: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**Lenten fish fry:** Every Friday 4pm - 7pm from February 19-March 26, \$10 per plates. Thanks

**Friday Stations of the Cross:** Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m.

**Upcoming Second Collection:** Feb-17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday, Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa and Feb-27<sup>th</sup> Black and Indian mission. Thanks.

**Altar Society meeting:** Next Sunday February 14 after 9:00 Mass. Please join us Thanks



MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Eddie Duran	Page and Samantha	William and Demelo
Sun Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Lacy Marchand	Blake and Haise	John Moran
Sat Feb 13 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**  
*Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.* Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**CONFIRMATION IN ST. ANN:** will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am, followed by lunch. There will not be 9am and 6pm mass on that day. Thanks.

**Online learning:** On-line classes are available for Bible study, Books and videos and movies on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
  - Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.
- Thanks.

**General Cleaning:** Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to clean up the areas surrounding the church. I appreciate your generosity in caring for our parish grounds.

**Word Among Us:** for Lent is available at the entrance of the church. Please pick one up for yourself. Thanks

**NO MASS ON Friday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>:** Fr. David will be celebrating a school mass. Thanks for your understanding.

**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, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo.