

## Calendar

### Monday

April 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

### Tuesday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

### Wednesday

May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

### Thursday

May 3

Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

### Friday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

### Saturday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

### Sunday

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35,  
44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17

or

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35,  
44–48

1 Jn 4:11–16

Jn 17:11b–19

# Dear Padre,

**Just last week, my parish ran a “join up” campaign at all the Masses. I felt guilty because I didn’t sign up for anything. Do I have an obligation to join any of the parish organizations?**

When you join any of your parish organizations, you will experience a network of people dedicated to building up the body of Christ through the various parish ministries.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the baptized are fundamentally united in the *communio fidelium*, “a dynamic reality requiring the active participation of all the faithful in the Church’s life and mission” (Canon 209). It finds visible expression through public worship and through the exercise of obligations and rights. As a parish member, you are obligated to maintain communion with the Church; to fulfill your particular duties to the universal Church and



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your parish church; to live a holy life and promote the growth of the Church; to work to spread the gospel; and to follow what the pastor and bishops declare as teachers of the faith and leaders of the Church (Canons 209–212).

Laypeople are called to infuse their faith in Christ through all their undertakings

in the secular world and within the Church. The various organized ministries of the parish offer ways that you, as a parishioner, can fulfill some of those obligations as you are able, in the Church’s life and mission inside and outside your parish. Perhaps you will rethink your decision to not sign up for anything. It’s never too late to become a parish volunteer!

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*The Holy Spirit, in the variety of his gifts, unites us and enables us to contribute to the building up of the Church in holiness...*

*Let us ask the Lord to help us to take an ever more active part in the Church’s life and mission. —General audience, June 26, 2013*



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

*April 29, 2018*



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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 Parish Family  
[St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions](#)  
Sat 5 pm Our Parish Family  
Sun 9am +Myra Moran (Bootz)  
Sun 6pm Our Parish Family

Mon 8am +Myra Moran (Bootz)  
Tues 8:00 am Emmie Tubbs (Bootz)  
Wed 6:00 pm Our Parish Family  
Thu 8:00 am Our Parish Family  
Fri 8:00 am Our Parish Family

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

**Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!**

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him living in humility, following God's law, and loving our neighbor, we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our ego becomes smaller. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today.

Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

*May God bless all of us! Enjoy your praying!*

**...Fr. Khoa**

The Second Collection this weekend is for **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Thank you for your generosity.

**Garage Sale: will be this Saturdays April 28 and May 5 from 7am to 6pm.** Please contact **Beverly**. Thank you.

**Catfish Festival:** will be on May 31 to June 3. We have raffle tickets. Please support us. If you have any question please contact Gina Leverett 228-669-8741. Thank you.

**Bible Study:** We study **King David by Bishop Barron**. Please join us. Classes are on Wednesday at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Ruth.

**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***  
**68**Identifiable: **\$1,201.00**; Loose: **\$1,072.00**;  
Total: **\$2,273.00**; Children: **\$18.00**; Building Fund: **\$25.00**; 2017 CSA: **\$337.00**.

**OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**  
Identifiable: **\$95.00**; Loose: **\$300.00**; Total: **\$454.00**;

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

**Church Cleaning:** Chris and Tracy will clean the church on April 28 and May 6. Thank you

**Bella Grace:** you can find religious gifts and items at this store. For more info, call 228-864-9061.

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat April 28 5pm	Mike West	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Ellen West	Austin S.	Dale Mike	Janet Johnston
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun April 29 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Susan Peleaz, Lester Palmer, Will Burke	Nick Jaseigh	Garland Gary Thomas	Will Dreher Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat May 5 5pm	Henrietta	Mike West, Ellen West, Doris Snowden	Austin S.	August William Shaw	Amarosa and Carolyn Lizana
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun May 6 9am	John Davis	James Quntini, Robin Peterson, Kim Wood	Will Ken	Will Burke Robert	Rose Show
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

## **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**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.

**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.

## **I see His Blood upon the Rose**

By Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887–1916)

I SEE his blood upon the rose  
 And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
 His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
 His tears fall from the skies.  
 I see his face in every flower;  
 The thunder and the singing of the birds  
 Are but his voice—and carven by his power  
 Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,  
 His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
 His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
 His cross is every tree.

**Biloxi Shuckers:** This is a group outings. A group must have 20+ members. For more info, please call 228-233-3465.

**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, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaie, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Emmie Tubbs, Jenny Hinton, Marie Cuevas, JC Lind, Sharon Smith, Amy Dunlap, Darcy Cuevas, Hayden Helton, Jamie Fazzio.