

Calendar

Monday

February 27

Weekday

Sir 17:20–24

Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday

February 28

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12

Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

March 1

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday

March 2

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

Friday

March 3

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

March 4

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

March 5

First Sunday

of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19

Mt 4:1–11

Dear Padre,

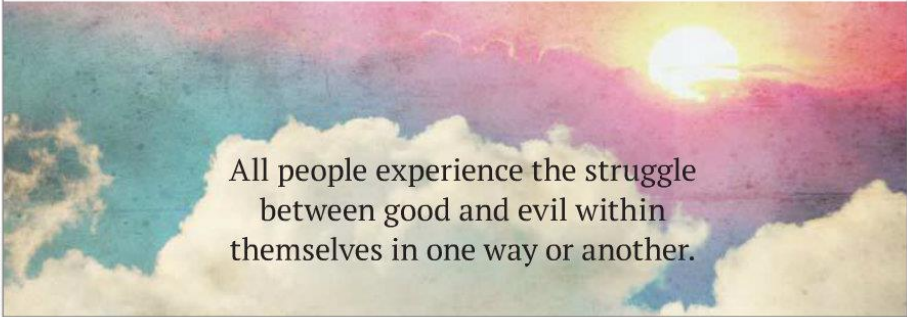
I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate... Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me... Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"If [your children] are crying with hunger, feed them, don't worry. Let us thank the Lord for the gift of milk... What milk does for the body, the Word of God does for the spirit."

—Homily, Sistine Chapel, January 11, 2015



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017



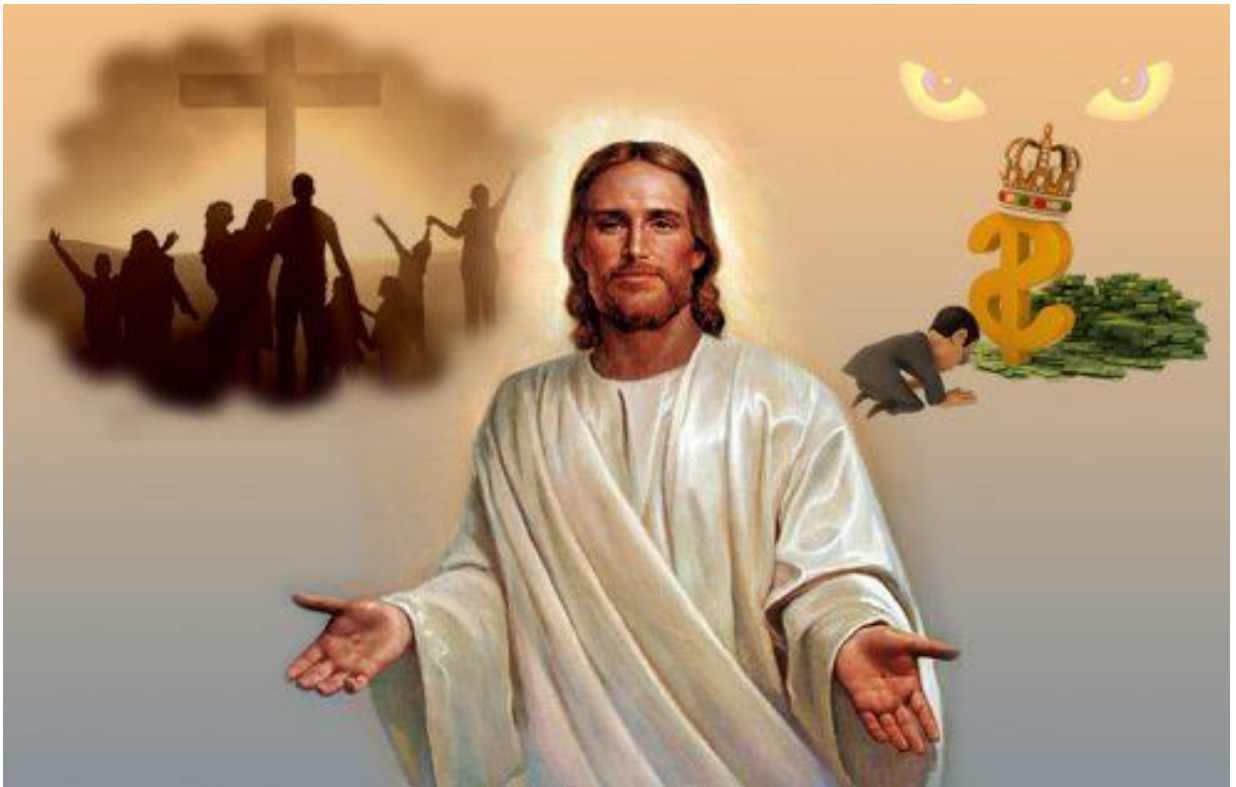
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 pm Our Parish Family

