

Dear Padre,

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.

Catholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story.

Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Calendar

Monday

JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus

Jer 26:1-9

Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

JULY 31

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21



Sunday

July 24th, 2022

17th Sunday in Ordinary



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – July 23rd 5:00pm-Greg Garstka

Sunday – July 24th 9:00am-Parish

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday – July 24th 7:30am-Ex. Soc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Before Mass and by
Appointment**

Monday – July 25th 8:00am-Ann Garstka

Wednesday – July 27th 6:00pm-Ex. Soc.

Thursday – July 28th 8:00am-All Priests/Deacons

Friday – July 29th 8:00am-Ex. Soc.

Saturday – July 30th St. Ann 5:00pm-Open

Sunday – July 31st OLC 7:30am- Open

Sunday – July 31st 9:00am- Curvis Cuevas

From Father David's Desk...

The Power of Prayer

"I'll pray for you."

What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish.

The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges that is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well.

Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading and God kept saying, "All right."

The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered, belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

Blessings, *Fr. David*

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you"?
How often do you keep that promise?*
- ★ *What do you hope prayer will accomplish?*

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$1905 Loose: \$698 Children:
\$ 13.75– (ACH: \$590.00)

Total: \$2603.75

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$75.00– Loose: \$117.00

Total: \$192.00

LIZANA Light:

Lizana Light need donations for the Ministry. Should you wish to donate they are requesting the following...

Can goods:

Corn
Peas
Green Beans
Pasta Sauce

Dry Goods:

Instant Potatoes
Cereal
Pasta
Rice

Any & all donations are appreciated!

SECOND Collection for Lizana Light:

Should you wish to help support Lizana Light, please consider giving on the 5th Sunday of each month though out the the calendar year. Consider making a monetary donation during our second collection, after each Mass, July 30th & 31st.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 7/23 5:00pm	Jan Estrada	Mary Taylor, Barbara Saucier Ruth Schonewitz	August Schonewitz	N/A – St. Ann
Sun-7/24 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun-7/24 9:00am	Kim Wood	Lisa Cuevas, Kim Wood, William Burke	William Burke	Harmon, Cameron, Blane
Sat. 7/30 5:00pm	Barbara Saucier	Barbara Saucier, Mike West, Mary Taylor	August Schonewitz	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 7/31 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 7/31 9:00am	Eric Necaise	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Layton, Landon, Parker

FIRST Friday Adoration:

Come join us on the 1st Friday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in adoration of the Eucharist. First Friday adoration is held in the Parish Chapel. The next 1st Friday is August 5th. Please come join us!

PHOTO Retakes:

Photo retakes for the Parish Directories will be held in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, July 26th and Wednesday, July 27th, from 2:00pm-8:00pm. Please come by so we can add your photo to our 2022 Directories.

Parish Bingo:

We have left over catfish bingo gifts so we will have bingo and food on August 20th, after evening mass in the parish hall. Please come and join us.

PRAYER Request:

Nathen Northrop
Pete Northrop

If you have anyone that is in need of Prayer, please let Fr. David or the office know so they may be added on to the Prayer request list.

GRANDPARENTS Day:

Coffee and Donuts will be served after each Mass in celebration of Grandparent Day. Come Join us in the Parish Hall after Mass. Thanks

