

Calendar

Monday

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

Friday

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

April 2

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45

Dear Padre,

What are social or communal sins? Do I need to confess them?

To answer this question properly, we must first make a number of distinctions. First, we are social beings. We act not only as individuals but also as groups, and we are capable of sinning each way. Sin is an analogous concept with nuances, depending on context. There are original, personal, and social sins. There are also both mortal and venial sins. When we sin as individuals, we commit a personal sin. When we sin in a group, we commit a social sin. As with personal sin, some social sins are more serious than others.

Societies that enshrine laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and in many countries, capital punishment are involved in serious social sins. Our degree of culpability in such sins depends on the level of our participation in the group. The key distinction is whether we are actively (formally) or only accidentally (materially) cooperating in the evil. For example, if you actually voted for a law enshrining one such evil, then you are formally cooperating in the evil. If you voted against it but are paying taxes that fund such practices, then you are only materially cooperating in it.

Formal cooperation in a serious offense against God's will should be confessed.

Material cooperation lessens the degree of blame, sometimes to the point of eliminating it. It is important to examine the nature of the social evil, study the teachings of the Church on the issue, determine your level of participation, and form your conscience accordingly.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"How many Christians show...that they are 'eyes to the blind' and 'feet to the lame?' They are close to the sick in need of constant care....This service, especially when it is protracted, can become tiring and burdensome....And yet, what a great path of sanctification this is!"

—Message at 23rd World Day of the Sick, 2015



4th Sunday Of Lent

March 26, 2017



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**So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them,
“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”**



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 +Marie Robichaux
9:00am +William ‘Shorty’ DeMello

Mon 8:00am Benefactors
Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm +‘Shorty’ DeMello
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am Maria

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.”

We are much more receptive to what another person has to say if we believe we are being heard and understood. Jesus captured the attention of the blind man through healing the man of his physical blindness. Through opening the man's eyes and curing him of his blindness Jesus is then able to go deeper into this man's life and open the eyes of his soul to the gift of salvation being offered to him.

Similar to the story of the woman at the well in last week's gospel Jesus addresses the physical aspect of the woman's need for water in the desert to keep her alive. Through this he draws the woman to a much deeper need inside her soul. The need to know and to recognize the truth that he (Jesus) is the Messiah and Savior of the world. The blind man of today's story is challenged by the Pharisees to deny the physical reality that he was blind and can now see. But he does not reject this reality. In fact he cannot reject it for in rejecting what has happened he would be rejecting who he is, a blind man who can now see. It is the acceptance of this reality and of who opened his eyes that the man is able to step out in faith and accept that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Perhaps in the time remaining this Lent we can reflect on our own gift of baptism when our eyes were opened and we received the gift of faith. Perhaps we can witness to the gift of faith we have received through baptism and

how this grace opened our eyes to recognize Jesus the Christ; Savior of the world.

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 Peggy Pittman, whose brother, **Harold Torries**, passed away on March 17, 2017. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Peggy and his family in your prayers.

†With Sympathy †

Fr Khoa and the community of St. Ann and OL of Chartres Parish extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **William 'Shorty' DeMello** passed away on March 21, 2017. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Sherry and the family in your prayers.

Lenten Penance Reconciliation Service

St Ann on Wednesday April 05 at 6:30 pm.

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.

Catfish Festival: will be on June 1-4. We still need someone to run the Burger Booth. If you have any question please contact Gina Leverett 228-669-8741. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
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)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Mar 26 9am	Kathyn Ladner	Lester Palmer , Robin Peterson , Kim Wood	Carson Keegan	Will Burke Pat	Pat & Robin Peterson Family
Sat April 01 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Henrietta Ladner , Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Mike August	Mike & Ellen West
Sun April 02 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun April 02 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Lisa Cuevas , Will Burke , Kim Wood	Will Nick	Garland David	Marie Nance

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

70Identifiable: **\$1,455.00**; Loose: **\$1,103.00**;
Total: **\$2,558.00**; Children: **\$20.00**;

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$160.00**; Loose: **\$165.00**; Total:
\$325.00. In Memory of Celena Saucier:
\$920.00.

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

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

Church Cleaning: Thank you Kim Wood for
cleaning the church on March 17 and 24.
Thank you.

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**.

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!

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 14th
year not to observe this discipline without a
serious reason (physical labor, pregnancy,
nursing mothers, sickness, age related
infirmities etc.).

Updating Address and Phone Number:

Please fill out the index card about your phone
and address so we can update your file. 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, Andrew
Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner,
Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew,
Albert Necaise, Taylor Boyd, and James Moran.