

# Dear Padre,

**My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?**

**P**opular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to share your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney,

Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Nm 20:1-13

Mt 16:13-23

### Friday

AUGUST 6

Transfiguration

of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

### Saturday

AUGUST 7

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday

AUGUST 8

Nineteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51





**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES  
AUGUST 1, 2021**



**St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission**

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

July 31<sup>st</sup> Sat 5 pm Curtis Cuevas

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Sun 9 am Etta Dubuison

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm Int donor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Both before Mass and by Appointment**

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Sat 5 pm Lillian Rappold

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am Etta Dubuison

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm Parish

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

**From Father David's Desk...**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## **BREAD OF LIFE**

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food – as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims

about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father – as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread – the edible kind or the Eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*  
JOHN 6:35

### **For Reflection**

- Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.

***WITH PRAYERS***

**FR. DAVID**

<b>ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:</b> Identifiable 46 \$1,860.00 loose: \$207.00 <b>Total: \$2,067.00</b> Children: \$13.60 Ach: \$5.00 <b>OLC STEWARDSHIP:</b> Identifiable 12 \$30.00 Loose: 155.00 <b>Total: \$185.00</b>
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**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.

**Church Repairs** for storm damage will be done in August due to the drawdown and continuing rain.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat July 31 <sup>st</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 9 am	Kim Underwood		William Burke
Sun Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	Patricia Garret		Derek T
Sun Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Judith Martinez		

**Celebration Draw Down July 31<sup>st</sup>**: Thanks to everyone who worked for the drawdown. It was very great successful and all had a fun and great times. Thank you and appreciate you all who supported and worked for the great success.

**Sacraments**: If you or a family member received a sacrament between 2014-2020 please check with Fr. David to be sure it is in the record books. Bring any document that you have concerning the sacrament.

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

**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.

**Upcoming Second Collection**: on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Extension Society.

**First Friday Adoration**: On August 6<sup>th</sup>. Those who are assigned be there in your time. It's open to all, it is a great opportunity for everyone to come and spend some times with our Lord Jesus. So try to make it. 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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Duke) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, 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.