

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others



who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before

or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You may know all the commandments, all the prophesies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14–16
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13–16
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37





**24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIMES
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Sept 11th Sat 5 pm Lillian Rappold

Sept 12th Sun 9 am Parish

Sept 12th 6pm Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Sept 18th Edward Rappold sr

Sept 19th Sun 9 am Parish

Sept 19th 6pm Int donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law.

Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together.

Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 47

\$2,250.00 loose: \$208.00 **Total: \$2,458.00**

Children: \$8.59 Ach: 675.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$490.00

Loose: \$98.00 **Total: \$588.00**

Special Collection for Catholic University:
\$190.00

Church Repairs for storm damage is continuing. Mass will be in the Parish Hall until further notice. Now we are working in the sacristy. Hopefully it will be finished soon. Thanks for your cooperation.

CCD: Registration is this weekend (September 11 & 12) and classes will begin this weekend

Donation: We would like to update the TVs in the CCD building. Also we need an Internet connection in order to use online instructions in the children's faith formation. You may donate a smart TV or money. Thanks for your help in educating our youth in the Catholic faith.

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 items outside the building. Call the church office (228)832-2560 or Beverly@ (228) 832-4968 to be there to receive the items. Thanks for your cooperation.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Sept 11 th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 12 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 12 th 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Sept 12 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		
Sat Sept 18 th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 19 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 19 th 9 am	Kim Wood		
Sun Sept 19 th 6pm	Patricia Garrett		

The Word Among Us: for the month of September is available at the entrance. Pick it up for yourself. Thanks.

Altar Society Meeting: Sunday September 12th, after 9:00 mass. Please join. Thanks

Upcoming Second collection: Sep25th and 26th, for the diocese of New Orleans to recover from the hurricane Ida. Thanks

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