

Dear Padre,

If God is so forgiving, why can't I just ask for his forgiveness directly? Why do I need to go to confession and ask a man, a priest, to have my sins forgiven?

It's ironic that some claim a man cannot forgive sins. That same accusation was leveled against Jesus himself when he forgave the paralyzed man (see Mark 2:5–7). But Jesus clearly told his apostles they were to be instruments of his forgiveness. When he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection he said: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

James the Apostle also endorses the concept of humans administering God's forgiveness: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

Baptism, another sacrament administered by a person, starts our discipleship with Jesus. It cleanses us of all sin—including original sin. But even as Jesus' disciples, we are sometimes unfaithful and need to ask forgiveness. It's not surprising, then, that Jesus has given us another sacrament—again administered by a person—for the forgiveness of sins after baptism: the sacrament of reconciliation.

God is forgiving—so forgiving that when people killed Jesus, his Son, he did not punish and destroy the world. Rather, he used the death of Jesus to demonstrate just how patient and forgiving he is. Our gravest sins—murder, adultery, a life lived apart from God—require the intervention of the sacrament of penance. But even confessing smaller sins is useful. If nothing else, it keeps us humble enough to remember that all of us need forgiveness because all of us sin.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Going to confess is not like going to the dry cleaner's to have a stain removed....If there is no love in the sacrament, it is not as Jesus wishes it to be. If it is functional, it is not how Jesus wants it to be. Love...toward the brother and the sister who are forgiven sinners. This is the fundamental relationship.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 12, 2021

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:12–20

Tuesday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 10

Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion
Lk 19:28–40
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Lk 22:14—23:56
or 23:1–49



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*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*
April 3rd 2022



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule

Saturday - April 2nd 4:00pm - Donor

Sunday - April 3rd 9:00am - Sawyer

Sunday - April 3rd 6:00pm - Ex Society

OLC Mass Schedule

Sunday - April 3rd 7:30am - Donor

**SACRAMENT of
RECONCILIATION**

Before Mass or
Appointment

Monday - April 4th 8:00am - Peggy Brookes

Wednesday - April 6th 6:00pm - Donor

Thursday - April 7th 8:00am - Peggy Brookes

Friday, April 8th 8:00am - Donor

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES:

Saturday - April 9th 5:00pm - Sawyer

Palm Sunday - April 10th 7:30am - Parish

Palm Sunday - April 10th 9:00am - Parish

From Father David's Desk...

“Do Not Sin Any More.”

At first reading of today's Gospel, one might think that those who brought the adulterous woman to Jesus were concerned about observance of the law. Halfway through the story, this error is corrected: “They said this to test him” (John 8:6). They thought that any answer he would provide would anger his audience. If he directed them to stone her, his teaching about mercy and forgiveness would sound hollow, and people would turn away from him. If he spoke against stoning, he would appear to be setting himself above the law, which required that particular punishment for adultery. They must have thought they had Jesus cornered.

Not to be undone by them, Jesus traced him finger on the ground. Was he listing the sins of the woman's accusers? Was he using silence to make them feel uncomfortable? Was he choosing his words carefully? Was he simply doodling? We don't know. But his words “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.” JOHN 8:10–11 cut to the core: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). Who would dare step forward to execute the sentence? They left, beginning with the elders because the custom was to throw the stones according to age—eldest first.

Had Jesus undermined his teaching about mercy and forgiveness? No. Had he denigrated the law? No. Did he leave the woman with the impression that her sin was not serious? No. He left her with this admonition: I will not condemn you to death, but you have to change your life.

With Prayer,
Fr. David

FOR *Reflection*

- * *How quick are you to point out the failings of others? What good comes from it?*
- * *What in your life do you know you have to change? Why can't you do it?*

St. Ann Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$2145.00 – Loose: \$271.00

Children: \$23.00 (ACH: \$5.00)

Total: \$2439.00

OLC Stewardship:

Identifiable: \$155.00 – Loose: \$99.00

Total: \$254.00

SYMPATHY:

Extend your sympathy to the Scarborough family on the loss of their son, Sawyer. Please keep Lacy, David, and all of the Scarborough family, in your Prayers during this difficult time.

6:00PM MASS Cancellation:

The 6:00pm Mass will be cancelled starting April 9th. Should you have any questions please contact Fr. David

LENTEN ADORATION Schedule:

Adoration on Friday during Lent will be 8:30am to 9:30am in the Chapel.

STATIONS of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross, Friday during the Lenten season beginning at 6:00pm in the Church.

CATFISH Dinners:

Catfish dinners will be served every Friday during the Lent. Dinner will be served from 4pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Carry out is available.

SECOND Collection:

There will be a second collection after Mass, April 3rd for Fr. David's order - The Herald of Good News.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday - April 2 nd 5:00pm	Beverly Saucier		August Schonewitz
Sunday - April 3 rd OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - April 3 rd 9:00am	Sherrie Demello	Harmon, Cameron, Blane	William Burke
Sunday - April 3 rd 6:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas		John Moran
Saturday - April 9 th 5:00pm	Al Eiselen		August Schonewitz
Sunday - April 10 th OLC 7:30am	Doug Ladner		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - April 10 th 9:00am	Eric Necaie	Layton, Landon, Parker	William Burke

CHILDRENS Mass & Easter Egg Hunt

Easter egg hunt and Picnic for everyone after the 9:00am Mass today. Festivities begin at 10:30am.

PARISH Garage Sale:

St. Ann's will be holding a Parish garage sale Saturday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 30th from 7:00am-4:00pm on the Parish grounds. All proceeds will go to the Parish. Anyone wishing to donate call (228) 236.5888. All donations accepted.

HOLY Thursday Discipleship:

Holy Thursday brings about the reenactment of Christ's simple gesture, The Washing of The Feet. If you would like to participate as one of His Disciples for the reenactment on Holy Thursday a signup sheet is in the back of Church.

HOLY WEEK Schedule St. Ann/OLC

Palm Sunday Services:

Saturday - April 9th 5:00pm
Palm Sunday – April 10th 7:30am
Palm Sunday - April 10th 9:00am

Holy Thursday-April 15th

7:00pm Mass, Adoration to follow until 10:00pm

Good Friday-April 15th

3:00pm, Stations of the Cross followed by The Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday-April 16th

7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass.

Easter Sunday- April 17th

Our Lady of Chartres 7:30am Mass
St. Ann 9:00am Mass

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS – Mary Queen of Apostles Province.

As we reflect on these 40 days of Lenten, we find it's not only a time for sacrifice but also a time for giving back. During this time, Fr. David has the opportunity, with your help, to give back to the society that has given so much to him. The Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic life within the Diocese of Eluru, India. During these 40 days we have the opportunity to help his order in Fr. David's name. Any donation you can make will be a Blessing to his order and his Ministry. Make checks payable to St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Envelopes are in each pew and in the back of the church. *Thank you*

PRAYER Requests:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, 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, Joseph & Megan Colbi-Capitano, Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Stephany Bass, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Loretta Ladner, Matt Dubission, Cindy Ladner, Amanda Nelson, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Glinda & Jerry Gartman, Brenda Hoda and Louise Slade.

PRAYER Request Updates:

Please notify the office of any updates concerning the prayer request list. (228) 236-5888