

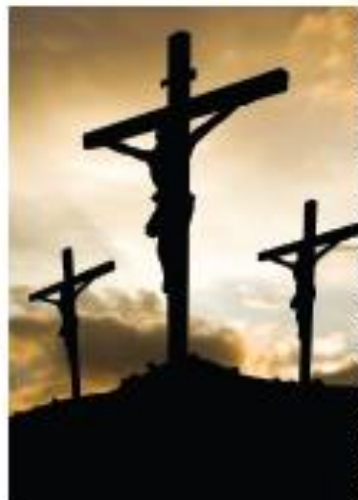
Dear Padre,

The Church says unless you're baptized, you will not enter heaven. So how was the unbaptized good thief able to enter paradise?

Jesus was crucified with two thieves. One taunted Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, rebuking him, said Jesus had done nothing criminal adding, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, saying, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:39-40, 42-43).

When the good thief rebuked the other, how did he know Jesus had done nothing wrong or that Jesus was going to his kingdom when he died? Scripture provides no background on the good thief to suggest he was baptized, but he's evidently familiar with Jesus' reputation before the crucifixion.

Regardless, even to his dying breath, Jesus desired for all a conversion experience with our compassionate God. God desires salvation for everyone. However, "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257). So while the typical way of salvation is through baptism, our merciful God can also give baptismal grace without the sacrament being conferred! For example, when unbaptized infants die, we have "hope that God will save [them] when we have not been able to do for them what we would have wished to do, namely, to baptize them" (2007 Vatican Commission, "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized," 103).



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus' answer does not leave [the good thief] waiting; he speaks of the present. He says, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." In the hour of the cross, the salvation of Christ reaches its height; and his promise to the good thief reveals the fulfillment of his mission: that is, to save sinners.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 24

Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19
Jn 20:19-31

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

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.



Easter Sunday



April 17th 2022

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – April 23rd 5:00pm Ex. Soc.

Sunday – April 24th 9:00am Ex. Soc.

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday – April 24th 7:30am Ex. Soc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by
Appointment

Monday - April 18th – No Mass

Wednesday – April 20th – No Mass

Thursday - April 21st – No Mass

Friday – April 22nd – No Mass

Saturday – April 23rd St. Ann 5:00pm

Sunday – April 24th OLC 7:30am

Sunday – April 24th St. Ann 9:00am

From Father David's Desk...

I Can't Believe It!

This sentence can mean two very contradictory things, it might express skepticism, similar to: "You've got to be kidding!" It means that what we are asked to accept as fact is just too far-fetched. Or we might marvel at something we think is magnificent, far beyond our expectations. Here it means: "I'm speechless!"

Lest we think that the empty tomb alone is proof of Jesus' resurrection, today's Gospel shows us that even his closest friends had initial problems with the idea. When Mary of Magdala found the tomb empty, she did not immediately conclude Jesus had risen. By itself, an empty tomb proves nothing. She thought his body had been taken. In the first reading, Peter describes how later several of Jesus' followers experienced him alive. This experience certainly changed their thinking. Like Peter, they then went out and proclaimed the truth of the resurrection. However, only those who had the experience were sure.

Neither empty tomb nor someone else's personal experience are by themselves certain evidence of the Resurrection. Then what is? We find the beginning of an answer in the even-later writing of Paul. Speaking to the Colossians he says: "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (3:3). In other words, the real proof of the resurrection is the faith of centuries of Christians whose lives have been changed by that faith. In other words, the way you and I live proclaims whether Jesus is alive and well in us. I can hardly believe it.

With Prayers,

Fr. David

FOR Reflection

- * We may have to wait for our own resurrection to get insight into the resurrection of Jesus. Pray for a deepened faith.
- * What might you do to make your own life a stronger witness of Jesus' resurrection?

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$2725.00 – Loose: \$759.00

Children: \$26.00 – (ACH: \$)

Total: \$3510.66

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$110.00 – Loose: \$123.00

Total: \$233.00

PARISH Garage Sale:

St. Ann's will be holding a garage sale Saturday, April 23rd & Saturday, April 30th from 7:00am to 4:00pm on the Parish grounds. All proceeds go to the church. Should you wish to donate contact Beverly Saucier (228) 234.1919.

MASS of Anointing and Healing:

A Mass of Anointing & Healing will be held Saturday, April 23rd at 5:30pm at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian. Should you need additional information you may call at (228) 452.4514.

St. Vincent DePaul "DISCO" Night:

St. Vincent DePaul School, 4321 Espy Ave. Long Beach, is hosting a "70's Disco Night" a night of food, drink and fun, April 29th from 7pm-11pm in the SVD Gym. Tickets are \$100 per couple. All tickets will be entered to win either a \$5000.00 tuition credit or \$5000.00 cash.

SECOND Collection:

A second collection for the Catholic Home Missions will be April 23rd & April 24th. Envelopes are in the pews and at the back of the Church.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday – April 16 th 7:00pm	Mike West		August Schonewitz
Sunday – April 17 th O LC 7:30am	Eddie Duran		Terry Mitchell
Sunday – April 17 th 9:00am	Lisa Cuevas	Paige, Eliza, Harman	William Burke
Saturday - April 23 rd 5:00pm	Al Eiselen		August Schonewitz
Sunday - April 24 th OLC 7:30am	Doug Ladner		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - April 24 th 9:00am	Sherrie DeMello	Cameron, Eliza, Audrey	William Burke

FUN IN THE SUN Picnic:

St. Ann will be hosting a picnic for all children in the Parish, May 1st after the Children's Mass, and First Communion. Come join us for food, drink and fun complete with water slide, dry slide, corn-hole and kickball. Come join the fun and remember to bring your swimsuits and towels.

UPDATE – Parish Directory 2022

Plans are in the making to update both St. Ann/Our Lady of Chartres Parish directories. These new directories will be the first since 2012, and will include, names and photos of our parish family. Scheduling for your photo may be made by phone, email or on-line. More to follow regarding scheduling information. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

PRAYER Requests:

We are in the process of updating the Prayer Request list. Please have the names of anyone that is in need of Prayers to the office by Thursday, April 21st in order to have them added to this new list.

HERALDS of Good News – Thank you!

I would like to thank all who donated to my order during this Lenten Season. The generosity you have shone, both to myself and my order, will long be remembered.

Thank you so much,
Fr. David

Fr. David's Whereabouts:

Fr. David will be out April 18th thru April 22nd and April 25th thru April 27th. There will be no Masses for those days.

EASTER Flowers:

We would like to thank everyone who donated in remembrance of their loved ones this Easter. The church is beautiful.

Luke Cuevas – Remembrance:

Curvis & Juanita Cuevas, Frieda Wilson & Betty Pierce

Emma & Frankie Ladner – Remembrance:

Etta Dubuisson, Francis Ladner & Elvera Ladner

Elaine & Gary Thomas – Remembrance:

Carla Thomas

Tammie Osborne – Remembrance:

Robby Osborne

Lisa Cuevas & Louise Ladner – Remembrance:

Slade Ladner & Pat Ladner

Mike & Ellen West – Remembrance:

Merle & Helen West, Rosa & Walter Moss, Dave & Greg West, Mary Jo Nunez, Ruth Kral & Danny Nunez

Kathleen Sicotte – Remembrance:

Sicotte/Peterson Families & Ryan/Rushing Families

Sherrie DeMello – Remembrance:

William DeMello & Elizabeth Boudeaux

Nikki Lizana – Remembrance:

Margaret Northrup & Donna Seymour

Walter & Lenell King – Remembrance:

Dantylor & Lea Ladner, Chester & Geneva King & Holden Barrage

Monica Robinson – Remembrance:

Sawyer Scarborough & Barbara Moran

Susan Peleaz – Remembrance of:

Beau & Florence Favre

Wanda Brignac – Remembrance:

George Brignac & A.J. and Marie Bobichaux

Al & Hilda Eiselen – Remembrance:

Marcus & Anne Segars

