

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23

Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10

1 Cor 12:12–30

or 12:12–14, 27

Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21





**SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Jan 15th 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 16th 9 am Parish

Jan 16th Sun 6pm Int of Donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both
before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int of Donor

Wed 6pm Int of Donor

Thurs 8am Int of Donor

Fri 8am Int of Donor

Jan 22nd 4pm Int of Donor

Jan 23rd 9 am Int of Donor

Jan 23rd Sun 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Jan 9th Sun 7:30 am, Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer forsaken or desolate, but now a delight and espoused (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of

which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

FOR Reflection ★ How might you describe your relationship with God?

★ Do you feel alienated from God?

Remember, God's mercy can change that

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable

\$1,851.00 \$loose: \$168.00 **Total: \$2,019.00**

Children: \$ 3.00 Ach: \$ 5

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$55.00

Loose: \$102.00 **Total: \$.157.00.**

Church Envelopes for the year 2022: are available in front of the church. Please pick up your own envelope which is labeled with your name and address. Don't leave it behind. If anything needs to be changed let Fr. David know. Thanks.

Year-end summary: If you would like to have a year-end summery of your donations to the church for the tax exception, let Fr. David know, he will send it to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

Upcoming Second Collection: Jan 22 and 23rd Aged and infirm Priest

Old Carpet: Those who like to take home old carpet, you are welcome.

Volunteers needed: like to clean and organize the storage room on 20th Thursday please come forward Thanks

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Jan 15 th 4pm	Mike West		
Sun Jan 16 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 16 th 9am	Eddie Duran		
Sun Jan 16 th 6pm	Patricia Garret		
Sat Jan 22 nd 4pm	Mike West		
Sun Jan 23 rd OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Jan 23 rd 9am	Mathew Marchand		
Sun Jan 23 rd 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		

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

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.

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Music for vigil mass. Annie Lumpkin accepted to play a piano for the vigil mass please join with her for singing. Thanks to Annie for your talented

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 Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman, Timmy & Paula Lizana , W.C. King and Brenda Page and Sr. Anna Louise.

Sympathy: Fr. David and the parish community offer our prayers to the family of Huey Jackson Gaines, who passed away. Remember him and his grieving family are in your prayers. Thanks

Lizana Light: On alternate Saturdays from 9am to 9:30. If someone is need of food, please refer them. Thank you.

First Friday Adoration: There will be Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8:30 to Noon and 6pm to 7pm. **There won't be weekly adoration.** Please make use of this opportunity to adore and praise the lord. Thanks