

# Dear Padre,

**I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that's known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?**

**L**as *posadas*, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

*Posada* is Spanish for "inn." The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph's trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the "pilgrims," going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for *posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging—it's a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God

searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

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for the Padre?**

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: "Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?"*

GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b-8, 18,  
21c-25

Lk 7:18b-23

### Thursday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday

Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

### Friday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

### Saturday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

### Sunday

DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday

of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 12, 2021**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Sat 4pm Lorraine Chopin

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

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Sun 6pm Lorraine Chopin

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Both before Mass and by Appointment**

Mon 8am Tracy Joe Dotson

Wed 6pm Tracy Joe Dotson

Thurs 8am Tracy Joe Dotson

Fri 8am Tracy Joe Dotson

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 4pm Parish

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Sun 9 am Tracy Joe Dotson

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Sun 6pm Int donor

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Sun 7:30 am



### From Father David's Desk...

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

The Lord, your God, is in your midst...Who will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in his love. ZEPHANIAH 3:17

## Joy to the World!

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to "Shout for joy" because "the Lord is in your midst" (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel" (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to "rejoice in the Lord always" because "the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel, we see that "the people were filled with [messianic] expectation," even wondering "whether John might be the Messiah" (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that "one mightier than I is coming" (3:16). So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what's at the top of your list? We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That's why we sing "Joy to the World."

### *For Reflection*

- *Think of a few ways you have experienced God's goodness in your life. Rejoice and give thanks for these blessings.*
- *What are your hopes for the day of salvation?*

**WITH PRAYERS**

**FR. DAVID**

#### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable**

\$2,625.00 loose: \$112.00 **Total: \$2,737.00**

Children: \$20.00 Ach: \$675.00

#### **OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable 755.00**

Loose: \$67.00 **Total: \$822.00**

**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.

### **Christmas mass schedule:**

#### **St. Ann's**

Vigil at 4:00pm (Friday 12/24)

Midnight at 12:00am

9:00am (Saturday 12/25)

**Our Lady of Chartres 7:30am (12/25)**

#### **New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God**

St. Ann: Vigil: 4pm (Fri 12/31) & 9am (Sat 1/1)

**Re-opening of the Church:** Thank to all volunteers who helped and replace the pews and clean the entire church. I really appreciate your love and help! A special thanks to the Susan Pleaze family for donating the cost of the paint.

**Advent Penance service:** will be on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the evening mass. I encourage you to make use of this opportunity.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE  
FR. DAVID WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Dec 11 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Mathew		
Sun Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Patricia Garret		
Sat Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

**Lumen Christi Award:** This award is given to those who reveal the light of Christ to others in their communities. The 2021 winners from St. Ann's are Augusta Ann and Willard Shaw. It will be presented on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent during mass. Congratulations and thanks for all you do for our parish family

**Parish Council Meeting:** Friday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30. Thanks

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Whiskey Basket:** Raffle Tickets are available after every mass or you can get one from Johnny or Garland Moran. Thanks

**Christmas Flowers and Baskets:** There are envelopes available for donations for Christmas flowers. Also nomination forms for the Christmas baskets are available. Donations of food are needed for those baskets. Thanks

**Pancakes with Santa:** will be on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> after 9.00am mass. Our CCD children will be performing some programs. Please join us and encourage our children. Thanks

**Upcoming second collection:** Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for retired religious

**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.

**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.

**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, 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 and W.C. King.