

Dear Padre,

Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?

Many Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest

Zec 8:1–8

Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 8:20–23

Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,

and Raphael,

Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or

Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12

Lk 10:1–12

Friday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child

Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Bar 1:15–22

Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29

Mt 18:1–5, 10

Sunday

OCTOBER 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18–24

Heb 2:9–11

Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



**26TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIMES
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021**

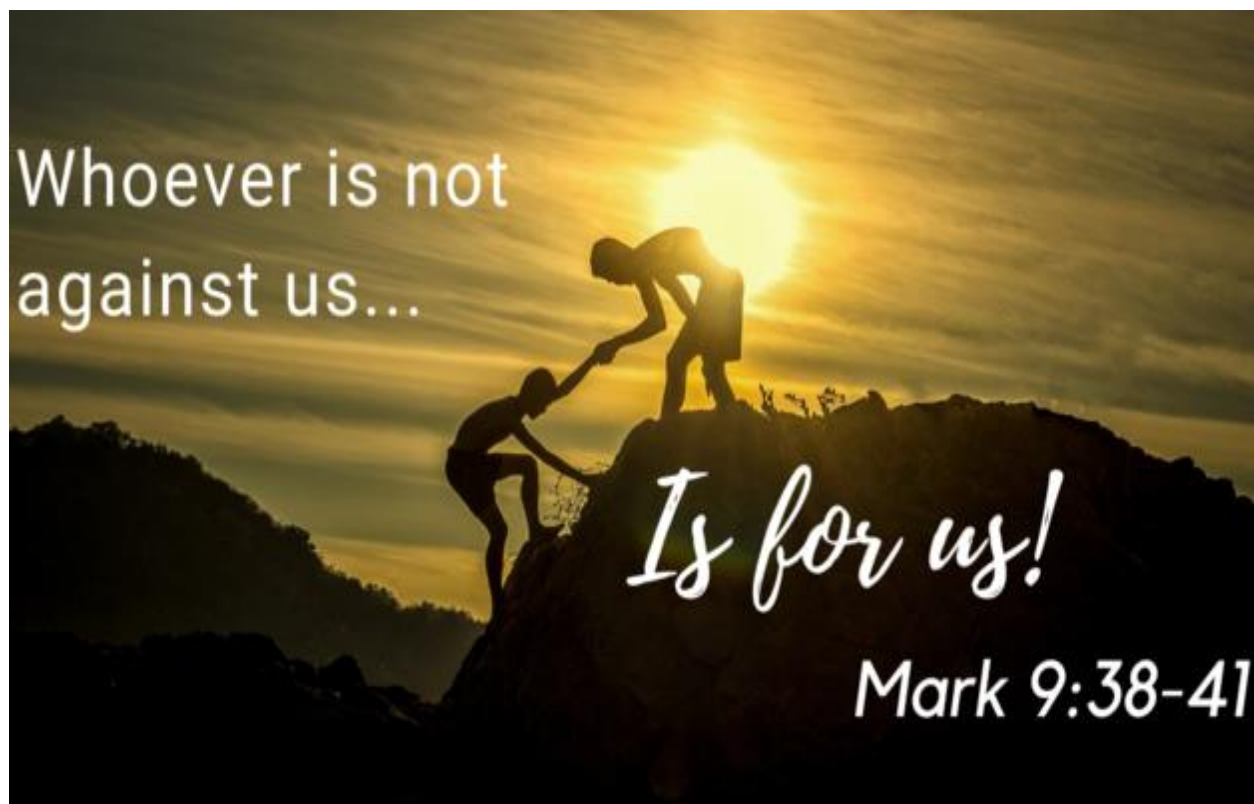


St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Sept 25th 5pm Edward Rappold

Sept 26th Sun 9 am William Demelo

Sept 26th 6pm Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Gayle Moran

Wed 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Oct 2nd 5pm Allcide Robichusc

Oct 3rd Sun 9 am Int donor

Oct 3rd 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jesus said,] "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna." MARK 9:43

Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

For Reflection

- *Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.*
- *What behavior might you have to give up?*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$1,749.00 loose: \$53.86 **Total: \$1,802.86**

Children: \$37.00 Ach: 590.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$55.00

Loose: \$115.00 **Total: \$170.00**

Church Repairs for storm damage are continuing. Mass will be in the Parish Hall until further notice. Now we are working in the sacristy. Hopefully it will be finished October 10th. Thanks for your cooperation.

Donation: We would like to thank the people who donated TVs and money for the Internet connection in the CCD building. We will now be able to setup online instructions in the children's faith formation. Thanks for your help in educating our youth in the Catholic faith.

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

CCD: Classes after the 9am mass.

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

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Sept 25 th 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Sept 26 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Sept 26 th 9 am	Beau Underwood		
Sun Sept 26 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		
Sat Oct 2 nd 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Oct 3 rd OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Oct 3 rd 9 am	CCD children		
Sun Oct 3 rd 6pm	Judith Martinez		

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.

Divine Mercy sign board: Thanks to Gary and Debbie Beach for donating the Divine Mercy sign. It looks great and testifies that Jesus is compassionate to all. 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.

Discipleship Quads: We would like to establish this program at St. Ann. It is a form of Bible study. Someone from Holy Trinity Parish will speak at all the weekend masses on Sept 26 & 27 to give us more information.

First Friday Adoration: On octamer first. 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

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