

Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for



our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Plus of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43,

45, 47-48



**25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIMES
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021**

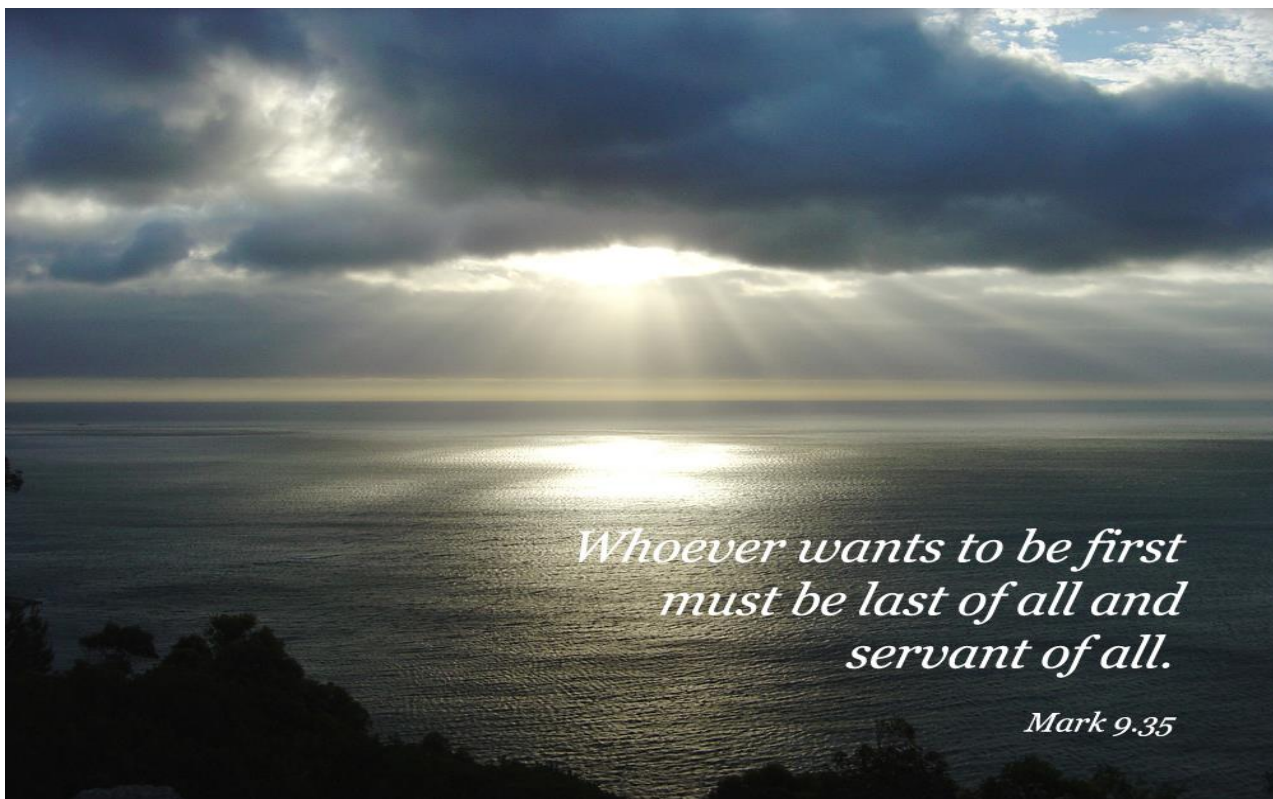


St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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*Whoever wants to be first
must be last of all and
servant of all.*

Mark 9.35

St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Sept 18th 5pm Edward Rappold Sr

Sept 19th Sun 9 am Parish

Sept 19th 6pm Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Gayle Moran

Wed 6pm Gayle Moran

Thurs 8am Mary Hymel

Fri 8am Gayle Moran

Sept 25th 5pm Edward Rappold

Sept 26th Sun 9 am Parish

Sept 26th 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Price of Goodness

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow, they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

For Reflection

- Where in your life do your religious values conflict with social norms?
- Do you ever resent the goodness of others? If so, what might you do about it?

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 71

\$2,110.00 loose: \$184.00 **Total: \$2,294.00**

Children: \$33.09 Ach: 5.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$155.00

Loose: \$81.00 **Total: \$236.00**

Church Repairs for storm damage is continuing. Mass will be in the Parish Hall until further notice. Now we are working in the sacristy. Hopefully it will be finished soon. Thanks for your cooperation.

CCD: Classes after the 9am mass.

Donation: We would like to thank the people who donated TVs and money for the Internet connection in the CCD building. We will now be able to setup online instructions in the children's faith formation. Thanks for your help in educating our youth in the Catholic faith.

Garage Sale: Oct.2 and Oct.9, 7a.m.-4p.m. sponsored by the St. Ann Altar Society. We are accepting donated items. Please do not leave items outside the building. Call the church office (228)832-2560 or Beverly@ (228) 832-4968 to be there to receive the items. Thanks for your cooperation.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Sept 18 th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 19 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 19 th 9 am	Kim Wood		
Sun Sept 19 th 6pm	Judith Martinez		
Sat Sept 25 th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 26 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 26 th 9 am	Beau Underwood		
Sun Sept 26 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

Upcoming Second collection: Sep25th and 26th, for the diocese of New Orleans to recover from Hurricane Ida. Thanks

Divine Mercy sign board: Thanks to Gary and Debbie Beach for donating the Divine Mercy sign. It looks great and testifies that Jesus is compassionate to all. Thanks

Bible Study and prayer group: Those who would like to join, let Fr. David or Ruth know. For more information, please contact **Ruth**. Thanks.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office, each Mass card is \$10.00 dollars. Thanks.

Online learning: on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available 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.

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 prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaice, 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, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana