

# Dear Padre,

Many LGBTQ+ youth are homeless, suicidal, or even murdered because of who they are. How can we support them?

Your desire to be compassionate is very much in keeping with the Church's teaching. In 1986, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now emeritus Pope Benedict XVI), issued a strongly worded call for civility and respect for homosexual persons. On the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons emphasized, "It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses that homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358).

"The Church actively asserts and promotes the intrinsic dignity of every person. As human persons, persons with a homosexual inclination have the same basic rights as all people, including the right to be treated with dignity," wrote the US Bishops in "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination" (2006). In terms of offering support, this document reads, "As baptized members of the Catholic community, persons with a homosexual inclination continue to look to the Church for a place where they may live in authentic human integrity and holiness of life. Being welcomed into and participating in their local faith community is the foundation of spiritual support that the Church offers to them. Full and active participation is encouraged. Participation in a worshipping Catholic community is a support for living a life of chastity and integrity and an encouragement to an ongoing personal conversion." ●

— The Redemptorists  
DearPadre.org



## Second Sunday Of Advent December 4<sup>th</sup> 2022



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Many people today are constantly using social media, but are not themselves very social: they are caught up in themselves, prisoners of the cell phone in their hand. What appears on the screen is not the reality of other persons: their eyes, their breath and their hands.



ADDRESS IN A MEETING  
WITH YOUNG PEOPLE,  
ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021

**MONDAY**  
December 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 33:1-10  
Lk 3:17-26

**TUESDAY**  
December 6  
Advent Weekday  
Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY**  
December 7  
St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY**  
December 8  
The Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary  
Gn 3:9-13, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**FRIDAY**  
December 9  
Advent Weekday  
Is 48:17-19  
Mt 11:16-19

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**SATURDAY**  
December 10  
Advent Weekday  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**SUNDAY**  
December 11  
Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Jas 3:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11



We welcome new members to our Parish. Please fill out a new member registration form and submit to the parish office, or Fr. David Milton. Fr. David would be happy to visit with you and help you assess your spiritual needs.

### FIRST Friday Adoration:

Join us first Friday of each month in Adoration of the Eucharist after the 8:00am mass in the Chapel. The next first **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00am-12:00pm**

### St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm-Kathy Squillante  
Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-Parish

### OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30am-OPEN

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by  
Appointment

Monday – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-OPEN  
Wednesday – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-OPEN  
Thursday – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-OPEN  
Friday – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-OPEN

Sat – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-OPEN  
Sunday – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am-OPEN  
Sunday – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-OPEN

### Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Give wisdom and courage to those who work for peace. May the gift of peace permeate all troubled souls. Comfort all children living without peace and may the freedom of joy and safety be theirs. May each one of us know peace of mind and heart, peace of body and spirit, peace of community and of the world. Holy Spirit of Peace, grant our prayer.

Amen

## From Father David's Desk...

### Pretend the Dream

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we would act the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a Year's baggage. We come with good memories of moments of lazy fun, sun-drenched summers, and dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

And so, during this last month of each year we play at being Happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols and toast Friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And We do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied, and by some freakish twist of godliness we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and the lion will forget their history, and for at least one brief shining moment, we will live in harmony with one another.

Prayers,

*Fr. David*

## *For Reflection*

- ✚ *This Advent, once a week, try to skip doing something that stresses you?*
- ✚ *Once a week, act the way you would like To feel. Fake it if you must...*

### November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$2130.00 – Loose: \$235.00  
Children's \$1.41 – (ACH: \$590.00)

**Total: \$2366.00**

#### OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$220.00 – Loose: \$107.00

**Total: \$327.00**

### November 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$1205.00 – Loose: \$113.00  
Children's: \$6.00 – (ACH: \$5.00)

**Total: 1324.00**

#### OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$125.00 – Loose: \$110.00

**Total: \$235.00**

### SECOND Collection:

We will have a second collection in support of St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy. Envelopes are in the pews & at the back of church

### CCD Donut Sale:

The last CCD donut sale is this Sunday after the 9:00am Mass - \$10.00 per box.

### LIZANA Light:

As this special season of Advent is upon us, we ask that you remember the less fortunate in our community by giving to our Lizana Light Ministry. Any blessing given is appreciated.

### KNIGHTS of Columbus:

Tickets are available for the 50/50 Drawing sponsored by our KofC. Tickets are \$4.00 each or Five for \$20.00  
**Drawing is December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 12/03 5:00pm	Mary Beth Stillwagon	Mike West, Barbara Saucier	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 12/04 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Janette Dedeaux	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 12/04 9:00am	Lacy Marchand	Lisa Cuevas, Kim Wood Lacy Marchand	William Burke	Cameron, Eliza Audrey
Sat. 12/10 5:00pm	Barbara Saucier	Ruth Schonewitz, Wanda Brignac	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 12/11 7:30am	Eddie Duran	Doug Ladner	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 12/11 9:00am	Beau Underwood	William Burke, Robin Peterson Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Paige, Wyatt Katyn



### CHRISTMAS Poinsettias:

Donations for Christmas Poinsettias for our Altar are being accepted. If you would like to donate for a loved one, or family, envelopes are in each pew and the back of church.

### Pancakes, Pajamas, Gingerbread and Jesus!

#### CCD BREAKFAST

with

### Santa

Come join in the fun!

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00am Mass.  
Pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk & juice.  
Pictures with Santa, Cookie Decorating, Reindeer Games and Music will fill the hall.

Tickets are \$10.00 to enter  
**All** CCD Children are free.



### A CALL to Catholic:

St. Ann will be hosting a  
**Call to Catholic – Refreshing the Spirit**

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Guest speaker - Fr. Godfrey Andoh

**5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Adoration & Confessions**

**6:00pm-7:00pm**

### MOVIE Night:

St. Ann will be hosting a movie night, December 17<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00pm mass. The movie of the evening is "The Chosen".  
Come join us!

### Sympathy:

Please extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Percy Deshamp. Mr. Deshamp passed away November 26<sup>th</sup> in Gulfport.



As we begin the Second Sunday of Advent let us reflect on the Second theme of the Advent season

### Peace

*Peace, is a state of tranquility or quiet, yearning for wholeness, connection, calm. Peace is not the absence of pain, but the presence of God.*

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God, that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" -*

*Philippians 4:6-7*



### Prayer Request

Pete Northrop/Troy Peterson/ Bay Ladner