

# Dear Padre,

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?

**T**his method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended *lectio divina* as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of *lectio divina* is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing *lectio divina* for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice *lectio divina* regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[*Lectio divina*] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with “obedience” to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,  
Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

### Tuesday

APRIL 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

### Wednesday

APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

### Thursday

APRIL 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

### Friday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

### Saturday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

### Sunday

MAY 1

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41

Rv 5:11–14

Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14





*Second Sunday  
of  
Easter*  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 2022



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**St. Ann Mass Schedule:**

Saturday – April 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm – Ex Soc.

Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Ex Soc.

**OLC Mass Schedule:**

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30am

Jim Ammon †

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**  
**Before Mass and by  
Appointment**

Monday - April 25<sup>th</sup> – No Mass

Wednesday – April 27<sup>th</sup> – No Mass

Thursday - April 28<sup>th</sup> – Ex. Soc.

Friday – April 29<sup>th</sup> – Ex. Soc.

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Saturday – May 7<sup>th</sup> St. Ann 5:00pm – Ex Soc.

Sunday – May 8<sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am – Jim Ammons †

Sunday – May 8<sup>th</sup> St. Ann 9:00am – Ex. Soc.

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

### *Take My Word for It*

This is easier said than done. Growing up, we insisted on doing things ourselves, learning from our own experience, developing a sense of our own ability. We soon came to know that there are times when we should—in fact, we must—take someone else's word for something. If we refused to do this, we might be called a “doubting Thomas.” Is that fair to us? Is it fair to Thomas?

As today's Gospel passage reports, gathered in a room, several disciples of Jesus experienced him truly among them. Thomas was absent. When the others told him what had occurred, he refused to take their word for it. To believe, he also would have to experience Jesus. It is unfair to credit them with faith and label him a doubter. After all, their experience probably convinced them, an event Thomas did not enjoy with the other disciples.

The point of this story is not Thomas' eventual visit by Jesus, or his subsequent profession of faith. Rather, it is the source of such a confession. Thomas was unwilling or unable to accept the truth of the resurrection unless he saw Jesus and touched him. Jesus told him: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). Blessed are you and me, who have come to know Jesus and the truth of his resurrection on the word of others our parents and teachers, pastoral ministers and friends, those who have come to know him and who witness to this in their lives

With Prayers,

*Fr. David*

### *FOR Reflection*

- ✧ *If you lack faith, as seems to be the case with Thomas, pray for it.*
- ✧ *What do you do to learn more about the faith?*

#### **St. Ann Stewardship**

Identifiable: \$2550.00 – Loose: \$992.00

Children: \$24.75 – (ACH: \$105.00)

**Total: \$3566.75**

#### **OLC Stewardship**

Identifiable: \$515.00 – Loose: \$234.00

**Total: \$749.00**

### **PARISH Garage Sale:**

St. Ann's will be holding a garage sale Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 4:00pm on the Parish grounds. All proceeds go to the church.

### **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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **FIRST FRIDAY Adoration:**

May 6<sup>th</sup> we will resume our First Friday Adoration in the Chapel. Adoration will begin directly after the 8:00am Mass concluding at 12:00pm. Evening adoration will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at 7:00pm. Please come join us.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVICES	USHERS
Saturday – April 23rd 5:00pm	Beverly Saucier		August Schonewitz
Sunday – April 24 <sup>th</sup> O LC 7:30am	Doug Ladner		Terry Mitchell
Sunday – April 24 <sup>th</sup> 9:00am	Sherrie DeMello	Cameron, Eliza, Audrey	William Burke
Saturday - Saturday – April 30 <sup>th</sup> 5:00	Al Eiselen		August Schonewitz
Sunday - Sunday – May 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:30am OLC	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchell
Sunday - Sunday – May 1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00am	Macy Necaize	Paige, Whyte, Katyn	William Burke

### **FUN IN THE SUN Picnic:**

St. Ann will be hosting a picnic for all children in the Parish, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **CATFISH Festival:**

The St. Ann Catfish festival will be held on the parish grounds, Father's Day weekend, June 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. Come join in the fun!

### **BLESSING of the Home:**

Beginning the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> Father David will again be available to bless your homes. If you would like to have your home blessed please contact Fr. David or the office.

### **MOTHER's Day Remembrance:**

If you wish to have your Mother remembered in a Mass envelopes are in your envelope books marked May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also have envelopes in the back of Church should you need one.

### **Heralds of Good News:**

Fr. David would once again like to thank you for your generosity toward his order during this Lenten season. It was greatly appreciated!

*Thank you,*

### **Easter Flowers:**

The flowers for our altar this Easter are simply beautiful! Thank you again to all who donated.

*Thank you,*

### **EASTER Basket Raffle:**

A big thank you to all that participated in the KofC Easter Basket raffle. It was a great success. Congratulation to this year's winner, KofC, Council 7087 in the Kiln. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Diocese of Blx, Priest Education fund & the Clergy retirement fund.

### **SECOND Collection:**

A second collection for the Catholic Home Missions will be held during Mass this weekend. Envelopes are in the pews and at the back of the church.

### **SYMPATHY:**

Please extend your sympathy to Robert Lizana and family on the passing of Robert's father, Mr. Hubert "Dego" Lizana.

### **PRAYER Requests:**

Nathan Northrup

### **Fr. David's Whereabouts:**

Fr. David will be out April 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Masses for those days.