

# Dear Padre,

**I just got my new driver's license, and my wife is encouraging me to sign up to be an organ donor. Are organ transplants permitted by the Catholic Church?**

**Y**es, under certain conditions. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good that is sought for the recipient" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplants from a dead person to a living person must fulfill two additional criteria: First, the donor must give free and informed consent prior to death, or those who legitimately speak on the donor's behalf must do so at the time of death. And second, the donor must be dead before the tissue can be harvested—in other words, the donor must not be declared dead prematurely, nor may the donor's death be hastened just to use the organs. The *Catechism* adds, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity."

The transplantation of organs from a living donor must fulfill two criteria: First, the removal of the organ must not seriously impair the donor's health or bodily function. Second, the donor must make an informed and free decision recognizing the potential risks involved.

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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

*In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness....God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love.*

HOMILY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Lk 10:25—37

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jon 3:1—10

Lk 10:38—42

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jon 4:1—11

Lk 11:1—4

### Thursday

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13—20b

Lk 11:5—13

### Friday

OCTOBER 8

Weekday

Jl 1:13—15; 2:1—2

Lk 11:15—26

### Saturday

OCTOBER 9

Weekday

Jl 4:12—21

Lk 11:27—28

### Sunday

OCTOBER 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7—11

Heb 4:12—13

Mk 10:17—30

or 10:17—27

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorist Scrupulous Anonymous free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).



**27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIMES  
OCTOBER 3, 2021**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm Alcide Robicheaux

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9 am Pearl Drew

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm Parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wed 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm Jerald Rappold

Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am George Brignac

Oct 10<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,*

*[Jesus said,] "A man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh."* MARK 10:7-8

## A Suitable Partner

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as "helper" or "helpmate," thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectionary* translates the word as "suitable partner," emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as "alone." A common meaning is "separated from," implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus' interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today's readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships

*For Reflection*

- *Do you consider yourself a "suitable partner"?*
- *Are you nurturing and respectful?*

***WITH PRAYERS***

**FR. DAVID**

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable**

\$1,239.00 loose: \$193.00 **Total: \$1,432.00**

Children: \$65.65 Ach:

**Special Collection Hurricane LA: \$424.00**

**OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable** \$55.00

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

**Special Collection Hurricane LA: \$100.00**

**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.

**Discipleship Quads:** We would like to establish this program at St. Ann. It is a form of Bible study. Signup sheets are in the back. Please join. For more information call Fr. David @2288322560. Thanks.

**CCD:** Classes after the 9am mass.

**Diocese of Biloxi Priests Convocation:**

Oct18-22, M-F. Father David will attend and therefore will not be available for that week. No weekday masses.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Oct 2 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 am	CCD children		
Sun Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6pm	Judith Martinez		
Sat Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Patricia Garret		

**Garage Sale:** 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 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.

**The Word Among Us:** is available for the month of October after mass. Please take a copy.

**Re-opening of the church:** 9.00am mass, Sunday, October 17th. There will be no 6pm evening mass that day. We need some volunteers to clean the entire church on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Let Fr. David know who can help with the cleanup. Thanks.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for 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 pre-nuptial 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 Necaise, 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