

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias,

Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

MAY 15

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23

or Jn 14:15-16,

23b-26

Ascension of the Lord

♦ May 8, 2016 ♦

Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Eph 1:17-23 ♦ Lk 24:46-53

In Luke's ascension account from Acts, Jesus admonishes his apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit because they are witnesses of his mission and message. When the time for his ascension comes, Jesus blesses them, then "was lifted up" (1:9). We don't hear the great commission to go out to, preach to, and baptize all nations as we do in Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20). Instead, Luke's account leaves us with an image of the apostles joyfully returning to Jerusalem: "They were continually in the temple praising God" (24:53).

Returning to Acts, I love that the early disciples' first order of business—even prior to Pentecost—was to gather to pray (1:14). Paul often admonished the early Christians to pray constantly. He knew that prayer grounds us in the Lord and strengthens us to lay down our lives and carry our crosses. Prayer focuses our attention on God's call and our response to it. The apostles' prayer opened them to receive the promised gift of the Spirit and strengthened them for their mission—to let the world know that Jesus is Lord, that the Kingdom of God has come, and that we have been restored through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Thus should our week begin: in praise and worship before God, in gathered prayer. Like the disciples in Jerusalem, the Lord will open our minds "to understand the scriptures" (Luke



24:45). We, too, will be filled with the Spirit and be sent out as joyful witnesses to God's presence and saving work.

**A Word From Pope Francis**

"Do I speak with Jesus, or am I frightened of silence? Do I allow the Holy Spirit to speak in my heart? Do I ask Jesus: what do you want me to do, what do you want from my life?... Speak continually with Jesus, in the good times and in the bad, when you do right, and when you do wrong. Do not fear him! This is prayer."

—Prayer Vigil with young people at the 28th World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, July 27, 2013

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EUCCHARISTIC 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 Our Mothers
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5:00 pm Our Parish Family
Sun 9:00am Our Mothers

Mon 8 am Our Mothers
Tue 8 am Our Mothers
Wed 6pm Our Mothers
Thu 8 am Our Mothers
Fri 8am Our Mothers

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Mother's Day! This is a special day for us to remember the impact and influence that our mom's had on our lives. We set aside this day to pray for them and remember the impact that they have had on our lives. We pray for all of our Moms who are either still here with us or have already gone to see Jesus. We also thank God for the special gifts of mothers because we would not be here if it was not for our moms. Also, thanks to all of you who are mothers because we know how much you sacrifice and love so we can be who we are! We entrust all of you to the intercession of Our Mother Mary who is the model of motherhood!

The Gospel today said "They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Jesus had just left the disciples. In a dramatic and supernatural moment, he had bid them farewell and then "was taken up to heaven." One might think this departure would have left the disciples feeling very melancholy, but apparently it was not so. They were full of joy as they went back to the city where Jesus had told them to stay, "until you are clothed with power from on high."

This, of course, is a reference to the coming of the Holy Spirit that would happen soon enough at Pentecost. But the disciples did not know the details. They only knew that Jesus was promising them the "Advocate" and some amazing power from heaven, and sending them off with a great mission to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins... to all the nations." And this filled them with joy, even while they waited.

What we often need to remind ourselves is that after the Ascension, the disciples were in a very similar position to us. They were no longer in the physical presence of Jesus. They no longer walked with him, watched him, or heard his voice. Now, carrying on the work of the Gospel was up to them. And so too, now it is up to us. The mission of preaching the good news to all the nations is our mission. And, thankfully, the powerful "clothing" from on high is ours as well.

So, like the disciples we have cause for rejoicing. Jesus reigns in heaven. His Spirit has come upon us. And we are entrusted with the most noble and rewarding task of all, to share our faith with others and bring them to experience the joys of belonging to the kingdom of God.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Next weekend is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign

Prayer for our Mothers

Lord Jesus, You have known a mother's love and tender care. We know that you will listen as we offer this Mother's Day prayer for our mothers most dear.

Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of life. May our mothers know from day to day the deepening glow of joy that comes from Your presence. Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven. AMEN

Garage Sale: This and next Saturday May 8 and 15. Please contact **Beverly and **Loretta**. Thank you.**

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Sat May 07 5pm	Henrietta	W C King, Lenell King, Doris Snowden	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira Necaise	Patricia Lizana
May 08 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 08 9am	Beverly Saucier	Sharon Leimer, Marlow Ladner, Derek Troclair	Nick Conner	Robert Pat Leimer	Marie Nance
Sat May 14 5pm	Henrietta	Mike Mays, Diane Mays, Rita Acosta	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Mary Ladner
May 15 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 15 9am	Sharon Leimer	Beverly Saucier, Marlow Ladner, Robin Peterson	Carson Keegan	Robert Jimmy	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Church Cleaning: Marie Chasse will clean the church on May 21 and 28. Thank you.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**
69Identifiable: **\$1,172.00**; Loose: **\$1,576.00**;
 Total: **\$2,748.00**; Children: **\$57.50**,

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:
 Identifiable: **\$295.00**; Loose: **\$150.00**; Total:
\$445.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Lizana Light: For more info, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you

Bible Study: We study The Decision Point. Please join us. Classes are on **Tues at 9am and Wed at 6:30pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.**

VISITATION OF THE SICK: 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.

Parish Council: meet third Saturday.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus: meets first Sunday.

Altar Society: meet second Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Elizabeth Necaise, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Larry Shruoff, Andrew Fillengame, and Melissa Peterson, Madison Phelps, and Breanna Ladner.