

Dear Padre,

God gave humanity the skills for a child to be born to those suffering from infertility. So why does the Church oppose *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) after a couple has exhausted other options to conceive?

While the Church views having, raising, and educating children as a primary purpose of marriage, it also teaches that the means to achieve that goal must be morally appropriate. The Church considers *in vitro* fertilization (Latin for fertilization “in glass” or a laboratory) to be a morally inappropriate means for attaining that goal for two main reasons:

First, in practice, the IVF process almost always results in the destruction of living human embryos that do not get implanted in the woman, which the Church considers morally equivalent to abortion. Second, just as the Church teaches contraception is wrong because it entails the willful separation of the natural ends of the marital act, it also teaches that IVF is wrong because it replaces the dignity of the marital act with a technical procedure. In other words, IVF supersedes the act God willed to be the genesis of new life.

In addition, IVF demeans the dignity of the spouses and their parental role (and the dignity of a third-party sperm or egg donor, if one is involved).

All of this deprives the resulting child of a true filial relationship with his or her parents, turning the child into a technological commodity rather than a gift from God.

Couples must be careful not to become so obsessed with pregnancy that they lose perspective and fail to see other expressions of marital generativity, such as adoption, that expand marriage and provide a home to children who wouldn't otherwise have one.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We are living in a time of experimentation with life. But it is harmful experimentation. Making children, rather than accepting them as a gift, as I said. Playing with life. Be careful, because this is a sin against the Creator: against God the Creator, who created things this way.

ADDRESS TO ITALIAN CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 29

The Ascension

of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or

Heb 9:24–28;

10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

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a question for
the Padre?**

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JOE HEADSHUTTERTOCK





Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22th 2022



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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[Jesus said,] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27

St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – May 21st 5:00pm-Ex. Soc.

Sunday – May 22nd 9:00am-Parish

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday - May 22nd 7:30am-Ex. Soc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Before Mass and by
Appointment**

Monday – May 23rd 8:00am-Ex Soc.

Wednesday – May 25th 6:00pm-Ex Soc.

Thursday – May 26th 8:00am-Ex Soc.

Friday – May 27th 8:00am –Ex. Soc.

Saturday – May 28th St. Ann 5:00pm-OPEN

Sunday – May 29th OLC 7:30am-OPEN

Sunday – May 29th 9:00am-OPEN

From Father David's Desk...

Times Are a Changin'

Today's Gospel expands a theme mentioned on the fourth Sunday of Easter, namely, change in religious practice. Many good people find some Second Vatican Council changes difficult to accept. For example, they may not like the new Mass form or leniency in Church discipline. They prefer Latin chants and the organ rather than folk music with guitars. This dissatisfaction is not necessarily because they are stubborn or unbending. It could be they were taught that the truth of the Church is eternal and unchanging and want to see that reflected in the liturgy.

Actually, such understanding of the unchanging Church is only partially correct. The fundamentals of our faith as expressed in the Creed have not changed. It is the ways we understand or practice our faith that have gradually developed. For instance, the Mass is still the Mass, with three essential parts. Yet, the wording of some prayers have changed, and at Mass we stand more and kneel less. Most are cultural changes, but there are some changes in theological understandings too. We now recognize the religious value of other faith traditions; interfaith marriage is allowed with special permission; and we understand the teachings of the Bible in new ways. Today's reading from Acts shows that, from its beginning, the Church changed. Paul and Barnabas did not require Gentile believers to conform to circumcision—a Jewish practice, not Christian. Dissention arose. But the Holy Spirit helped the leaders in Jerusalem move beyond long-standing past practices and into a new way of being faithful. We believe the Holy Spirit continues to work through believers to ensure that the gospel is always faithful, yet newly meaningful.

With Prayers,
Fr. David

FOR *Reflection*

- * *In what ways have changes made your faith more meaningful to you?*
- * *As we move toward Pentecost, pray to be open to the working of the Spirit in your parish.*

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$2455.00 – Loose: \$642.00

Children: \$4.84 – (ACH: \$590.00)

Total: \$

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: 150.00 – Loose: \$204.00

Total: \$354.00

KNIGHTS of Columbus Meeting:

The KofC will be holding a meeting after the 9:00am mass on Sunday. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall

SECOND Collection:

We will have a second collection May 28th & 29th for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Envelopes are attached to the bulletins.

LIZANA Light Ministries:

We are so grateful to have the Ministry of Lizana Light here at our parish helping to support the poor of our community. On the fifth Sunday of this month, May 29th, we will be having an additional collection to help Lizana Light in their ministry. Please give what you can in support of our community, and our ministry.

CATFISH Festival:

The St. Ann Catfish festival is quickly moving forward. If you would like to donate to the purchase of food and supplies for our festival, please contact Ruth Schonewitz at (228) 219-8782.

CATFISH Festival - BINGO:

Donations for the BINGO prizes during the Catfish festival are being accepted at this time. Should you wish to donate, either by giving a prize or by giving cash (envelopes are in the pews) please contact Emma (228) 669-9033 or Brandi at (228) 861-8387

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday – May 21 st 5:00pm	Mike West	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – May 22 nd 7:30am OLC	Doug Ladner	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – May 22 nd 9:00am	Lisa Cuevas	Paige, Eliza, Harmon	William Burke
Saturday – May 28 th 5:00pm	Al Eiselen	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – May 29 th 7:30am OLC	Sandra Ammons	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – May 29 th 9:00am	Macy Necaise	Landon, Audrey, Katyn	William Burke



UPDATE – Parish Directory 2022

Photos for updating our Parish Directories for St. Ann/Our Lady of Chartres Parish/s will be June 28th & June 29th from 2:00pm to 8:30pm at St. Ann’s church. To schedule your photo, go to UCDIR.com and click on **Photography Appointment Scheduling Login**



Church Code: **MS121**
Church Password: **photos**

Universal Church Directories

Please enter your church code number and password here.
If you do not have them, please contact your church directly.

Login

Church Code:

Church Password:

SYMPATHY:

Please extend your sympathy to the family of Doris Ladner. Mrs. Ladner passed away May 9th. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

PRAYER Requests:

Nathan Northrup
Daniel Squillante

Once in the system, you can select the date & time that suits you best. Click the date you would like; a dropdown will show you the time options to choose from. Last step, filling in your Name, Address, etc., and click **“Schedule Appointment.”** *You are all set!*

