

Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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LIDIA MURHAMADEVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a
Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8–10
Mt 1:1–17

Wednesday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

Thursday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

Friday

DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Saturday

DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Sunday

DECEMBER 22
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Is 7:10–14
Rom 1:1–7
Mt 1:18–24



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018



3rd Sunday Of Advent

December 15, 2019



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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 Benefactors

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4:00 pm Benefactors

Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Sun 6:00pm Benefactors

Mon 8:00 Eddie

Tues 8 am Benefactors

Wed 6pm Benefactors

Thu 8:00 am Fr Pete & Fannon

Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes some with much more powerful vision than our own but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Addicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the

grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

May God bless all of us! Enjoy your praying!

...Fr. Khoa

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service will be on this **Wednesday** December 18 after 6 pm Mass.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

65Identifiable: **\$1,636.00**; Loose: **\$1,645.00**;
ACH: \$55.00. Total: \$3,336.00; Children:
\$22.00; Immaculate Conception: **\$20.00.**

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$380.00**; Loose: **\$216.00**; Total:
\$596.00.

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Basket: pick up date is next Sunday after 9am Mass, from 10-10:15 am. Thanks.

Church Cleaning 2019: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At this time, there will be no one calling to schedule the church cleaning, so if you want to help and can take two weeks at a time, please sign up on the schedule at the back of the church. January is quickly approaching and needs to be filled. A very big "thank you" to those who donated their time this year!!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St Ann Christmas Eve: Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Midnight: 12:00 am

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am

OL of Chartres Christmas Day Mass: 7:30am

A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2019 **Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God**

Mass Times St Ann

Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Jan. 1st – And 9:00 am at St Ann.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 14 4pm	Judith Martinez	Kermit & Dianne Northrop, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	August Kermit	Jack & Enla
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 15 9am	Kim Wood	Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson, James Quintini	TBA	Will Pat	Rose Show, Beau, & George
Sun 6pm	TBA	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 21 4pm	Lisa Cuevas	WC & Lennell King, Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Mike Shorty	Amarosa & Carolyn
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 22 9am	Lacy Ladner	Susan Peleaz, Will Burke, Kim Wood	TBA	Robert Thomas	Christ & Tracy O'Flynn Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	Jan E., Derek & Jodi T.	Blake Smith	TBA	TBA

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

I see his blood upon the rose:

I see his blood upon the rose
 And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
 His body gleams amid eternal snows,
 His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
 The thunder and the singing of the birds
 Are but his voice—and carven by his power
 Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
 His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
 His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
 His cross is every tree.

By Joseph Mary Plunkett

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.

Church Cleaning: Chris and Tracy O'Flynn will clean the church on Dec 7 and 14. Thank you.

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

Christmas Flowers: There are envelopes for donations for Christmas flowers at each pew. Thank you for your generosity.

Bible Study: We study **Romans**. Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth**.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Nancy (Chicago), Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Jenny Hinton, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Paula Foreman, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, Meghan and Daughter Colbi Pittman Necaie, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, Liz Weiss, Hilda Eiselen, John O'Neal, Terri, and Paul Irby.