# Calendar

### Monday

May 29
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
In 16:29–33

#### **Tuesday**

May 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
In 17:1–11a

### Wednesday

May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:13–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56

### **Thursday**

June 1
St. Justin,
Martyr
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

### Friday

June 2
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

#### Saturday

June 3
St. Charles Lwanga
and Companions,
Martyrs
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
In 21:20–25

### Sunday

June 4
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
In 20:19–23

# Dear Padre,

# What is "secularism," and is it possible for a Christian to also be a secularist?

C ecularism is a philosophical movement that has its roots in England in the 1850s. The movement began because some felt religion and the Bible were inadequate sources for explaining many aspects of modern life. Secularists believe you can find all motivation for living a moral life in what is readily observable. Thus, secularism sees the Christian religion, and in fact all religions, as worthless.

Some might argue that secularism is the same as the separation of Church and state, that public schools should give a secular education, that they shouldn't be teaching the Christian, or any, religion. At first glance, that may sound right, but it isn't.

A Catholic second-grade public school teacher should not teach Catholic doctrine to her class in the



same way that a Baptist second-grade public school teacher should not teach Baptist doctrine to his class, but the faith of the Catholic or the Baptist should influence the way they teach their class.

They might not teach specific doctrine, but the way each approaches the class should be done as one who has faith in Jesus Christ. The same is true of a politician or someone who works at a fast-food restaurant. In implicit ways, our faith in Jesus should always influence what we say and do.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



# A Word From Pope Francis

"Don't forget this! The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us."



# **Ascension Sunday**

May 28, 2017



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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 Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5 pm Our Parish Family
9:00am +William DeMello

Mon 8:00am Spec int (Bootz) Tues 8:00 am +Robert Bodder Wed 6:00 pm Benefactors Thu 8:00 am +Danny Nunez Fri 8:00 am +Fr Pete

# From Father Khoa's Desk...

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

What consoling words Jesus had for his disciples, even as he was about to bring an end to his earthly ministry. He had spent some time with them after his resurrection, but now his mission was complete and he was about to return to be with his Father in heaven. Undoubtedly this must have been a difficult moment for the disciples. But as if to reassure them, Jesus gives this remarkable promise: that he will ALWAYS be with them, even when he is no longer physically present. We know, of course, that the presence he is referring to comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And what is most wonderful about this promise is that it also applies to us!

Jesus is with US always. His presence dwells in our hearts through the sacrament of baptism in which we receive the real, indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We are not alone! The sometimes difficult journey of Christian life is not one we need to navigate solo. Christ himself ascended into heaven so that he could make himself present in a more universal and timeless way through his Spirit to all people who call upon him. Thus we rejoice on this feast of the Ascension. It's not so much about Jesus leaving. Rather, it's about him continuing his mission in a new way, a way that includes us very directly.

So let us remember that Jesus is present with us, even when we cannot see him next to us or hear his voice loud and clear. Let us call upon his Holy Spirit when we need guidance, comfort, or direction. And today, let us give thanks to God the Father for sending

his Son to save us and for giving us his Spirit to accompany us on our own journey of life.

We celebrate **Memorial Day** on the civil calendar this weekend, when we as a nation, rightly pause and remember those who have given their lives to protect the many freedoms that we enjoy in our country. Let us especially remember those of our church parish who are actively serving our country around the world.

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

# This weekend is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign

First Friday Adoration Please join us at St Ann at this Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin after the 8:00am Mass until 9:30am. Please come as "Jesus longs for your visit".

<u>Catfish Festival:</u> will have a clean up day to prepare for the festival this **Sunday, May 28 after 9am Mass**. Please come/stay to help us. If you have any question please contact Gina Leverett 228-669-8741. Thank you.

<u>Knights of Columbus:</u> Meet next Sunday. For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

**Bible Study:** We will study **Prayers beginning June 7.** Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:00pm and on Tues at 9am**. For more information, please contact **Ruth and Henrietta.** 

MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat May 27 5pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Mike West, Ellen West, Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Doug Kermit	Mike and Dianne Mays
Sun May 21 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 21 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Robin Peterson, Susan Peleaz, Will Burke	Keegan Carson	Lester Robert	David Crabtree Family
Sat June 3 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta, Henrietta Ladner, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	August Mike	The Van Pelts
Sun June 4 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun June 4 9am	Beverly Saucier	James Quintini , Nicki Quintini , Lisa Cuevas ,	Will Nick	Will Burke Pat	Marie Nance

# ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

# ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\*

<u>68</u>Identifiable: \$770.00; Loose: \$1,250.00; Total: \$2,020.00; Children: \$15.75;

### **OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

Identifiable: \$180.00; Loose: \$97.00; Total: \$227.00

\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84. Thank you for your generosity.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** 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.

## 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, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, Albert Necaise, James Mora, Carolyn Brewer, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, Claudette Bradford.

## **Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.

<u>Lizana Light:</u> For more information, please contact **Doris or Diane**.