

Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,

Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5e,

12-14e, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24e

or Lk 2:41-51e

Saturday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33



**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 14, 2021**

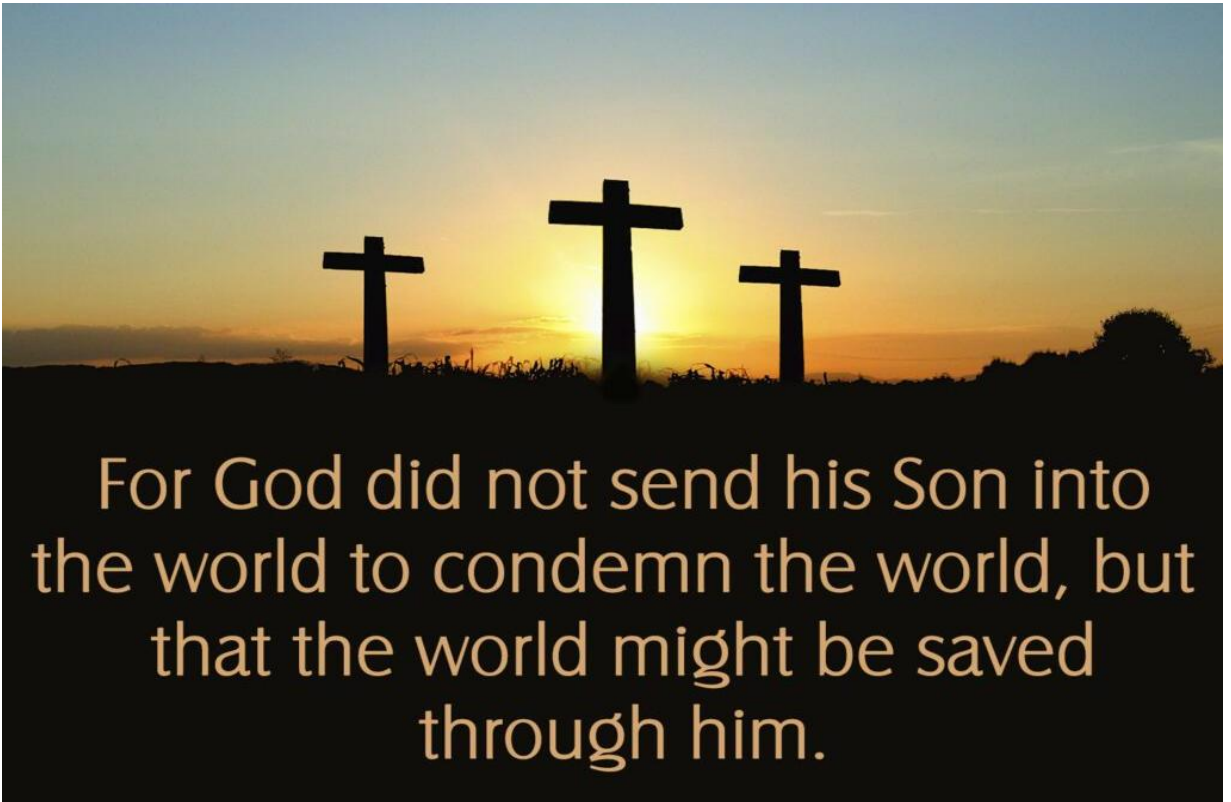


St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mar 13th Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Mar 14th Sun 11a.m Parish

Mar 14th 6:00 pm No Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Int Donor

Wednesday 6pm Alma Dedeux
(Healing)

Thurs 8am Everate Dedeux (RIP)

Fri 8 am Hall Lott (Healing)

March 20th Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Mar 21st Sun William Demello Jerry
Rutland

March 21st 6:00 pm parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Parish

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And here is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult. Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign

of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

For Reflection

* How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?

* Might God be asking you to choose something new?

With prayers and blessings

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 67, 2,519.00; Loose: 218 .00; Total: \$2,737.00 children: \$ 8.01; ACH 575.00
OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$580 .00 Loose: 95 .00 \$Total: \$675 .00.

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

Lenten fish fry: Fridays 4pm - 7pm from February 19-March 26, \$10 per adult plate. Fried fish, French fries, hush puppies, choice of 2 sides, a dessert, and drink are included. Dine in with social distancing or take out.

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: For Fr. David's order, March 21st and March 28th. Thanks

School Subsidy for 2021: Students attending a catholic school have the opportunity to get a tuition subsidy from their parish church. Please get the subsidy form from your child's school and then meet with me. Thanks.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat March 13 th 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun March 14 th OLC 7:30am	No Mass		Terry Mitchel
Sun March 14th 11 am	Confirmation Students	Kane, Austin, Blake and Haise	William and Demelo
Sun March 14 th 6pm	No Mass		
Sat March 21 st 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun March 21 st OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun March 21 st 9 am	Kim wood		
Sun March 21st 6pm	Lacy Marchland		

Lenten Appeal for Fr. David's

order: Throughout Lent people have the opportunity to donate some gifts for Fr. David's Order. There will be two weekend special second collections for Fr. David's order, March 21st and March 28th. So please be generous in helping and supporting his order. Thanks

Lenten penance service: will be on March 24th Wednesday at 6.00pm.

Eater egg Hunt: will be March 28th, in St. Ann's hall. Now we are accepting donations of pre- filled eggs, candy, and small trinkets/toys. Raffle tickets \$1 will be for beautiful wreath. Thanks for the cooperation.

K of C Easter basket: are raffling off a handmade Easter Basket valued at over\$ 70.00 and weighs about 17 pounds of candy. Tickets are .50 cents each or 2/\$1.00 or \$5.00 a book of tickets. For tickets see Garland Moran, Johnny Moran or call at 228-669-03038. Drawing will be on April 3rd. Thanks

Time Change for Vigil Mass: Next Saturday 20th mass will be at 5:00pn not 4: 00Pm. 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.

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