

# Dear Padre,

## I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?

**I**t's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."

A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

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

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,

Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

### Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,

the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12e

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**  
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# THE LORD 'S NATIVITY DECEMBER 25, 2021



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm Parish

Dec 26 9am Donor

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Sun 6pm **No mass**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Both  
before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am **No mass**

Wed 6pm **No mass**

Thurs 8am Int of Donor

**Fri 4pm Donor**

**Sat 9am Donor**

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am Parish

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 6pm **No mass**

**Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.**

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 7:30 am, Donor



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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



## All in the Family

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was

part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family

✳ For which of God's promises are you excited?

✳ Open your mind and heart to our firm, strong, and dependable leader

***WITH PRAYERS***

**FR. DAVID**

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable**

\$2,707.00 \$loose: \$320.00**Total: \$3,027.54.**

Children: \$2.74 Ach: \$590.00.

**OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable** \$255.00

Loose: \$97.00 **Total: 352.00.**

**Upcoming second collection:** January 1-2, 2022, for the Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky.

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Whiskey**

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

**Welcome new parishioner:** We welcome Palmer Elizabeth Marchand to our community who was baptized and became a member of the St. Ann community. Thanks to Mathew and Lacy Marchand for bringing their child into the church family.

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
Fri Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West		
Sat Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> Midnight	Beverly Saucier		
Sat Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:30am OLC	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sat Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Kim Wood		
Sat Dec 25 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> 9 am	Beau Underwood		
Sun Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	No mass		
Fri Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 4pm	Mike West		
Sat Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 9am	Beverly Saucier		
Sat Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 4pm	Mile west		
Sun Jan 2nd OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		
Sun Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9am	Lacy Marchand		
Sun Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6pm	No mass		

**Christmas Flowers and Baskets:** Thank you for donations for the Christmas flowers. A special thanks to the altar society for decorating the whole church. It looks so beautiful because of your creative efforts.



**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, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana , W.C. King and Brenda Page and Sr. Anna Louise.

**Need of Kidney Donor:** A 47-year-old man needs a kidney donor. The donor must have type B positive or Negative blood. Want to save a life by donating a kidney? Call Fr. David Milton at 228-346-3578 or 228-834-2560. 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