

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, "Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Calendar

Monday
MAY 17

Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday
MAY 18

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
MAY 19

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday
MAY 20

Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday
MAY 21

Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday
MAY 22

Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday
MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15

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**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 16, 2021**



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

May 15th Sat 5 pm Int donor

May 16th Sun 9 am Parish

May 16th 6pm Parish Int donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

May 22nd Sat 5 pm Int donor

May 23rd Sun 9 am Int donor

May 23rd 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always. This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

[Jesus said,] “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

MARK 16:15

For Reflection

- *Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.*
- *Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$ 2,592; loose: \$249.00; **Total: \$2,841.00;**
Children: \$18.95; Ach: \$ 575.00. Diocesan insurance for Hurricane Zeta \$ 53,356.07
OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$220.00; loose: \$109; Total: \$. 329.00.

Mother’s day Masses: Boots Moran in honor of Betty Pierce, Ruth Dozonnia and Josephine Pierce. Sandra Ammons in honor of Phyllis Ammons. Lenell & WC King in honor of Lee Delia Ladner and Geneva King. Emma Ladner in honor of Etta Dubuisson. Susan Peleaz in honor of Florence Favre. In honor of Mytis Deshamp. In honor of Edna V. Moran. Daniel Squillante in honor of Kathy Squillante and Eleanor Squillante. Garland, Gayle, Glinda, Sherry & Perry, Barbara in honor of Edna V. Moran and Glinda Gartman. Doris Snowden in honor of Myris Deshamp, Vianne Dearman, Barbara Saucier, Doris Snowden, Susie Erkkart, Julie Weldon and Gayle Cochran. Northrop in honor of Northrop’s mothers. Kendra in honor of Lenell king, in Honor of Celena Saucier, Sandra in honor of Fannie Mae Mitchell and Carnie Hartfield, in honor of Norma Lear, Agnes Saucier, Faith Furner, Ashley Dedeaux and Gdrena Dedeaux.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat May 15th 5pm	Mike West		
Sun May 16 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 16 th 9 am	Eddie Duran		
Sun May 16 th 6pm	Patricia Garrett		
Sat May 22 nd 5pm	Mike West		
Sun May 23 rd OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 23 rd 9 am	Beau underwood		
Sun May 23 rd 6pm	Judith Martinez		

Thanks: to the Knights of Columbus for providing cake and coffee for Mother's Day. Also, thanks to the children for coming forward to honor and crown Mother, Mary.

Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday, May 20th @ 6pm.

2nd Collection May 22:

Catholic Communications

May 29th & 30th: Father David will be out of town, Father Mike Somer SVD from Bay St. Louis will offer mass here. Thanks

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 preparation for marriage. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

House Blessing: During the Easter Season Father would like to visit your home and bless your home with Holy Water. Please call the office to set it up. 228-832-2560 or 228-346-3578 (Father's cell phone)

RCIA workshop: on June 5th, 2021 from 9:00 am to 2:00pm in Long Beach. Meet Fr. David, if you likes to go. Thanks.

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

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, 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, 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; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo.