

Ask Father #1

Welcome to our first installment of “Ask Father.” How exciting! Before we start, remember the format of this article is to answer many questions succinctly. But, if there is enough interest or I want to say more, I’ll revisit a question with a full article later. Let’s get to it.

How do you raise your kids Catholic? –Youth Ministry Core Team.

This list is neither exhaustive nor definitive. Start while they are young, model the behavior that you want them to have, pray together daily [I suggest the *Angelus*], let them see you show love and affection toward each other, visit the sacraments together [go to Mass and Confession], abstain from meat every Friday, talk about different aspects of Catholicism, study Catholicism and let them see you studying, welcome and answer their questions, spend time with them doing things they enjoy, invite them into things you enjoy, have common intentions and penances, do seasonal catholic stuff: advent wreath, bless the Christmas tree, nativity scene, St. Joseph altar no matter how small, have good religious art in your house, talk to your children about the things you are concerned about before they find out from their peers: sex, alcohol, drugs, etc...

C.f: “[Tips for raising committed Catholic children](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/Angelus.htm)”, www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/Angelus.htm

When you’re on vacation, do you have to go to Mass?

Yes, the CCC explains that all Catholics are obliged attend Mass on all Sundays and on the obligatory holy days. The only exception is where there is no minister or you have a grave reason. To be sincere about our Catholicism, we should include the Sunday Mass in our planning for any vacation. This is one of those things that, if you don’t plan it, you won’t do it.

C.f. masstimes.org or Mass Times app. CCC 2042; CIC 1247-1248

Can a widow(er) date or get married? --Mindy Ard

Yes, Jesus answers the Sadducees question by explaining that those in heaven are not married ([Matt 22:28-30](#)). Thus, the understanding that the covenant of sacramental marriage binds until death. Thus, when one spouse dies, the bond of marriage between them ends. The living spouse is free to pursue a new covenant of marriage. However, they should remember that dating is to consider marriage not for companionship. They should live apart until they are married. NB: Many widows/widowers still feel a strong connection to their deceased spouse which leads them to forgo seeking another marriage. This is a noble commitment but not a requirement for all.

-- How about a divorced Catholic?

The situation surrounding each divorced catholic is difficult and often painful. Divorced Catholics have the right to the sacraments and are still in communion with the church so long as they have not attempted another marriage in the meantime. It is the attempted marriage that separates one from the church not the civil divorce. Their friends, families, and pastors should support them and avoid making this already emotionally difficult situation worse. They may try to reconcile with their estranged spouse, but, if this seems hopeless, despite their best efforts, they may pursue the church’s declaration of nullity. These Catholics are not to set a date for a wedding until they have received a positive judgement on their case. However, there is no mention of courtship, so it seems that dating is allowed in this circumstance. Its advisability depends on the person and circumstance. So, maybe. NB: If you are divorced and preparing to seek a declaration of nullity, my advice is that you not let it wait. The longer you wait the harder and more painful the process, but the sooner you seek this the decree the faster to peace and the healing.

C.f. “[Pastoral Letter on Widowed, Separated and Divorced](http://htdiocese.org/tribunalfaq),” -or- htdiocese.org/tribunalfaq

Thanks to all who submitted questions.
Fr. Alex,

MASS INTENTIONS
For the Week of July 24, 2017 – July 30, 2017

Tuesday, July 25-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Lucy Bourg (B).

Wednesday, July 26-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann.

Thursday, July 27-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Clyde Pitre (7 DA).

Friday, July 28-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rose Authement, Dylan Rousseau.

Saturday, July 29-

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Wilbert, Elsie & Linda Hebert, Salome & Matthew Matherne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Bill Morris, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender Jacob LeCompte Sr., Kenneth, Paul & Josie Domangue, Ramona & Alton Malcom, Larry & Troy Foret, Carla Lyons, Nikie Hebert, Nicole Staffley, Johnny Adam Switch, Celeste, May, Rosevelt LeCompte, Jr. & Sr., Paul Chauvin, Mercedeze & Lloyd Duplantis, Miriam & Lanny Naquin, Russell Portier Sr., Raymond McKee, Holy Souls, Special Intentions, Clarice Bascle.

Sunday, July 30-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Clyde, Andrew Sr. & Edna Pitre, David Naquin Sr., Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette, Elmer, Earline, Robert & Kevin Lirette, Keith Dupre, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Horace Boquet Jr. (DA), Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Family, Arthur Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Albert J. Luke (B), Cindy R. Broussard, Bradley Authement (B), Erous & Eric Eschete, Herman Walker Jr., Beverly Theriot, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron Fly., Vin LeBlanc & Fly. Douglas "Chubby" Chauvin, Chauvin, Boquet, LeCompte & Rhodes Fly., Marla Mazerac.

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Deborah, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Mary, Sterling Sr. & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23rd

Sanctuary Light - Dr. Herman Walker by TGMC - Radiology & Special Imaging Department;

Altar Bread - Mrs. Marie H. Postal by Wayne & Judy Duhon;

3 Altar Candles - Clarice (B) & Bobby LeBlanc by Stacey & Heidi;

CLEANING LIST: July 23rd- Irma Authement

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 15 & 16, 2017 Collection: Envelopes: \$4,433.00 + Loose: \$547.00 = \$4,980.00

Maintenance Collection: \$1,271.00 + \$27.00 (this week) = \$1,298.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: The schedules for the 2017-2018 School Year are available online at www.stannbourg.org

*****PLEASE NOTE:** The St. Ann Religious Education Program needs Teachers and Volunteers for the coming school year. If you can give a few hours a week to the young people of St. Ann Parish, please contact Mrs. Melba in the CCD Office at 594-5088.

