

Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith. "The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



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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*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of the
Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 15:1-11
Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



Sunday

September 11th, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday Sept. 10th 5:00pm-Parish

Sunday Sept. 11th 9:00am – 9/11 Remembrance

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday Sept. 11th 7:30am- 9/11 Remembrance

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

Monday – Sept. 12th 8:00am-Ex. Society

Wednesday – Sept. 14th 6:00pm-Ex. Society

Thursday – Sept. 15th 8:00am-Ex. Society

Friday – Sept. 16th 8:00am – Greg Garstka

Saturday – Sept. 17th 5:00pm-Charlotte Elmore

Sunday – Sept. 18th OLC 7:30am-Charlotte Elmore

Sunday – Sept. 18th 9:00am-Parish

From Father David's Desk...

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

With Prayers,
Fr. David

FOR *Reflection*

- * Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- * Where might you show compassion to others?

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$3196.00 – Loose: \$77.00

Children: \$13.17 – (ACH: \$675.00)

Total: \$3286.17

Collection Catholic University: \$251.00

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$495.00– Loose: \$86.00

Total: \$581.00

CCD Classes & Picnic Today:

CCD classes begin today after the 9am mass. Following the classes **ALL** children of the parish are invited to attend a picnic on the parish grounds. Food and fun provided by the parish!

Remember your swimsuit and towel!

ALTAR Society Meeting Today:

The Altar Society will be having a meeting after the 9:00am mass today. If you would like to become a member of the Altar Society, please come join us, we would love to have you!

KNIGHTS of Columbus:

Lizana KofC Council #9958 will be holding a 50/50 drawing December 18th. Tickets will go on sale after each mass beginning this weekend. Tickets are available for \$4.00 each, or a book of 5 for \$20.00. See Johnny or Garland after mass to purchase your ticket/s, or you can call Anthony @ 228-669-2224.

All proceeds from this drawing will go toward various charities, and St. Ann.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 9/10 5:00pm	Barbara Saucier	Ruth Schonewitz, Al Eiselen	August Schonewitz	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 9/11 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Diann Kirk	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 9/11 9:00am	Kim Wood	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Layton, Landon Parker
Sat. 9/17 5:00pm	Mary Beth Stillwagon	Barbara Saucier, Mike West Ruth Schonewitz	August Schonewitz	N/A - St. Ann
Sun. 9/18 7:30am	Eddie Duran	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A – Our Lady
Sun. 9/18 9:00am	Eric Necaise	Robin Peterson, Beverly Saucier Lacy Marchand	William Burke	Harmon, Bailey Kane

PARISH Picnic and Potluck:

St. Ann & OLC will be hosting our parish picnic September 25th following the 10:00am mass in the pavilion. No masses will be said Saturday evening at 5:00pm or Sunday at 7:30am at OLC. We hope all of you wonderful cooks will come and share your favorite dishes with the parish. Chicken will be provided by the church. We look forward to meeting fresh faces, as well as seeing the many friends we've missed since Covid. We look forward to seeing you all there!

DINNER with Fr. David:

We will be having a “Dinner with Fr. David” October 22nd after the 5:00pm mass. If you would like to share a meal, get-to-know Father, and some of your parish family; sharing in the fun and fellowship, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Ten (10) parishioners will be chosen for this 1st dinner. The next “Dinner with Fr. David” is scheduled for January 2023. Father looks forward to seeing you!

RED Mass:

If you haven't signed up for the Red Mass for the legal community. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

KNIGHTs of Columbus Senior BINGO:

The KofC Council #9958 will be hosting free BINGO for all parishioners 55yrs and older, November 20th after the 9:00am mass.

Coffee, donuts & lunch will be provided!

Parishioners that would like to help; a donation of a prize/s, would be greatly appreciated. You may drop donations off in the back of church, or at the office. You may also take them directly to the hall on the day of the BINGO. For more information, please contact: Anthony Moran, 228-669-2224 or Thomas Moran, 228-234-2572.

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. The next 1st Friday is October 7th.

PRAYER Request:

Nathan Northrop
Pete Northrop
Russell Moran
Michelle Ladner