

Dear Padre,

I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

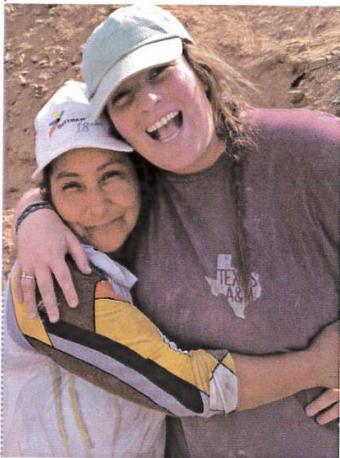
with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

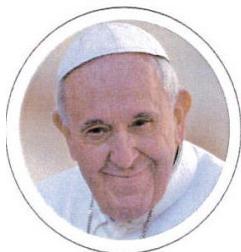
way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,

Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

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

Jn 20:19-23



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020



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St. Ann Mass Schedule &

Intentions.

Sat: 5.00 EX. Society

Sun: 9:00am.Parish

Sun: 6.00pm. Pm Paul Irby {Ri p)

Mon 8.00am. EX. Society

Tues 8. 00am. EX. Society

Wed 6.00 pm. EX. Society

Thu 8. 00 am. EX. Society

Fri 8:00 am. EX. Society

30th Sat 5.00 Pm.Parish

31st Sun 9.00 am.Paul Iby

31st Sun: 6.00pm.Parish

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends

WHERE ARE LOOKING?

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked "why are you looking at the sky?"(Acts 1:11).

Are we looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus' ascension. However, today's understanding of the universe helps us to realize that the biblical account of Jesus' ascension in to heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God's right hand, "far above every principality, power, and dominion" with "all things beneath his feet" (Eph 1:21 -22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: "watch what is going to happen." Instead he told them to go out: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. (Matt 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don't worry, "I am with you always" (Matt 28:20). Look where you're going, not where I want.

With love and prayers

Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: * 7

identifiable: \$1190.00; Loose: \$690.00; Total: \$1395.00; ACH: \$.640.00. And O .L. C. \$ 60.00.

Catfish Festival: will be postponed to labors 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)

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

- 1) Everyone should have mask.
- 2) Should sanitize your hands 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) Mass can't be live steamed in the Facebook; due to bad network. Sorry for the in convinces.

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.

High School and College Graduates: Our diocese will honor high school and college graduates in the June 12 edition of the Gulf Pine Catholic. Please submit the names of

the graduates and their schools by May 30th to me. Thanks.

First Holy Communion: We will have first Holy Communion Mass next month June. Let you know date by next week.

Activities at St. Ann's During Pandemic:

1) Carpet cleaning in the church. 2) Electrical repairs. 3) Garage sale for Alter society (2 sat's). 4) Take out plates (Altar society). 5) Re-stripping the parking lot. 6) Welcomed seminarian, Christian Baco, for one month. And he is leaving Sunday, the 24th.

**Biloxi Diocese Knights of Columbus
Seminarian Fund \$5000 Raffle**

Raffle to raise money for Bishop R.O. Gerow Education Fund
3 Winners will be drawn
3rd Place: \$2000 2nd Place: \$3000 1st Place: \$5000
Drawing will be held on ~~April 15, 2020~~ June 12, 2020
Ticket Price: \$25

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 Necaize, 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
imploring 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