

Calendar

Monday

December 26

*St. Stephen,
the First Martyr*

Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59

Mt 10:17–22

Tuesday

December 27

*St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist*

1 Jn 1:1–4

Jn 20:1a, 2–8

Wednesday

December 28

*The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs*

1 Jn 1:5–2:2

Mt 2:13–18

Thursday

December 29

*Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:3–11

Lk 2:22–35

Friday

December 30

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17

Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

Saturday

December 31

*Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas*

1 Jn 2:18–21

Jn 1:1–18

Sunday

January 1

*Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God*

Nm 6:22–27

Gal 4:4–7

Lk 2:16–21

Dear Padre,

Should a Catholic school teach both evolution and creation?

A Catholic school should teach in a style that conveys Catholic Tradition. It also cannot ignore the insights and questions or the disagreements and misunderstandings that occur when the arts and sciences rub shoulders with Catholic teachings and perspectives. Our belief in God's creation of humanity and the scientific understanding of evolution are not fundamentally at odds with one another, as long as our Catholic vision of life is preserved. However, "faith obliges us to hold that souls are immediately created by God" (*Humani Generis*, 36).

Science is the careful study of details and theories that leads to the development of generalized statements (or hypotheses). If so many scientists, many of whom are people of faith, can intellectually justify the creation of humans through an evolutionary process, this itself shows the application of thought and discovery to deepen an understanding of our world and ourselves.

We need our faith to harmonize with other branches of knowledge, and this means respecting their proper domain of research and methods. It would seem prudent for a Catholic school to teach evolution in science class and the stories of creation in religion class. A calm, reasoned discussion that respects the limits of each discipline and espouses a unified search for God's revealed truths would be best. The attitude should be that evolution and creation are not mutually exclusive but complementary explanations for our human origins that arise from different perspectives.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"History has always been accompanied by the Lord!....In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father....He has pitched his tent in our midst."

—Homily, December 24, 2013 (Midnight Mass)



Christmas: Nativity of our Lord

December 25, 2016



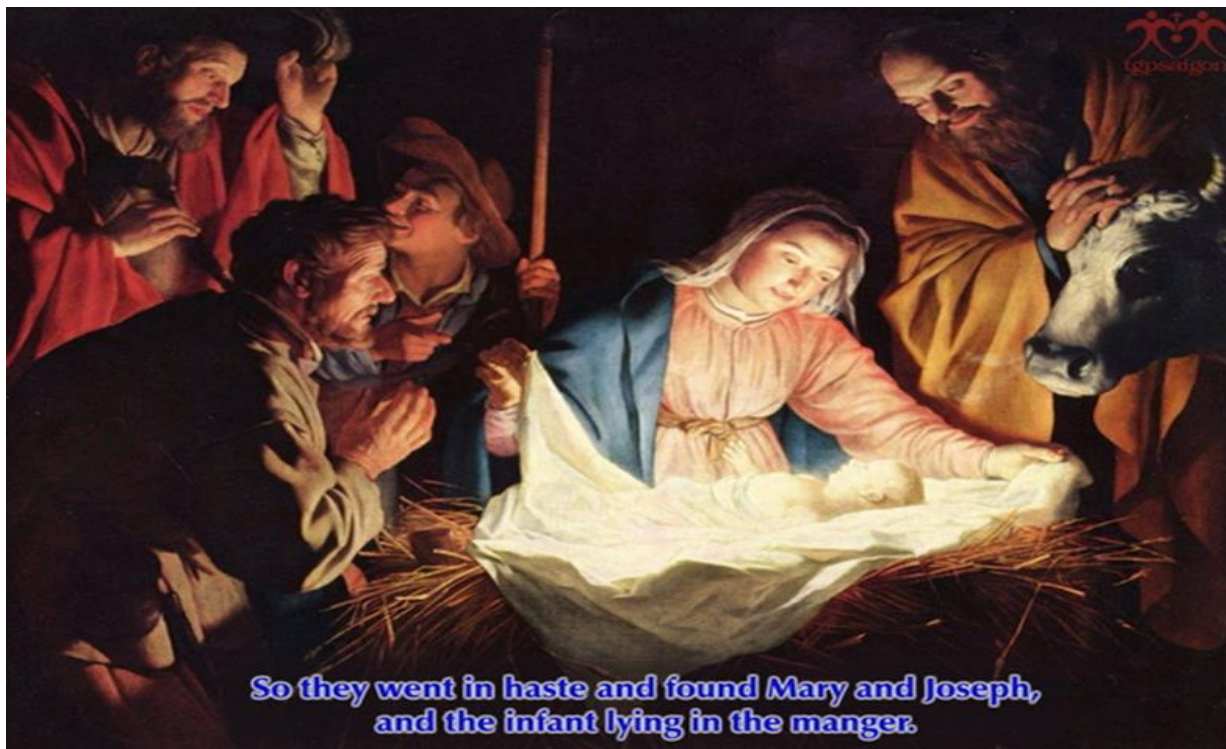
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**So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm +George Brignac
Sun 12am: Our Parish Family
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Dona DeZonia
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm Dona DeZonia
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"God does not love the mighty revolutions of the powerful," says Pope Francis. He does not use a magic wand to change situations. Instead He becomes small, He becomes a child to attract us with his love, to touch our hearts with his humble goodness, to shake up with his poverty the many who scramble to accumulate false treasures in this world." Cf. Pope Francis, Christmas 2015