9:00am Benefactors

Mon 8:00am +Maria

Tues 8:00 am Benefactors

Wed 8:00 am Benefactors

7:00 pm Benefactors

Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete

Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" The anti-anxiety message Jesus gives us today is not just ancient pop psychology. The point of this passage isn't to give us a "strategy" for coping with our fears. Jesus is proposing something much more profound. He is teaching us how to eliminate our fears altogether. To put it simply, he tells us to get our priorities straight. This whole reflection on worrying culminates in the instruction to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." That's where our freedom lies. When we concern ourselves with being in right relationship with God, our other concerns melt away.

Deep down, we know that this life isn't about bodily health or comfort. Those things don't last anyway. But freedom from fretting is more than simply thinking about how it'll all work out eventually in heaven. No. Jesus offers us more. He insists that our heavenly Father will provide for us, here and now. We only need to take him at his word. That means sticking to our part of the bargain by putting God first.

What does this look like, this seeking God and not worrying about the rest? It looks like Mother Teresa giving up every material possession, living amongst the poor without any dependable income, and watching truckloads of food appear at her doorstep unannounced. It looks like a check showing up in the mailbox of two struggling parents to cover the medical bills for their sick baby. It looks like the couple that tithes to its parish month after month, and still finds it has plenty to cover its expenses. In a word, it looks like

trust. Trust in the divine providence of a Father who loves his children.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet every Friday beginning March 3-April 7 from 4:00-7:30 PM. Anyone that would like to donate a dessert (cakes, cookies, pies, puddings...) please call Lenell King 228-861-0997. Thank you

Special Diocesan Collections

A special **Diocesan Collection** will be taken up at all **Ash Wednesday** Masses for the **Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa**.

Next weekend is the special Diocesan Collection for the **Black and Indian Missions**.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 01, 2017 **St Ann: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Friday Stations of the Cross Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m.

First Friday Adoration

Please join us at **St. Ann** this **Friday, February 3rd** for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. **Adoration** will begin after the 8:00am Mass and ends at 9:30am. Please come as "**Jesus longs for your visit**".

Youth Convention: The CYO of Sacred Heart - Dedeaux is collecting blankets (baby and full size) for their annual community project for Convention. Donations will be accepted until March 1, 2017, and all donations are greatly appreciated.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 25 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West , Mike West , Henrietta Ladner	Austin S.	David Dale Babin	Mike & Diane Mays
Sun Feb 26 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Feb 26 9am	Kim Wood	James Quintini , Beverly Saucier , Carolyn Brewer	Nick Will	Garland Will Burke	Lester Palmer Family
Sat Mar 04 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Mike Mays , Diane Mays	Austin S.	Mike August	Carolyn Lizana
Sun Mar 05 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 05 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Sharon Leimer , Lester Palmer , Will Burke	Carson Keegan	Robert David Bass	Jason & Lisa Necaise Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

73Identifiable: **\$1,104.00**; Loose: **\$1,342.00**;
Total: **\$2,446.00**; Children: **\$28.19**; Tornado
Victims: **\$421.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$385.00**; Loose: **\$99.00**; Total:
\$414.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

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.

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, Breanna Ladner, Curtis (Cubby) Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Albert Necaise, Margaret Northrop, Betty Howard, Andrew, and Taylor Boyd.

Church Cleaning: Thank you the Knights of Columbus for cleaning the church on Feb 17 and 24. Thank you.

GUIDELINES FOR LENTEN OBSERVANCE:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting binds all persons who have completed their 18th birthday through those who have completed their 59th year, unless prevented by poor health. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's own needs. Eating between meals is not allowed although fluids may be taken.

Abstinence binds all persons who have completed their 14th birthday, unless prevented by poor health. On days of abstinence during Lent, the consumption of meat of mammals or fowl is not allowed. The Church strongly encourages the observance of Friday abstinence throughout the year, but failure to do so is not regarded as sinful. Lent is a penitential season and as such religious practice such as daily Mass, reception of the Sacrament of Penance, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, recite the Rosary, works of charity and justice, and acts of self-denial are highly encouraged.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.