

Dear Padre,

Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 28 Advent Weekday Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11	November 29 Advent Weekday Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	December 1 Advent Weekday Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	December 2 Advent Weekday Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	December 4 Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today it is our task to keep watch: to overcome the temptation of thinking that life means accumulating....It is up to us to unmask the deception that we are happy when we have many things...and to believe that prayer and charity...are the greatest of treasures.

HOMILY, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
DECEMBER 1, 2019

Advent Prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father,
Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, this Advent season, we especially are in need of peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the daily lives of millions in so many ways. This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts. During this season of Advent, we pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await His coming again.*

Amen



First Sunday Of Advent November 27th 2022



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“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

We welcome new members to our Parish. Please fill out a new member registration form and submit to the parish office, or Fr. David Milton. Fr. David would be happy to visit with you and help you assess your spiritual needs.

FIRST Friday Adoration:

Join us first Friday of each month in Adoration of the Eucharist after the 8:00am mass in the Chapel. The next first **Friday, December 2nd 8:00am-12:00pm**

St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday Nov. 26th 5:00pm-OPEN
Sunday Nov. 27th 9:00am-Parish

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday Nov. 27th 7:30am-OPEN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by
Appointment

Monday – Nov. 28th 8:00am-OPEN
Wednesday – Nov. 30th 6:00pm-OPEN
Thursday – Dec. 1st 8:00am-OPEN
Friday – Dec. 2nd 8:00am-OPEN

Sat – Dec. 3rd 5:00pm-OPEN
Sunday – Dec. 4th OLC 7:30am-OPEN
Sunday – Dec. 4th 9:00am-OPEN

From Father David's Desk...

The Waiting Game...

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting – at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later, we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on your own or our first real job and the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe, Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves.

Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or Peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us.

Prayers,

Fr. David

For Reflection

✚ *Has there ever been a time when you didn't recognize that God was with you?*

Due to Bingo festivities tithes will post In the bulletin December 4th

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$ - Loose: \$
Children's: \$ - (ACH: \$.00)

Total: \$

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$ - Loose: \$

Total: \$

SECOND Collection:

We will have a second collection December 3rd & 4th to support St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy. Envelops are in the pews & at the back of church

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who participated, donated and shared in the fun and fellowship for the KofC Senior BINGO. A wonderful time was had by all that attended.

SPECIAL Thank You:

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support for your donations to the Thanksgiving baskets. Through your donations and blessings, we were able to support 15 families in having a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving meal.

In Christ,

Fr. David

CCD Donut Sale:

The last CCD donut sale will be December 4th after the 9:00am Mass - \$10.00 per box.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 11/26 5:00pm	Mike West	Wanda Brignac, Barbara Saucier	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 11/27 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 11/27 9:00am	Wanda Lizana	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Harmon, Bailey Kane
Sat. 12/03 5:00pm	Mary Taylor	Mike West, Barbara Saucier	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 12/04 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 12/04 9:00am	Lacy Marchand	Lisa Cuevas, Kim Wood Lacy Marchand	William Burke	Cameron, Eliza Audrey

Pancakes, Pajamas, Gingerbread and Jesus!

CCD BREAKFAST

with

Santa

Sunday, December 11th after the 9:00am Mass.
Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk & juice.
Pictures with Santa, Cookie Decorating, Reindeer Games and Music will fill the hall.
Tickets are \$10.00 to enter
All CCD Children are free.

A CALL to Catholic:

St. Ann will be hosting a
Call to Catholic – Refreshing the Spirit
Friday, December 16th
5:00pm – 7:00pm.
Guest speaker - Fr. Godfrey Andoh

Fr. Godfrey

5:00pm-6:00pm

Adoration & Confessions

6:00pm-7:00pm

Come join us in refreshing our Spirit!

KNIGHTS of Columbus:

Tickets are still available for the 50/50 Drawing sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.
Tickets are on sale after all Masses.
Tickets are \$4.00 each or Five for \$20.00
Drawing is December 18th.

LIZANA Light:

As we enter this special season of Advent in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, we ask that you remember the less fortunate in our community by giving to our Lizana Light Ministry. Any blessing given is appreciated.



As we begin the first Sunday of Advent let us reflect on the first theme of Advent.

Hope

Hope is an active anticipation, a willingness to put energy toward goals we desire.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” –

Romans 15:13



Prayer Request

Wayne Bryant / Beverly Saucier
Barbara Stewart / Pete Northrop
Troy Peterson