

Dear Padre,

Previously you wrote that the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should remain faithful to that bond. Is there another reason to remain in the Catholic Church?

The Church is also the body of Christ. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he left his disciples with the mission he had received from the Father: instruct everyone in Jesus' teachings and baptize them into his divine life (Matthew 28:19-20). Through the Church, Jesus would remain present in the world.

Some take offense because the Church claims the authority of Jesus himself to teach. It teaches that marriage is between one man and one woman, that

contraception and abortion are immoral, that capital punishment is a sin. Jesus himself may not have expressly addressed these issues, but he said to his apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16). And to Peter he said, "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

It's true that since the time of the apostles some members, and even Church leaders, have caused scandal. The Lord asks that they, like Peter, repent and live a life of obedience and service to the Lord. That's why it's important that we examine

our own actions. Someone who abandons the Church due to scandals within its ranks should realize that encouraging others to abandon the bride of Christ and the body of Christ is a scandalous act itself.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We need to stop seeing the reform of the Church as putting a patch on an old garment, or simply drafting a new Apostolic Constitution....It cannot be a matter of putting a patch here or there, for the Church is not just an item of Christ's clothing, but rather his body.

ADDRESS TO THE ROMAN CURIA, DECEMBER 21, 2020

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter

the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Jas 4:13-17

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

FEBRUARY 27

Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

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a question
for the Padre?**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 20, 2022**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Feb 19th 4pm Glen Parker †

Feb 20th 9am Int of Glen Parker †

Feb 20th Sun 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Feb. 20th 7:30am Parish

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

**Both before Mass and by
Appointment**

Mon. 8am Helen O'Neal

Wed. 8am Helen O'Neal

Thurs. 8am Glen Parker †

Fri. 8am Glen Parker †

Feb. 26th 4pm Glen Parker †

Feb. 27th 7:30am OLC Int of Parish

Feb. 27th 9:00am Glen Parker †

Feb. 27th 6pm Int of Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Love your Enemies

Perhaps one of the most difficult mandates that Jesus directed of his followers is love of enemies.

He was not talking about people whom we do not particularly like or who do not belong to your families, ethnic or political groups. He was very clear about this. Jesus was talking about those who actually hate us, cause us physical harm, or who take from us what we need to live. This kind of love, is not only difficult but seems contrary to a specific kind of justice. This justice is called retributive justice and it maintains that evil deeds should be punished. This kind of justice is often accomplished by requiring time in jail or some form of fine.

However, another kind of justice is called *restorative justice*. It maintains that a violation of someone's rights not only harms the victim, but it also fractures, but it also fractures society. Therefore, it is not enough for the perpetrator to be punished; society must be restored as well. This might require restoring the victim's sense of personal value or security. At times some form of community service is required. It has been said that the best way to get rid of enemies is to make them friends. That seems to be what Jesus is advocating in today's Gospel. If someone has hurt you, overwhelm that person with your kindness, just as God has overwhelmed you with kindness and mercy.

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of how often you have been made new by the forgiveness of others.
- ★ Who in your life might be made new by your forgiveness?

With Prayers

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable (57)

\$1818.00, Loose: \$220.00 - Children: \$19.00 -

Total: \$2057.00

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OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable (8)

\$275.00, Loose: \$111.00 - **Total: \$386.00**

6:00PM MASS Cancellation:

The 6:00pm Mass will be cancelled starting April 9th. Should you have any questions please contact Fr. David

SCHOOL Subsidy:

Available for Catholic school students who are registered and belong to this parish. Bring the form from the respective school to Fr. David. He will sign it if the requirements are met.

ALTER SOCIETY - Meeting

The Alter Society will be meeting after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday.

VISITATION of the sick:

Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. Contact the office to let us know.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat. Feb. 19 th 4pm	Mike West		August Schonewitz
Sun. Feb. 20 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun. Feb. 20 th 9am	Macy Necaize	Paige, Whyte, Katyn	William Burke
Sun. Feb. 20 th 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran
Sat. Feb. 26 th 4pm	Beverly Saucier		August Schonewitz
Sun. Feb. 27 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun. Feb. 27 th 9am	Matt Marchand	Blane, Cameron, Harmon	William Burke
Sun. Feb. 27 th 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran

FEBRUARY - First Friday Adoration:

There will be Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8:30 to Noon and 6pm to 7pm. Please make use of this opportunity to adore and praise the Lord.

LENTEN Catfish Dinners:

Catfish dinners will be served every Friday during the Lenten Season starting March 4th. Dinner will be served from 4:00pm to 7pm in the parish hall.

STATIONS of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross during this Lenten Season will begin March 4th at 6:00pm.

ST. ANN's Lenten Retreat:

The Lenten Retreat for St. Ann's parish will be held April 2nd from 11am to 5pm at St. Ann's church. A penance service and Mass will be held after lunch. **Guest speaker** will be **Fr. Michael O'Conner**.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 2nd, 2022
St Ann: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS – Mary Queen of Apostle Province.

As we reflect on these 40 days of Lenten, we find it's not only a time for sacrifice but also a time for giving back. During this time, Fr. David has the opportunity, with your help, to give back to the society that has given so much to him. The Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society

of Apostolic life within the Diocese of Eluru, India. During these 40 days we have the opportunity to help his order in Fr. David's name. Any donation you can make will be a Blessing to his order and his Ministry. Make checks payable to St. Ann's Catholic Church. Thank you.

SYMPATHY:

Please extend you sympathy to the family of Pat Ladner. Pat passed away Wednesday, February 16th surrounded by his family.

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 Necaize, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi-Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission, Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry, Robin Cuevas, Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Loretta Ladner, Nancy Ladner, Sharon Bamora, Ollie Underwood, Dorothy Underwood and Sr. Anna Louise.