

## Calendar

### Monday

March 20

St. Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

### Tuesday

March 21

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34–43

Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday

March 22

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5–9

Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday

March 23

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23–28

Lk 11:14–23

### Friday

March 24

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2–10

Mk 12:28–34

### Saturday

March 25

Annunciation

of the Lord

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Sunday

March 26

Fourth Sunday

of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

Eph 5:8–14

Jn 9:1–41

# Dear Padre,

**Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the *Confiteor*: “May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.” I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?**

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance” (*GIRM* 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the *Confiteor* was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: “May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins.” This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God’s presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God’s mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist (*GIRM* 46).

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*“To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different....[God] is always ready to listen....All one needs to do is accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice.”*

—*Misericordiae Vultus*



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent

*March 19, 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 5 pm Our Parish Family  
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Maria  
Tues 8:00 am +Cubby Ladner  
Wed 6:00 pm Spec Int  
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete  
Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

## *From Father Khoa's Desk...*

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth."

Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well? It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's

own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

*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 Curtis 'Cubby' Ladner who passed away on Sunday March 12, 2017. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Cubby and his family in your prayers.

**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

**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.

**Parish Council:** meets **this Saturday** March 18.

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**60**Identifiable: **\$1,340.00**; Loose: **\$1,064.00**;  
Total: **\$2,404.00**; Children: **\$14.00**;

**OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: **\$181.00**; Loose: **\$107.00**; Total:  
**\$288.00.**

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

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Church Cleaning:** Kim Wood will clean the church on March 17 and 24. Thank you.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Mar 18 5pm	Henrietta	W C King , Lenell King , Sharon Ladner	Austin S.	David Ira Necaize	Jim & Jan Estrada
Sun Mar 19 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Teny Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 19 9am	Beverly Saucier	Robin Peterson , Susan Peleaz , James Quintini	Will Nick	Robert Garland	Thomas & Brandi Lassabe
Sat Mar 25 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Mike West , Ellen West, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	Kermit August	WC & Lennell King
Sun Mar 26 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Teny Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 26 9am	Kathyn Ladner	Lester Palmer , Robin Peterson , Kim Wood	Carson Keegan	Will Burke Pat	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

### **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Bible Study:** We study the **Psalms**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:00pm and on Tues at 9am**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

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

**Catfish Festival:** will be on June 1-4. If you have any question please contact Gina Leverett 228-669-8741.

**Updating Address and Phone Number:** Please fill out the index card about your phone and address so we can update your file. 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.

**Lenten Fridays Abstinence from Meat**  
Abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere, and it is sinful for Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year not to observe this discipline without a serious reason (physical labor, pregnancy, nursing mothers, sickness, age related infirmities etc.).

**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.

**Easter Flower Donations:** We are now accepting donations for Easter Flowers for our Altar. Envelopes are available in the Church Pews. Thank you for helping to make our Sanctuary beautiful during the Easter Season!

**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.

**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, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, Albert Necaize, and Taylor Boyd.