

# Dear Padre,

*My children, who go to Catholic school, refer to our Sunday celebration as the "Eucharist." I grew up calling it the "Mass." Why the difference?*



*Eucharist* comes from the Greek word *eucharistein*. This word simply means "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we Catholics celebrate, we give thanks to God for giving us Jesus. We also give thanks to Jesus, who shares his Body and Blood with us. "Eucharist" was used to describe the early Church's gathering, where the people repeated the stories of the Lord and shared the bread and wine, as the Lord commanded them to do.

The word *mass* comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means "the sending." This refers to the words of dismissal at the end of Mass. The priest or deacon invites us to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." In the Latin Mass, this phrase is "*ite missa est.*" No one quite knows why the Eucharist came to be known as the "missa" or "mass." Some think it is because of the way monastic prayers were conducted in the early Middle Ages. When the monks gathered for prayers, they often concluded with a short eucharistic celebration. These celebrations sometimes lasted only ten minutes or so, and as they marked the end of the whole set of prayers, they signaled the end of the service. This, it is suggested, is why the Eucharist came to be known as the "dismissal," or the "Mass." ●

— The Redemptorists

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 19 Advent Weekday	December 20 Advent Weekday	December 21 Advent Weekday	December 22 Advent Weekday	December 23 Advent Weekday	December 24 Advent Weekday	December 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love.*

HOMILY, MASS FOR BEGINNING OF PETRINE MINISTRY, MARCH 19, 2013

## Advent Prayer

O God,

*Our world is awash in anticipation of the birth of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are bursting in our preparedness, for the feast of Christmas will soon be upon us. In this brief moment of quiet, help us to appreciate the Word that comes to dwell in us. Help us to hope in the promise of His way, truth, and life and grant us the peace, joy & love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



Fourth Sunday  
Of  
Advent  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022



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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, January 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-12:00pm**

### St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-All the Clergy  
Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-Parish

### OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30am-Fr. Pete Mockler

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass and by Appointment

Monday – Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-OPEN  
Wednesday – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm-OPEN  
Thursday – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00am-Pete Northrup  
Friday – Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00am-Michael Winstead

Sat – Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-Sawyer Scarborough  
Sunday – Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> OLC 7:30am-Pete Northrup  
Sunday – Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-George Brignac

## From Father David's Desk...

### Holy Voices

Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nightmare fantasy trip. Sometimes they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are those times when they demand our attention.

In Saint Joan, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. they come from God." Robert disagrees, "They come from your imagination." "Of course," says Joan, "that is how messages of God come to us."

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet for Joseph there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may Not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves Second-guessing them, we think they need to be listened to. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God.

Prayers,

*Fr. David*

### For Reflection

- ✦ **Have you ever followed an inner Voice with which others disagree?**
- ✦ **What came of it?**
- ✦ **Is there someone you trust to tell you if Your instinct about something is good?**

December 11<sup>th</sup> 2022

### St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$3076.00 – Loose: \$183.00

Children's \$29.00 – (ACH: \$5.00)

**Total: \$3288.69**

### OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$145.00 – Loose: \$130.00

**Total: \$275.00**

## *Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule*

2022



### Christmas Vigil Mass

*Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Children's Mass*

*5:00pm - St. Ann*

### Christmas Day Masses

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Midnight Mass*

*St. Ann*

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30am Mass*

*Our Lady of Chartres*

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Mass*

*St. Ann*

### New Year's Eve

*Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm Mass*

*St. Ann*

### New Year's Day

*(Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God)*

*Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 7:30am*

*Our Lady of Chartres*

*Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00am Mass*

*St. Ann*

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC Ministers	USHERS	SERVERS
Sat. 12/17 5:00pm	Mike West	Ruth Schonewitz, Barbara Saucier	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 12/18 7:30am	Eddie Duran	Doug Ladner	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 12/18 9:00am	Macy Necaie	William Burke, Robin Peterson Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Paige, Wyatt Katyn
Sat. 12/24 5:00pm	Barbara Saucier	Ruth Schonewitz, Wanda Brignac	August Schonewitz	N/A
Sun. 12/25 7:30am	Doug Ladner	Eddie Duran	Terry Mitchell	N/A
Sun. 12/25 9:00am	Kim Wood	William Burke, Robin Peterson Sherrie DeMello	William Burke	Paige, Wyatt Katyn

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Midnight Mass Assistance**

**Fr. David is in need of a Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Servers for midnight mass.**

**If you would be willing to assist, contact Fr. David.**

### *THANK You:*



Many thanks to all who donated time, money, food and produce for Lizana Light, and the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you



We would like to thank Lacy Scarborough, all the CCD Teaches and the CCD children for making Breakfast with Santa such a success.

Your efforts made the 2022 Christmas event a wonderful success.



Many thanks to all who volunteered their time in helping clean-up the grounds in preparation for Christmas. The giving of your time was so appreciated.

### PRAYER Requests

*Bay & Henrietta Ladner*

### *Fr. David's Gift to you:*

St. Ann & Our Lady of Chartres

With appreciation for all you have done this year to create and sustain such a loving parish and community for myself and all of us. It is with much love I wish to give to each family one of the two books at the back of church this Christmas.

Holy Moments by *Matthew Kelly*  
*The Wisdom of the Saints* by *Matthew Kelly*

With Love,

*Fr. David*



The final Advent theme is love

### Love

*Love is one of the most powerful forces in the world. It can be uplifting, life-changing; sometimes even devastating. Love is what we feel for our families, friends & significant others. Can love be something deeper? Loving others brings us closer to spirituality, helping us understand God.*

*"God and LOVE are synonymous"*

*- Oswald Chambers*

*"Lord, help us feel Your love, that above all things I may know I am loved by You"*

*- Pablo Diaz*