

Dear Padre,

What is the rationale for believing in God?

While Scripture tells us in story form how God created heaven, earth, and humanity, science tells how he has really done so: from a Big Bang of unharnessed energy; to the formation of Earth and the universe; to the evolution of life; and finally, to us! Creation's unfolding is like a magnificent symphony formed from nothing by a powerful, omniscient composer. This "musical score" of evolution rises and falls, inexorably leading to its culmination—intelligent beings who can ponder the beauty and awe of God's creation.

The odds are totally against an accumulation of "lucky breaks" that make creation possible: our Earth being in a narrow habitable zone, neither too near nor too far from the sun; the appearance of oxygenating plants, allowing us to breathe; a dinosaur-destroying asteroid collision permitting mammals—and eventually us—to evolve. How could all of that be accidental?

Indeed, multitudes have dedicated their lives to God's existence. For more than two millennia, our Church has taught about a loving God in the person of Jesus Christ. Not only do we learn Jesus' teachings regarding God's compassion, forgiveness, and the promises of eternal life, but we see that compassion and forgiveness at work in today's ministry.

A loving relationship with anyone is impossible without trust and faith. So it is with God. We must entrust ourselves to him, opening ourselves to knowing and loving him. For this reason, belief in God is always a grace, a gift freely given from God, which we ask for ourselves.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others.

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP
(FRATELLI TUTTI), OCTOBER 3, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Lc 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday

MARCH 20

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.





**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 13TH 2022**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Saturday March 12th 4:00pm Glen Parker †

Sunday March 13th 9:00am of the Parish

Sunday. March 13th 6:00pm of the Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule

Sunday March 13th 7:30am of the Parish

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

**Before Mass and by
Appointment**

Monday, March 14th 8:00am of the Donor

Wednesday, March 16th 6:00pm of the Donor

Thursday, March 17th 8:00am Virginia Haney

Friday, March 18th 8:00am of the Donor

Saturday, March 19th 5:00pm of the Donor

Sunday, March 20th 9:00am of the Parish

Sunday, March 20th 6:00pm of the Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Who Was This Man?

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law, and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

Jesus' own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it's likely the disciples still had to learn what being God's Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus' relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, and the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ Give praise and glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ What does Jesus mean in your life?

With Prayers, Fr. David

ST. ANN Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$2970.00, Loose: \$181.00, Children: \$4.70 - **Total: \$3155.70**
SC: \$883.27, Ach: \$5.00

OLC Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$555.00, Loose: \$129.00
Total: \$684.00

LENTEN Adoration Schedule:

Adoration for First Fridays during Lent will be from 8:30am to noon in the Adoration Chapel.

Adoration Schedule for Friday

8:30am to 9:30am in the Chapel.

Mass & Adoration Cancellation:

8:00am Mass and Adoration will be cancelled Friday, March 18th.

STATIONS of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during the Lenten season beginning at 6:00pm in the Church.

Catfish Dinners:

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

ST. ANN'S Lenten Retreat:

In preparation for Easter, St. Ann's parish will be hosting a Lenten Retreat April 2nd from 11am to 5pm. A penance service and Mass will be held after lunch. **Guest Speaker:** Fr. Michael O'Conner

Retreat Sign-up Sheet is in the back of church. Please add your name should you wish to attend.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday - March 12 th 4:00pm	Mike West		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 13 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 13 th 9:00am	Lacy Marchand	Paige, Eliza, Harmon	William Burke
Sunday - March 13 th 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran
Saturday - March 19 th 5:00pm	Beverly Saucier		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 20 th OLC 7:30am	Eddie Duran		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 20 th 9:00am	Macy Necaie	Landon, Audrey, Katyn	William Burke
Sunday - March 20 th 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran

SECOND Collection:

There will be a second collection for Fr. David's order, Heralds of Good News after each Mass.

SATURDAY APRIL 2nd Mass Change:

Due to the Lenten Retreat scheduled for April 2nd the 5:00pm Mass on this Saturday has been cancelled. Should you wish to attend Mass on Saturday, April 2nd, the vigil Mass will be held at 4:00pm. Please feel free to join us.

TIME CHANGE Tonight:

We will be moving the clocks forward (1) hour tonight, March 13th. In keeping with this new time, the Saturday Vigil Mass, will be moved to 5:00pm starting March 19th.

6:00PM MASS Cancellation:

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

EASTER Basket Raffle:

The KofC will be holding their Easter Basket Raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased after Mass. See Garland Moran or Johnny Moran for tickets. Drawing for the Basket will be held Saturday, April 16th.

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 Catholic Church. Envelopes are in each pew and in the back of the church. *Thank you*

PRAYER Requests:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, 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 Necaie, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robinson, Joseph & Megan Capuano, Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Baby Ware, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Loretta Ladner, Matt Dubission, Cindy Ladner, Amanda Nelson, Wally Clifford, T.J. Moran, Glinda & Jerry Gartman, Brenda Hoda, and Louise Slade.