

Dear Padre,

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make God or the saint pay more attention to the petition? And isn't doing that a fire hazard?

Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord,

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize the rising of our prayers to heaven day and night. Prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies

with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people—often forgotten people—who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines...doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, religious men and women and so very many others who have understood that no one reaches salvation by themselves.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JULY 12

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 14

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin*

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 15

*St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church*

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 16

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 17

Weekday

Ex 12:37–42

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 18

*Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jer 23:1–6

Eph 2:13–18

Mk 6:30–34

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

July 10th Sat 5 pm Int donor

July 11th Sun 9 am Patricia Dorsey

July 11th 6pm Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday **No Mass**

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

July 17th Sat 5 pm Int donor

July 18th Sun 9 am Parish

July 18th 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

YOU CAN DO IT

Today's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (1:3). We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred,

violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it.

So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. Mark 6:12-13

For Reflection

- *In what ways do you make the world better?*
- *Do you realize that you have the power of God to transform the world?*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 40

\$2,519.37 loose: \$170.00 **Total: \$2,689.37**

Children: \$5.06 Ach: \$475.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 12

\$1,355.00 loose: \$32.00 **Total: \$1,387.00**

Anniversary Mass Registration: Please fill out a registration form for those celebrating 25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,65,70,+ years of marriage. There will be a special mass celebrated on Nov. 7, 2021 at Nativity Cathedral where a certificate will be presented. Contact Fr. David for information.

Feast of St. Ann: July 26th. Our Parish will celebrate after the 5pm mass on Saturday July 24th and the 9am mass on Sunday July 25th with coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

Church Repairs for storm damage will begin. Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Hall during construction work.

Thanks: Jerry and Kay van Pelt for beautifying the church gardens and Ellen West for cleaning the fish pond. It all looks good because of you all. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat July 10 th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun July 11 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun July 11 th 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun July 11 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuavas		
Sat July 10 th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun July 11 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun July 11 th 9 am	Kim wood		
Sun July 11 th 6pm	Judith Martinez		

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, each Mass card is \$ 10.00 dollars. Thanks

Online learning: on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
- Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.

Catholic School Subsidys:

St. Vincent: Jackglyn Mitchell, \$1000, Keileigh Smith, \$1000, Alden Smith, \$1000,

St. Patrick: Brooklyn Mitchell, \$1200,

St. Stanislaus: Austin Scarceng, \$1200, Carson Leverett, \$1200, Keegan Leverett, \$1200,

Sacred Heart: Wyatt Underwood, \$1000, Our

Lady of Fatima: Lindsey McGough, \$1000, Our

Lady Academy: Addyson Geil, \$1200, Blacce Geil, \$1200, Kennedy Geil, \$1200

Bible Study and prayer group: Those who would like to join let Fr. David or Ruth know. Thanks. For more information, please contact **Ruth.**

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman.

Celebration Draw Down July 31st: Tickets are on sale beginning this weekend. See Father to purchase a ticket. One ticket (\$100) admits two people to the meal from 6-7:30pm, a band from 7:30-11:30 with the drawing at 8pm. Please join us! Thanks.