Monday May 18 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday May 19 Easter Weekday Acts 20:17–27 Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday May 20 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday May 21 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26

#### Friday May 22 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday May 23 Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25

Sunday May 24 Pentecost Acts 2:1–11 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

# Ascension of the Lord

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Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. We pick readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better; they get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him.

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### Today's Readings

Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13 Mk 16:15–20

Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26 1 Jn 4:11–16 Jn 17:11b–19

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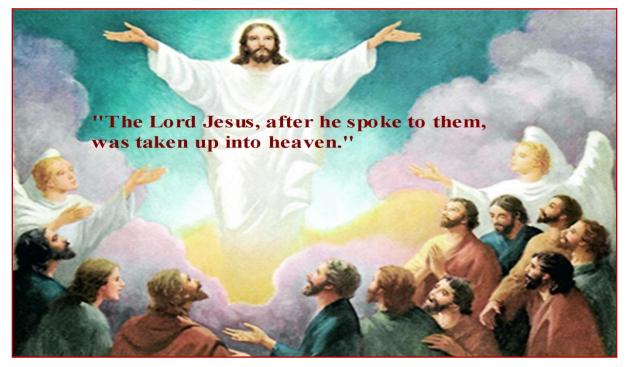
Ascension of *The Lord* 

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule Sun 7:30 am Novena St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions Sat 5:00 pm Novena Sun 9:00am Novena Mon 8:00 am **Novena** Tues 8:00 am +George Brignac Wed 6:00 pm +Linda Cowart Thu 8:00am +George Brignac Fri 8:00am +George Brignac

### From Father Khoa's Desk...

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"The Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven ... But they went forth and preached everywhere." What a roller coaster of emotions the disciples must have experienced. First, they had come to know Jesus and had changed their lives to follow him. Then they had watched him die a tragic death on the cross. Following that, they were astonished to experience the glory of his resurrection, and then they enjoyed his company for a while longer. But now, they had to bid farewell again. Now they watched as Jesus ascended into heaven, leaving them with their instructions: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

It's inspiring to see how the disciples handled all of this. Even though they must have been struggling with a kind of sadness or disappointment when Jesus left them, they didn't dwell on that. They went out and did what they had been called to do. They "preached everywhere" and shared with others the good news. Focusing on the joy they had come to know through their relationship with Jesus, they were able to share that joy with the people around them

Like the first disciples, we are also called to share the gospel with others. Certainly through our lived example we should reveal to others the joy that Jesus brings. Even though he is not physically walking amongst us, the lives of Christian believers reveal an ongoing relationship with him. There may be times and situations, however, that require more of us than just being witnesses. Sometimes God calls us to share more directly and more courageously the message of faith. May we follow the example of the disciples, who readily embraced this call.

> May God bless all of us! ...Fr. Khoa



The month of May means a time for graduations. On behalf of our parish family, my sincere congratulations to all of our graduates and "best wishes" for your future endeavors! Over these next couple of weeks, let's also keep in our prayers the rest of our students who are preparing for the end of their school term and final exams. Good luck to you all!

Congratulations to our 2015 graduates <u>Bobby Davis, Haley Lizana, Delaney Peterson,</u> <u>Destiny Deleo, Francis Nance, Dexter Palmer,</u> <u>Eric Camp, Dylan Saucier, and Colby Wyble</u> As you are ending your high school experience and are looking forward to continuing your education at the college level, we want to strongly encourage that you continue your spiritual journey as well.

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated this weekend, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:00am

This weekend is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Communication Campaign

Next weekend we will have a Special Diocesan Collection to provide humanitarian aid to those whose lives have been devastated by the earthquakes in Nepal.

<u>Yard Sale</u> this weekend Sat May 16 and Sun 17 from 7am to 7pm. Please contact Beverly and Loretta for more information. Thank you.

### *† With Sympathy †*

Father Khoa and the community of St Ann and Our Lady of Chartres Parish extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Wanda Brignac, whose husband, George Brignac passed away. May he rest in Eternal Glory and may her loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Wanda and her family in your prayers.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sun May 16	Richard Dunlap	Doris Snowden, Mike	Boots Moran	Doug	Mary Ladner
5pm		Mays, Diane Mays	Katie Ladner	Kermit	
May 177:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 17	Beverly Saucier	Valeria Ladner, Robin	James Rines	Robert	Pat & Robin
9am		Peterson, Kim Wood	Nicholas	Jimmy	Peterson Family
Sun May 23	Paul McGill	Mike West, Richard	Boots Moran	Doug	Ira Necaise
5pm		Dunlap, Henrietta Ladner	Katie Ladner	August	
May 24 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 24	Sharon Leimer	Dale Babin, Carolyn	Keegan	Robert	Lester Palmer
9am		Brewer, Kim Wood	Rylie Rines	Pat Leimer	Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES. ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: \*\* 72Identifiable: \$1,428.00; Loose: \$954.00; Total: \$2,278.00; Children: \$10.00 Building Fund: \$105.20; Solemnity of Mary: \$100.00 OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$200.00; Loose: \$169.00; Total: \$369.00. Building Fund \$10.00 \*\*Amount needed weekly \$2.908.84. Thank you for your generosity.

*Parish Council:* This Saturday May 16 after 5pm mass.

**<u>Lizana Light:</u>** For more information, please contact Sherry Money.

Altar Society: Meet on Second Sundays.

<u>CYO:</u> meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website **www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo**.

**<u>RCIA</u>**: RCIA classes will begin in September.

<u>Church Cleaning:</u> Thank you Dianne Northrop and Marilyn Fairley for cleaning the church on April 26 and May 3. Marie Chasse clean the church on May 10 and 17. Please call Ellen West at 341-0279 to sign up. <u>Catfish Festival:</u> will be on May 28-31. If you have any question please contact Monica 861-2508. Please sign up for the concession stand. After the graduation reception, if you can please come and help Monica and her team to set up and clean up for the festival. Thank you very much.

<u>Bible Study:</u> We study *1 Corinthians*. Please join us. Classes are on Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at the office. For more information, please contact Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner.

<u>MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

<u>VISITATION OF THE SICK</u>: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

### PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, and Pat Leimer.