

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; one woman and one man leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion (see Canons 872–874). *Godparent* isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role of trust in the child's faith life.

We grow in trust for someone via a gradual process of getting to know that person: being introduced, spending time together, talking to one another, learning about each other, and being generous with one another.

That's how trust in Jesus develops. Parents and godparents introduce us to him, teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. We learn from the parish, the Catholic school, and our *Catechism*. It's a gradual process of getting to know Jesus that leads us to trust him and have faith in him.

At baptism, the priest or deacon lights a candle from the large Easter candle. In many parishes, the candle is passed first to the godfather. "Receive the light of Christ," says the priest. The godfather passes it to the godmother, who passes it to the mother, who hands it to the father to hold for the child. That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to their child.

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Calendar

Monday

JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 12

Weekday

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 13

Weekday

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 15

St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 16

Weekday

Mt 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 17

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

On 18:1–10e

Col 1:24–28

Lk 10:38–42

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith. Children have the right to Christian formation, which "seeks to lead them gradually to learn God's plan in Christ."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 16, 2018



Liguori Publications is celebrating 75 years of ministry throughout 2022.

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Sunday

July 10th, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

Pastor: Reverend Fr. David Milton

Office phone: 228-832-2560, Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – July 9th 5:00pm-Patricia Dorsey

Sunday – July 10th 9:00am-Curvis &
Juanita Cuevas

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday – July 10th 7:30am-Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by
Appointment

Monday – July 11th 8:00am-Ex. Soc.

Wednesday – July 13th 6:00pm-NO MASS

Thursday – July 14th 8:00am-Ex. Soc.

Friday – July 15th 8:00am- Fr. Ryan McCoy

Saturday – July 16th St. Ann 5:00pm-Parish

Sunday – July 17th OLC 7:30am-Frs Fintan/Kitchin

Sunday – July 17th 9:00am-Frs McInerney/Mockler

From Father David's Desk...

Love of the Law

Years ago, I saw a chart in a catechism that identified the faith of the Old Testament as a religion of law and that of the New Testament as a religion of love. This is not only seriously wrong, but also dangerously biased. The two commandments to love as recorded in today's Gospel originate in Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18, respectively. Several of the prophets describe God's love of Israel in tender, even passionate, terms (Isaiah 43:1, Jeremiah 31:3). To think otherwise is to tread alarmingly close to a form of anti-Judaism. We must remember that the religion Jesus loved deeply, and which he sought to bring to fulfillment, was the religion of ancient Israel.

Part of the error of that chart might have been a misunderstanding of the meaning of law. We might think of *law* as "proscription" or "restriction" (you must...or you must not...). The Hebrew meaning is more flexible. Some translate the Hebrew word *torah* as "instruction" or "directive." The psalmist delights in the law because it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart. Today's first reading tells us that the law is already in our hearts. The law of love was certainly in the heart of the Samaritan who cared for the stranger on the side of the road.

If we can see that laws are meant to help us care for ourselves, others, and the world, we will soon realize that living as the laws direct us, might bring us to a deep love for the law.

With Prayers,
Fr. David

FOR *Reflection*

- * *What is the relationship between the rules or customs in your family and the love you have for its members?*
- * *Reflect on today's responsorial Psalm 19:8-11.*

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$1595.00 – Loose: \$296.00

Children: \$11.11 – (ACH: \$675.00)

Total: \$1902.11

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$475.00– Loose: \$152.00

Total: \$627.00

THANK You:

I would like to thank you all for the warm birthday wishes you shared with me on my birthday. You are all a Blessing to me, and I thank you.

Blessings, *Fr. David*

BULLETIN Board Updates:

The Lector and Eucharistic Minister scheduling sheets have been updated and placed on the bulletin board in the back of church. Please look them over and if you find a change is needed, please let Fr. David or Mary Beth know so any changes can be implemented in advance of the assigned weekend.

SECOND Collection – Lizana Light:

The month of July, being a month of 5 Sundays, gives each of us the opportunity to aid our community in giving to the Lizana Light Ministry. A second collection will be held on July 31st, the 5th Sunday of the month. Please consider giving to this wonderful ministry that gives back to so many in our community.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 7/9 5:00pm	Al Eiselen	Ruth Schonewitz, Barbara Saucier, Mike West	August Schonewitz	N/A – St. Ann
Sun-7/10 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Diann Kirk	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun-7/10 9:00am	Lisa Cuevas	Kim Wood, Susan Peleaz Robin Peterson	William Burke	Paige, Wyatt, Katyn
Sat. 7/16 5:00pm	Mary Taylor	Barbara Saucier Ruth Schonewitz	August S.	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 7/17 7:30am	Eddie Duran	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 7/17 9:00am	Macy Necaise	William Burke, Lisa Cuevas, Kim Wood	William Burke	Wyatt, Cameron, Kane

WEEKLY Offering to the Parish:

If you would be so kind, please consider adding a little more to your weekly offering to the Parish. We have not been able to meet the weekly goal of \$3000 to successfully meet the day to day expenses for our Parish. Any additional tithes you can give is a blessing.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Fr. David

VISITATION of the Sick:

If you know of anyone that is unable to attend church, is housebound, or has fallen ill, please let Father know so he may visit with them.

PRAYER Request:

Wanda Brignac

Any one in need of being placed on the Prayer list, please let Fr. David or the office know. You can also email at...

stanngulfport@hotmail.com

FIRST Friday Adoration:

Come join us on the first Friday of each month in Adoration of the Eucharist after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

MASS Cancellation:

The evening Mass for July 13th and July 20th have been canceled due to scheduling conflict.

PHOTO Make-up Sessions – Parish Directories:

Photo make-up sessions have been scheduled if you had not had the chance to schedule your photo for the Parish Directories.

Additional dates are....

Tuesday, July 26th – 2:00pm to 8:00pm

Wednesday, July 27th – 2:00pm to 8:00pm

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For more information contact Fr. David or the office.