

Dear Padre,

I heard some people talking about the coming of the Antichrist. Who or what is this Antichrist?

Some Christian sects believe there will come a point when the faithful of their church will be taken off the earth and whisked into heaven. This is usually referred to as “the rapture.” After this event, they believe the Antichrist will come. This Antichrist is an individual man who will incarnate in himself the power of Satan. He will deceive even the holiest person and will rule the entire world. It is believed that Jesus will then return and defeat this Antichrist in the ultimate battle between good and evil. The appearance of the Antichrist supposedly coincides with the end of time.

Most of the material that would support this scenario is found in the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here the devil tries to stop Christ’s victory and to convince people that Christ is not the master. This chapter of Revelation deals with the conflict in the Roman Empire between the emperor Nero and the faithful Christians. Nero, the evil one, is assigned the number 666 so Christians could refer to him without openly attacking him. This section of the book was written to give hope to persecuted Christians.

Instead of worrying about the end of time, an Antichrist, a final battle, and “evil” numbers, Catholics are encouraged to believe that Christ has already conquered sin, death, and Satan. God’s reign is already here in our midst (see Luke 17:20–21). Our task is to prepare for our own moment of dying and meeting the Lord. We leave the rest to God’s providence!



ROMAN EMPEROR NERO. LEFT, FROM “HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.” AROUND 1880 / SERGEY KOHL / SHUTTERSTOCK

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We can make many pastoral plans, conceive of new methods for drawing people close, but if we don't take the path of God who has come in the flesh...then we are not on the path of the good spirit. [Instead, what prevails] is the Antichrist, worldliness, the spirit of the world.

MORNING MEDITATION, JANUARY 7, 2016

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13

Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30

Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1–10

Mk 7:14–23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4–13

Mk 7:24–30

Friday

FEBRUARY 11

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29–32; 12:19

Mk 7:31–37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 12:26–32;

13:33–34

Mk 8:1–10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 13

Sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Lk 6:17, 20–26

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a question for
the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
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and to learn more about
Dear Padre.





**FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 6, 2022**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & intentions

Feb 5th 4pm Int of Donor

Feb 6th 9 am Int of Donor

Feb 6th Sun 6pm Parish

**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

Feb 12th 4pm Int of Donor

Feb 13th 9am Parish

Feb 13th Sun 6pm Int of Donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Feb 6th Sun 7:30 am Int of Donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Whom Shall I Send?

This could very well be called Mission Sunday—not because there is a second collection, but because today's readings challenge us to examine how we have responded to being called and sent.

Isaiah recounts a religious experience he had while in the Temple. Most majestic of all aspects of that vision was the voice that spoke to him. He heard the words, "Whom shall I send?" (Isaiah 6:8). Send where? To do what? Presumably it meant: "Whom shall I send to speak my word to the people?" The eagerness of the prophet is remarkable: "Here I am...send me!" This passage describes Isaiah's call to ministry, to be God's prophet to the people.

The Gospel reading reports another call—that of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to attract (catch) men and women. Again, almost without thinking, "they left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11).

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the "fish" (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: "I handed on to you...what I also received" (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: "I will be your God and you will be my people." This is what we've all been called to experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, then the disciples, then Paul, and now you and me.

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In which life circumstances have you been called to be a disciple of Jesus?*
- ★ *How might you spread the Good News of God's love to others in your life?*

With Prayers

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable, 60, \$2494.00 loose: \$82.00 **Total: \$2,576.00**

Children: \$16.32 Ach: \$, SC: \$404.00

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$75.00

Loose: \$91.00 **Total: \$166.00, SC: \$50.00**

Regarding Sunday 6.00 pm mass:

Over the past few months attendance at the 6.00pm mass has been below 20. I will watch the attendance for the months of January and February. If it is below 30, I may need to cancel that mass. If you have any question let Fr. David know.

School subsidy:

Available for Catholic school students who are registered and belong to this parish. Bring the form from the respective school to Fr. David. He will sign it if the requirements are met. Thanks

Volunteers Needed:

After many months, the leaders of our Lizana Light Ministries will be passing the torch. We are looking for volunteers to take up this Ministry as they retire. If you would be interested please contact the office.

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 Feb 5th 4pm	Mike West		
Sun Feb 6th OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Feb 6th 9am	CCD children		William Burke
Sun Feb 6th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		
Sat Feb 12th 4pm	Mike West		
Sun Feb 13th OLC 7:30	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sun Feb 13th 9am	Kim Wood		William Burke
Sun Feb 13th 6pm	Patricia Garrett		

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. Contact the office to let us know.

Feast of St. Blaise: Fr. David will bless all the children's throats with crossed candles on Sunday, February 6th at the children's mass.

February - First Friday Adoration: There will be Adoration on the first Friday of the month from 8:30 to Noon and 6pm to 7pm. Please make use of this opportunity to adore and praise the Lord. Thanks

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022
COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND
 Numerous events scheduled daily during the week of January 31st-February 5th.
 Virtual Open House on the school website:
www.svdpcatholicsschool.org
 Call to schedule a private tour: 228-222-600

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 prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

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 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 , Pat Ladner, Brenda Page and Sr. Anna Louise.