The child in the manger is the ultimate display of power in the world. Innocent, unable to survive without the direct care of others to physically feed and shelter him. Unable to speak words to communicate his needs, feelings and emotions. "God comes to us" in a way that most will not recognize, acknowledge or desire from their savior and king. God is with us in Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." Yet what is Christmas to us in relation to the gospel message of salvation?

Perhaps the best gift we can give to anyone this Christmas is that we have asked Emmanuel to come into the manger of our heart. Once the Child of Bethlehem is invited to reign over our heart and soul gifts will begin to flow from within us. The gifts of patience, joy, forgiveness, understanding and peace.

May the gifts offered by the Holy Spirit of the Infant Jesus come into your heart and soul this season and remain with you throughout this life into eternity.

I will remember all of you in my Christmas Masses and I pray that you and your family will have the opportunity to celebrate this Christmas in the spirit of joy and wonder. As members of "God's household," let us ponder the beautiful message proclaimed in the

Gospel of John on Christmas day: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, and the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!
...Fr. Khoa

†With Sympathy †

Fr Khoa and the community of St. Ann and OL of Chartres Parish extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Hollis Moran who passed away on December 21, 2016. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Hollis and his family in your prayers.

Christmas Flowers: Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

**68Identifiable: \$1,672.00; Loose: \$1,720.00;
Total: \$3,392.00; Children: \$8.00;
Immaculate Conception: \$2.00.**

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Identifiable: \$90.00; Loose: \$229.00; Total: \$319.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Basket: Thank you Marlow, donors, and all the helpers for supporting to those who are in need.

Church Cleaning: Thank you WC and Lennell King for cleaning up the church on Dec 20 and 27. Marie Chasse and Michelle Lizana will clean the church on Jan 2 and 9. Thank you

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 24 4:00pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Dec 27 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun 25 9am	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 31 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West , Mike West , Henrietta	Austin S.	Doug Kermit	Mike & Diane Mays
Sun Jan 01 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 01 9am	Sharon Leimer	Kim Wood ., James Quintini , Robin P	Carson Kaiden	Robert Jimmy	Lester Palmer Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Altar Society: meet on second Sundays.

Lizana Light: For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Altar Society: meets 2nd Sunday.

Parish Council: meets third Saturdays.

Knights of Columbus: For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

RCIA: Please contact **Henrietta Ladner**.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards are available at the office.

Bible Study: We study **Gospel of Luke**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm** and on **Thurs at 9am**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

CCD: If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:
Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruff, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Albert Necaie, and Margaret Northrop.