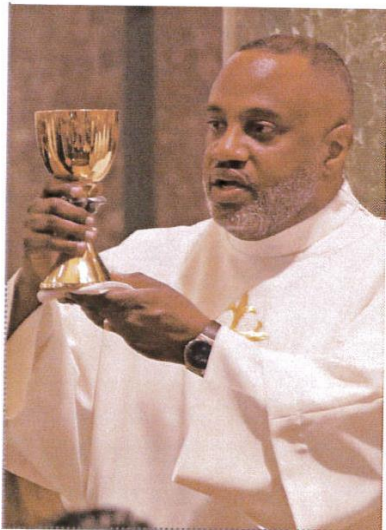


# Dear Padre,

**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

**A**t baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.



This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.*

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,

OCTOBER 20, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 18

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 19

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday

MAY 20

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday

MAY 21

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

### Friday

MAY 22

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

### Saturday

MAY 23

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

### Sunday

MAY 24

*The Ascension  
of the Lord*

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20



# 6TH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER



**MAY 17, 2020**

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**St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.**

Sat: 5.00 pm Paul Irby (Ri p)

Sun: 9:00am.Parish

Mon 9:00am.Donor

Tues 9:00am. Parish

Wed 9.00 am. Donor

Thu 9. 00 am. Donor

Fri 9:00 am. Donor

23<sup>rd</sup> Sat 5.00 Pm.Parish

24<sup>th</sup> Sun 9.00 am.Paul Iby

24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm.Parish

**From Father David's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends***

## What Is Your Hope?

**W**e have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

**With love and prayers**  
**Fr. David**

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**St. Ann's Garage Sale:** Thanks to everyone who donated things for the sale and those who worked very hard. It was very successful. Thanks.

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: \* 15 identifiable: \$1385.00; Loose: \$10.00; Total: \$1395.00; ACH: \$55.00. And O .L. C. \$ 40.00.**

**Catfish Festival:** will be postponed to labor's day weekend due to virus. Tickets will be the same and will not be changed except the date. We need volunteers, Please If you have any question please contact Kevin and Kim McGill (234 4501, 669 7022)

**Easter House Blessing:** I would like to come and bless all your house's and pray over you during this Easter season. If anyone wants house to be blessed let me know and get scheduled.

**Church re-opens for the public:** As for the advice and law of the state we hope to open on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> with conditions, **Basic Conditions are:**

- 1) Everyone should have mask.
- 2) Should sanitize yourself before and after leaving the church.
- 3) 6 feet apart from each one, except the families or couple living together.
- 4) Receiving the communion only in the hand, no Blood of Christ.
- 5) Bring your own chair to avoid the spread of the virus.

6) Mass will be in the parish hall not in the church because lack of space.

7) Those who are sick remain at home, Holy Communion will be brought to your home with prior request. Let Fr. David know who needs it.

8) Usher will open the door for you when you come in and leave out.

9) No physical sign of peace.

9) All the sacraments are to be celebrated with above conditions.

10) In case, if someone have got the virus and cured off, better it's to be at home, if need to join the gathering, should provide two negative test certificate to the priest.

11) Every mass will be live steamed in the Facebook; (**Id: stannparishlizana or davidmiltu**)

12) Visiting sick and bringing Holy Communion to home bound will be available on Monday throughout the week.

13) There are other conditions that will be explained when come you for the Mass.

14) We need some volunteers to clean and arrange the hall after every Mass. So please come forward. Thanks and hope to see you soon.

**Offering:** I am indebted to you all and thanks to everyone who has given their tithe (offering and contribution) to the Church during this pandemic situation. It was very helpful to meet the Church's

expenses. Thanks a lot for your contribution.

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill**

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, and kathy Squillate and Wally Clifford

Most Holy Virgin Mary,  
Help of Christians,  
how sweet it is to come to your feet  
imploing your perpetual help.  
If earthly mothers cease not to  
remember their children, how could  
you, the most loving of all mothers  
ever forget me? Grant then to me, I  
implore you, your perpetual help in  
all my necessities, in every sorrow,  
and especially in all my temptations.  
I ask for your unceasing help for all  
who are now suffering. Help the  
weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.  
Grant through your intercessions  
many vocations to the religious life.  
Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of  
Christians, that having invoked you  
on earth we may love and eternally  
thank you in heaven. Amen

-St. John Bosco