

# Dear Padre,

**Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause— isn't that a form of suicide?**

**L**ife is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God.

Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

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

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



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."*

HOMILY, MARCH 18, 2019

## Calendar

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 6  
Weekday

Col 1:24—2:3  
Lk 6:6—11

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday

Col 2:6—15  
Lk 6:12—19

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 8  
*The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1—4a or  
Rom 8:28—30  
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, o  
1:18—23

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 9  
*St. Peter Claver,  
Priest*

Col 3:12—17  
Lk 6:27—38

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday  
1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14  
Lk 6:39—42

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 11  
Weekday  
1 Tm 1:15—17  
Lk 6:43—49

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 12  
*Twenty-fourth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Is 50:4c—9a  
Jas 2:14—18  
Mk 8:27—35



**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 5 pm Michael Rappold

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am People in AfG

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm Int donor

Mon 8am Gayle Moran

Wednesday 6pm Helen Int

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Lillian Rappold

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am Parish

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm Int donor

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both before Mass and by Appointment

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

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## **He Has Done All Things Well**

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension.

It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

**FOR Reflection** \* Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?

\* How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?

***PRAYERS***

**FR. DAVID**

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable 11, \$545.00 loose: \$.102.00 **Total: \$647.00**  
Children: \$ Ach: \$5.00

**OLC STEWARDSHIP:** Identifiable \$.00  
Loose: \$00 **Total: \$.00**

**Church Repairs** for storm damage is continuing. Mass will be in the Parish Hall until further notice. Thanks for your cooperation.

**CCD Parents and Teachers Meeting:** September 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 9.00 am mass we will have a meeting with CCD children's parents and all the teachers. We need your cooperation, please join us. Thanks

**Sympathy:** Fr. David and the parish community offer our prayers to the family of Theresa Overmyer and Gayle Moran, Joan Nance who have passed away. Remember their grieving families in our prayers. Thanks

**Garage Sale:** Oct.2 and Oct.9, 7a.m.-4p.m. sponsored by the St. Ann Altar Society. We are accepting donated items. Please do not leave church office (228)832-2560 or Beverly@ (228) anything outside the building, call Fr. David @ the 832-4968 to be there to receive the items. Thanks for your cooperation.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Sept-4th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun sept-5 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun sept-5 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Beau Underwood		
Sun sept-5 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Judith Martinez		
Sat Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

**Word among us:** for the month of September is available at the entrance. Pick it up for yourself. Thanks.

**Altar Society Meeting:** Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, after 9:00 mass. Please join. Thanks

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:** Sept 4&5 for Catholic University. Thanks for your generosity.

**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.

**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.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**

***Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.*** Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

### **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, Timmy & Paula Lizana