WE NEED: * 2 Kindergarten Teachers * 1 First Grade Teacher * 1 Third Grade Teacher
* 2 Fifth Grade Teachers * Help with Traffic * Building Monitors

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETINGS COMING SOON!

* **Wednesday, July 26, 2017:** Mandatory 10th & 11th grade Confirmation Meeting in Church at 6:30pm; Students, sponsors & Parents must attend!

** **Tuesday, August 1, 2017:** Mandatory 2nd Grade Parent Meeting at 6:00pm in the St. Ann Parish Center;

*** **Wednesday, August 2, 2017:** CCD Teacher & Volunteer Meeting at 6:00pm in the St. Ann Church (Change of Place);

IMPORTANT DATES: *PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 11th Grade Retreat

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 10th Grade Retreat

Friday, January 5, 2018 - Confirmation Practice

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - Confirmation

BIBLE CAMP NEWS!!

1. **St. Ann Intergenerational Bible Camp- July 26-29, 2017 from 6-8:30pm;** All are welcome!!!
Baby Camp (Birth- 2); Toddler Camp (Ages 3-4); Kiddie Camp (PreK- 5th Grade); Adult Camp (6th Grade - Age 100); **No Cost!! Invite friends and family!!**

Topics... Wednesday: Confirmation; Thursday: Anointing of the Sick/Confession; Friday: Marriage/Holy Orders; Saturday: Closing at 4pm Mass followed by reception and Bible Camp closing; Fr. Alex Gaudet will be doing all adult talks. Supper will be provided each night!! Please help us get a count for food and supplies by registering. Can't wait to see you!!!

2. Obtain a registration form from the church office, from the back shelves of church, from the church website (<http://stannbourg.org/home>), from the St. Ann KC website (<https://www.bourgkccouncil8932.com>), or from the bulletin email. If you forget to register, **JUST COME:)))**

3. Father Alex would like teens and adults to do witness talks about how the gifts of confirmation, marriage, or anointing of the sick has affected their lives. if you would like to talk, please call him at the church office at 594-3548 or email him at agaudet@htdiocese.org .

4. We would like to post wedding pictures of couples attending bible camp! Please bring your pictures to camp on the first night you attend. Place your names on the back so we can return them to you on Saturday!

5. Saturday night will be a wedding reception! Jambalaya and white beans will be provided, and we will have a sign up sheet to bring other wedding reception food such as sandwiches, meatballs, chicken tenders, etc. Look for the sign up sheet on the first night of camp!
6. Menu for Camp nights:)) Lemonade and bottled water for each night
Menu is Wed: hot dogs, chili, chips, fruit bowl, salad and fixings;
Thursday: hamburgers, chips, fruit bowl, salad and fixings;
Friday: weenie and ground meat spaghetti, fruit bowl, salad and fixings
7. WE STILL NEED HELPERS:))) Please call or text Mrs. Lisa at 985-852-2007.

**Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic?
Do you know someone who is a Catholic but would like to complete his sacraments of
Confirmation and First Eucharist?**

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults or children over age 8 who are interested in being baptized, or in preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, or who are already baptized in another denomination and would like to become Catholic are asked to call St. Ann at 594-3548. This includes unbaptized as well as inactive Catholics who would like to complete unfulfilled initiation--Communion, Confession, and Confirmation. Interested inquirers and inactive Catholics are invited to a gathering on **October 3, Tuesday night, at 7:00 p.m.** for a light supper in the St. Ann Rectory. Consecutive meetings will continue to meet bi-weekly on Tuesday nights, from 7 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Rectory.

2017 DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The St. Ann 2017 Diocesan Leadership Awards were given out Sunday, July 16th, at 10am Mass by Father Alex Gaudet.

Congratulations to Jenna Brunet, daughter of Joe and Kellie Brunet, and to Meg Rousseau, daughter of Rory and Angela Rousseau.

Thank you both for your service to St. Ann Parish and the Diocese of Houma- Thibodaux.

Are You a Terrebonne Parish Resident Having Trouble Paying Your Utility Bill?

TPCG is offering utility assistance to low-income families. You can apply every 6 months if funding is available. For more information please call 985-873-6817.

- Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 1-3pm at the Civic Center in Houma;
- Wednesday, July 26, 2017 from 8-10am at the Ward 7 Citizens Club in Chauvin;

Stress in Your Marriage? –Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. For confidential information, or to register for the weekend of July 21-23 at Lumen Christi, call 985-641-3802 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
July 22 & 23				
SATURDAY	Brian, Marianne,			
4:00P.M.	Yvonne, June	Connie, Randolph	Hunter, Trenton	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Jesse, Bert,			
8:00A.M.	Christine, Jenny	Ken C, Hayes	Lee, Volunteer	Jesse, Paula, Leward, Peggy
10:00A.M.	Mindy, Leroy, Gerald, Melody	Alyse, Anna	Kailey, Hailey, Donte', Mason	Torres, Carol
July 29 & 30				
SATURDAY	Adrian, Randolph,			
4:00P.M.	Steve, Sue	Hayes, Cheryl	Mason, Volunteer	Steve H, Jan, Lane
SUNDAY	Ken C, Dana,			
8:00A.M.	Cecil, Irma	Doug, Nick	Lucas, Caleb	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Debra L, Paula, Ivy, Connie	Lisa, Timmy	Zack, Bailey, Kirkland	Kenneth, Joseph

