

# Dear Padre,

## Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

**F**or clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs,"



"tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.*

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 1  
All Saints  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 2  
Commemoration  
of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 3  
Weekday  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 4  
St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

NOVEMBER 5  
Weekday  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 6  
Weekday  
Rom 16:3-9,  
16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 7  
Thirty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Heb 9:24-28  
Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44



# 31<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES OCTOBER 31, 2021



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

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Oct30th 5pm All Souls Day

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Sun 9 am All Souls Day

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Sun 6pm parish

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Both before Mass and by Appointment**

Mon 8am All Saints Day

**Tues 9 am Mass in Cemetery**

Wed 6pm William O'Neil

Thurs 8am William O'Neil

Fri 8am William O'Neil

Oct30th 5pm William O'Neil

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Sun 9 am Parish

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Sun 6pm William O'Neil

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am Jody Pitcock and

Celena Saucier

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

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

## **Take to Heart These Words**

**“H**ear, O Israel!” (Deuteronomy 6:3)

are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of “pledge of allegiance” that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God’s personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: “I will be your God and you shall be my people” (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God’s people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength. Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. “Hear, O Israel!” “Take to heart these words” (Deuteronomy 6:6).

FOR Reflection

★ *How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?*

★ *How open are you to changing b understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?*

***WITH PRAYERS***

**FR. DAVID**

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable**

\$2,915.00 loose: \$147.00 **Total: \$3,062.00**

Children: \$11.10 Ach: \$ 5.00

**OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable** \$80.00

Loose: \$13.00 **Total: \$93.00**

**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 @228-832-2560. Thanks.

**The Word Among Us:** for the month of November is available in the back of church.

**Lizana Light:** Every Saturday from 9am to 11am. We need donations of food items and cash. If someone is interested please help us with a donation for this essential ministry. Thank you.

**First Friday Adoration:** November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**All Souls Day:** November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mass in the cemetery @ 9am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** October 30 and 31 for Lizana Light. Please be generous.

**Mass Time Change:** Daylight savings time ends Nov. 6 so the Saturday evening mass will be at 4pm starting Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 9 am	Beverly Saucier		
Sun Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 6pm	Judith Martinez		
Sat Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 5pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	CCD children		
Sun Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Patricia Garret		

**All Souls Day Novena:** Will begin on October 25<sup>th</sup> and end November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to remember a loved one, there are envelopes available on which to write the names and place your donation. Thanks

**Church Repair:** Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us to remove the pews and the carpet from the church. Work is still in progress. Thanks for your patience.

**Sympathy:** Fr. David and the parish community offer our prayers to the family of Glenda Fazzio, who passed away. Remember her and grieving family are in our prayers. 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.

**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 preuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**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