

Dear Padre,

My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

Flowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

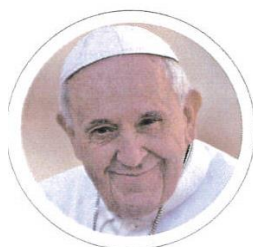
Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... “What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it.” Never cut off Jesus’ roots.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 10
Saint Scholastica,
Virgin

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13
Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 11
Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30
Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 12
Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1–10
Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 13
Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4–13
Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 14
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop

1 Kgs 11:29–32;
12:19
Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 15
Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26–32;
13:33–34
Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 16
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15–20

1 Cor 2:6–10
Mt 5:17–37 or
Mt 5:20–22a, 27–28,
33–34a, 37



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 09; 2020



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The
LORD
is my light
and my salvation.

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 Parish family

St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat 4 pm Our Parish Family

9:00am Paul Irbey

6:00pm. Parish

Mon 8:00am Marissa Burns {RIP}

Tues 8:00Giff and Jami Burns int

Wed 6:00 Donor

Thu 8:00 am our family

Fri 8:00 am Spl int

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

“YOU ARE REALLY SOMETHING:

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment – and an even greater challenge Jesus tells them they are ‘salt of the earth’ {Mt 5; 13}, bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” [Mt 5:14}, helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say; I am really something.

Such compliments are also a challenge what must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: share your bread with hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; cloth the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the need of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “you're really something” in what way do you

already enrich or enlighten the lives of other? In what ways is this compliment a challenge for you?

May God bless all of us!

Fr. David

Lizana Light: Doris wants to leave her volunteers work; we need someone to take it that responsibility over so., Let me know who can and will Please. Lizana light would be every Friday from 9am to 11am. If someone is need of food refer them please. Thank you.

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

RCIA: Please contact Sherrie Demello .

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: The better way to pray for your deceased as well as for living family and friends is offering masses for them.so please consider it Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

The Sacred Heart Boys Youth Retreat will be held March 13-15 at the Dedeaux Hilton. The retreat is open to all boys 9th through 12th grade. For more information, please contact Melvin Ray, retreat director, at 228-861-5546.

Altar Society: Meets this Sunday after 9:00 mass. Lenten fish fry's will be discussed. Everyone interested in helping please join us. Have any question call lenell-228 861 0997

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 08 4pm	Lanny Acosta	, Rita Acosta, Doris. and Ruth	Austin S.	August S	Ann & Shortly Shaw
Sun Feb 09 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchel	Tery Mitchel
Sun Feb 09 9am	Eddie Duran	Wanda , Walter king, Ellen west	Paige Glodowski, Samantha and page	Will Burkner	Camdyn Liana
Sun Feb 09 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Richard,, John. And Diane mays	Blake sand Haise smith	John Moran	Deanna Smith
Sat Feb .15 4am	Mike west	Ruth , lenel and walter	Austin S	Shorty S	Ruth and Julia
Sun Feb 16 7:30 am	, Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Tery Mitchel	Tery Mitchel
Sun Feb 16 9 pm	John Davis	Robin, P Susan P and William B	Kane, page and Samantha.	Pat Ladner	Candyn L
Sun Feb 16 6pm	Richard Dunlap	Derek, Jodi T and Richard D	Blake sand Haise Smith	John Moran	Deana Smith

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; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Nancy (Chicago), Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, joseph and Megan, Daughter Colbi Pittman capuano , Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, Liz Weiss, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner. and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amy Pittman; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *

58Identifiable: **\$1477.00**; Loose: **\$1523.00**;
Total: **\$3000.00**; Children: **\$7.10.00**;
ACH: **325.00**.

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Identifiable: **\$350.00**; Loose: **\$188.00**;
Total: **\$538.00**

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

CCD: I would like to see, know and take class for our children regarding altar serving. So please encourage and bring you children to CCD class every week.

