

Dear Padre,

Why should I have my baby baptized?

Some parents pondering baptism say a child should mature first, then choose his or her religion. Yet, parents make many choices for their children—including name, diet, bedtime, and education. To forgo baptism means to choose a nonreligious outlook on life for your child. Indeed, objection to baptism can be a veiled statement about the parents' disregard for religion.

Baptism confers many benefits. First, it cleanses the soul of original sin. Scripture says Adam and Eve relinquished their God-centeredness, instead adopting a self-centered attitude. They thought of themselves as the center of the universe. Such self-delusion is the origin of all sins. Baptism reverses this, with God telling the child he is loved and regarding him like his own Son, Jesus. Baptismal waters immerse the child into the depths of God's love.

Second, baptism begins a new life of loving response to God's love. Of course,

infants don't understand this during baptism. Children learn it from religious training and their parents' example. The sacraments aid us in living this life of love, especially the Eucharist in which Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us with his love. As parents give a child her very existence, through baptism they set her on course toward eternal life.

Finally, baptism makes the recipient a member of Christ's body, the Church. The child, along with other Church members and guided by ordained pastors, will speak for Christ in society. What parent doesn't want the best for his or her child? Through baptism, God also wants the best for them.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

[Babies] have a "choral" dimension: it is enough for one of them to start to "sing" and everyone follows and there will be a concert. Do not be alarmed. It is a beautiful homily when a baby cries in church....Make sure that they are all right and let us move forward.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO NEWBORNS, JANUARY 12, 2020



Calendar

Monday

JULY 4

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

JULY 5

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

JULY 6

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

JULY 7

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

Friday

JULY 8

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

JULY 9

Weekday

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

JULY 10

Fifteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37



Liguori Publications is celebrating 75 years of ministry throughout 2022.

Follow progress toward our October 23 anniversary date in Liguorian magazine and at Liguori.org.



Sunday

July 3rd, 2022

14th Sunday in Ordinary



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

Pastor: Reverend Fr. David Milton

Office phone: 228-832-2560, Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – July 2nd 5:00pm-Clemens Voges

Sunday – July 3rd 9:00am-The United States

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday – July 3rd 7:30am-The United States

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by Appointment

Monday – July 4th 8:00am-NO MASS

Wednesday – July 6th 6:00pm-NO MASS

Thursday – July 7th 8:00am-Parish

Friday – July 8th 8:00am-Bp. Kihneman III

Saturday – July 9th St. Ann 5:00pm-Open

Sunday – July 10th OLC 7:30am- Open

Sunday – July 10th 9:00am- Parish

Rebuild a city

There doesn't seem to be a period in human history when cities were not destroyed by war. This was the case in ancient Rome, Atlanta during the Civil War, Dresden in World War II, and more recently, Aleppo in Syria. The devastation of a city leaves the survivors of the tragedy in desperate straits. This is the situation to which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. His message is one of hope. Jerusalem will be rebuilt; it will flourish once again. God will "spread prosperity over her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This will not be accomplished through mere human effort, but through the power of God.

The passage from Luke tells us how God will accomplish such a feat. There we read that Jesus sent seventy-two followers to preach the gospel. The power of God will work through them. We know little about who they were, from which villages they came, or how long they acted as itinerant preachers. They may simply have gone back to their own lives and ministered to their own people. Such information is inconsequential.

What is important is the fact that God works through the followers of Jesus, through you and me. It will be through us that lives are rebuilt, that people will thrive again. It will be through us that cities are no longer destroyed by war. Do we believe this? Are we willing to be sent "to every town and place he intended to visit" (Luke 10:1)?

With Prayers,
Fr. David

FOR Reflection

- ★ Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean for you?
- ★ How might you live this out in your life today?

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$2173.00 – Loose: \$289.25

Children: \$12.00 – (ACH: \$5.00)

Total: \$2474.25

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$120.00– Loose: \$253.00

Total: \$373.00

HAPPY 4th of July:

A happy 4th of July to all our parish families. May you have a safe and happy July 4th!



HAPPY Birthday America:

We celebrate the Fourth of July because that's the day the Declaration of Independence was signed, 242 years ago. You might call July 4 America's birthday.

The Declaration didn't just declare our independence from Britain; it vowed to create a government that respected all people's rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 7/2 5:00pm	Mike West	Al Eiselen, Wanda Brignac Ruth Schonewitz	August Schonewitz	N/A – St. Ann
Sun-7/3 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Doug Ladner	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun-7/3 9:00am	Matt Marchand	Lisa Cuevas, William Burke Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Cameron, Eliza Audrey
Sat. 7/9 5:00pm	Al Eiselen	Wanda Brignac, Barbara Saucier, Mike West	August S.	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 7/10 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Diann Kirk	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 7/10 9:00am	Lisa Cuevas	Kim Wood, Susan Peleaz Robin Peterson	William Burke	Paige, Wyatt Katyn

HAPPY Birthday Fr. David:

A very happy birthday to Fr. David!
The 4th of July is not only America's birthday but also Fr. David's. Please share warm birthday wishes with him when you see him this weekend.

CATFISH Festival T-shirts:

Catfish Festival T-shirts are still available in the office for \$15.00 each. Sizes available are...

- (1) Sm. Long Sleeve
- (1) Lg. Med Long Sleeve
- (4) Sm. Short Sleeve
- (19) Med. Short Sleeve
- (5) Lg. Short Sleeve

CATFISH Festival Totals:

Total Income: **\$52681.42**

Net Income: **\$20657.13**

PRAYER Request:

Any one in need of being placed on the Prayer list, please let Fr. David or the office know.

FIRST Friday Adoration:

Come join us on the first Friday of each month in adoration of the Eucharist after the 8:00am mass in the Chapel.

LECTORS Needed:

The parish is in desperate need of Lectors for the Saturday evening Mass. At present we have a very limited number of people available for Saturday. If you would like to serve as a lector, please give your name to Fr. David.

PHOTO Extension – Parish Directories:

Please see the information below if you have not had the chance to schedule your photo for the Parish Directories

Additional dates are....

Tuesday, July 26th – 2:00pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday, July 27th – 2:00pm to 8:00pm

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Church Code: **MS121**

Church Password: **photos**

For more information contact Fr. David or the office.