

Dear Padre,

It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs—parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they “always ask for money,” it’s because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (see Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, the early



Church’s charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1–6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. “Why doesn’t the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?” they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs,

dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part of the Church’s patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give in charity, recognizing that it’s Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father’s embrace of every person, particularly of the least and the suffering.

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019



Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 5:1–8
Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1–11
Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25–31
Lk 6:20–26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a
or Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23
or 1:18–23

Friday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27
Lk 6:39–42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Cor 10:14–22
Lk 6:43–49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 11
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7–11, 13–14
1 Tm 1:12–17
Lk 15:1–32
or 15:1–10

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



Sunday

September 4th, 2022

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time



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Paul’s Letter to Philemon.

FOR LOVE’S
SAKE I RATHER
APPEAL
TO YOU—

BEING
SUCH A
ONE AS
PAUL, THE AGED,
AND NOW ALSO A PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST--



St. Ann Mass Schedule

Saturday – Sept. 3rd 5:00pm-Ex. Soc.
Sunday – Sept. 4th 9:00am-Parish

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday – Sept. 4th 7:30am-Ex. Soc.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Before Mass and by
Appointment

Monday – Sept. 5th 8:00am-NO MASS
Wednesday – Sept. 7th 6:00pm-Ex. Soc.
Thursday – Sept. 8th 8:00am-Ex. Soc.
Friday – Sept. 8th 8:00am-Ex. Soc.

Saturday – Sept. 10th 5:00pm-OPEN
Sunday – Sept. 11th OLC 7:30am-OPEN
Sunday – Sept. 11th 9:00am-Servivors of 9/11

From the Desk of Fr. David

No Longer a Slave...

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase The political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy, and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus; would the slave's situation been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs would crumble, and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

Blessings, *Fr. David*

FOR Reflection

- * How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?
- * How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?

St. Ann Stewardship
 Identifiable: \$1838.00 Loose: \$288.00
 Children: \$6.85 – (ACH \$5.00)
Total: \$2132.25

OLC Stewardship
 Identifiable: \$168.00 – Loose: \$212.00
Total: \$380.00

CCD Classes & Picnic:

CCD classes will begin September 11th after the 9:00am mass. Following class, the parish will host a picnic for the children.

All children of the parish are invited to attend on the parish grounds beginning at 10:30, September 11th. Food will be provided by the parish.

Remember: Swimsuits & Towels for the water slide!

ALTER Society Meeting:

The Alter Society will have a meeting September 11th after the 9:00am mass.

PARISH Picnic and Potluck:

Mark your calendars for St. Ann's/OLC parish picnic on September 25th. We will have (1) one mass for the weekend, 10:00am Sunday in the Pavilion, followed by the picnic. More information will be coming.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 9/3 5:00pm	Jan Estrada	Ruth Schonewitz, Mary Taylor Barbara Saucier	August Schonewitz	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 9/4 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Doug Ladner	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 9/4 9:00am	Mary Necaize	Lisa Cuevas, Kim Wood William Burke	William Burke	Wyatt, Cameron Blane
Sat. 9/10 5:00pm	Barbara Saucier	Mary Taylor, Ruth Schonewitz Al Eiselen	August Schonewitz	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 9/11 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Diann Kirk	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 9/11 9:00am	Kim Wood	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Layton, Landon Parker

DINNER with FR. David:

We are looking for (10) Parishioners for the first potluck “Dinner with Fr. David” to be held October 22nd after the 5:00pm mass. Any parishioner/s that would like to share a meal, get-to-know father and each other, & share in the fun and fellowship, may place their names on the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Should we get more than (10) parishioners for this first dinner, we will have a blind drawing prior to October 22nd for the available slots. Any parishioners who were not chosen for October 22nd, will be guaranteed a slot for the next dinner slated for January 2023.

RED Mass:

Bishop Kihneman will be celebrating a Red Mass for the Judiciary & Legal Community on October 16th at 11:00am, at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Any person involved at any level within our legal community are welcome to attend. Please add your name/s to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

BISHOPS GALA:

The Diocese will be hosting the Bishops Gala, November 5th at the Beau Rivage to benefit the Catholic Charities of South Mississippi. Should you like to attend see the insert in the bulletin for further information.

KNIGHTS of Columbus:

Lizana KofC will be hosting a 50/50 drawing December 18th. Tickets will go on sale after each mass beginning September 10th & 11th. Tickets are, \$4.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. Please see Johnny or Garland after each mass for tickets or call Anthony @ 228-669-2224. All proceeds will go to the different charities serving our parish and to the church. Need not be present to win.

LABOR Day Holiday: 

We hope you have a safe and wonderful Labor Day.

PRAYER Requests:
Nathan Northrop
Pete Northrop
Russell Moran
Michelle Ladner