

# Dear Padre,

## Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

**P**eople can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most



people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the

faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

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### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope, and effective charity.*

LENTEN MESSAGE FOR 2021, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 21  
Lenten Weekday  
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab  
Lk 4:24–30

### Tuesday

MARCH 22  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:25, 34–43  
Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday

MARCH 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 4:1, 5–9  
Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

MARCH 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 7:23–28  
Lk 11:14–23

### Friday

MARCH 25  
The Annunciation  
of the Lord  
Is 7:10–14; 8:10  
Hob 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### Saturday

MARCH 26  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 6:1–6  
Lk 18:9–14

### Sunday

MARCH 27  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Jos 5:9a, 10–12  
2 Cor 5:17–21  
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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**Third Sunday  
of Lent  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 2022**



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God replied to Moses: I am  
who I am....This is what you  
will tell the Israelites: I AM  
has sent me to you.

EXODUS 3:14

**St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions**

Sat. March 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Ex. Society

Sun. March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00am William Demello †

Sun. March 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Ex. Society

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule**

Sun. March 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30am the Ukraine

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**Before Mass and by  
Appointment**

Monday, March 21<sup>th</sup> 8:00am the Ukraine

Wednesday, March 23<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Ex. Society

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Unspoken Int

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Marie Robichaux †

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Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Padre Pio

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Ex. Society

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Ex. Society

## From Father David's Desk...

### I Am!

If you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience. If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God?

Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning, yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There God said: "I am the God of your father" (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later when Moses asks for God's personal name that God's real identity was revealed. Or was it?

Scholars agree that the name given is some form of the verb "to be," but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it "I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," or "I cause to be what has come to be"? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us: This is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn't understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that "I Am."

#### FOR Reflection

- \* *Reflect on this idea: profound human experiences open our minds and hearts to the experience of God.*
- \* *Remember, this mysterious incomprehensible God cares for each of us.*

*With Prayers, Fr. David*

#### St. Ann Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$2745.00 – Loose: \$324.00

Children: \$10.34 (ACH: \$675.00)

**Total: \$3079.34**

#### OLC Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$355.00 – Loose: \$134.00

**Total: \$389.00**

#### 6:00PM MASS Cancellation:

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

#### Lenten Adoration Schedule:

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

Adoration for all other Fridays will remain 8:30am to 9:30am in the Chapel.

#### ST. ANN'S Lenten Retreat:

In preparation for Easter, St. Ann's parish will be hosting a Lenten Retreat April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### STATIONS of the Cross:

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

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
Saturday - March 19 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	Al Eisland		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 20 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Eddie Duran		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Macy Necaie	Landon, Audrey, Katyn	William Burke
Sunday - March 20 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran
Saturday - March 26 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	Beverly Saucier		August Schonewitz
Sunday - March 27 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am	Doug Ladner		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - March 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Kim Wood	Whyte, Cameron, Kane	William Burke
Sunday - March 27 <sup>th</sup> 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran

### **LENTEN 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

### **CHILDRENS Mass & Easter Egg Hunt**

We will be hosting an Easter egg hunt and Picnic for everyone after the 9:00am Mass, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Festivities begin at 10:30am. Remember to bring your baskets and don't be surprised if the Bunny join us.

**Donations:** If you would like to donate eggs for the Easter egg hunt please do!

### **SECOND Collection:**

There will be a second collection after Mass, March 27<sup>th</sup>, for Fr. David's order - The Herald of Good News.

### **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. Thanks

### **MASS Solemnity of Mary:**

Please join us for Mass on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in honoring Our Mother Mary as we celebrate the Annunciation of the Blessed Mother.

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

### **PRAYER Requests:**

Those who are ill: 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 Robison, Joseph & Megan Colbi-Capuano, Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Loretta Ladner, Matt Dubission, Cindy Ladner, Amanda Mayberry, Robin Cuevas, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda & Jerry Gartman, Jill Ladner, Brenda Hoda and Louise Slade.