

Dear Padre,

Because it's not in the Bible, our Protestant friends don't believe in purgatory. When did the Catholic Church adopt this belief?

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but [who are] still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they [must] undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030). This process of purification is purgatory.



The word *purgatory* may not appear in the Bible, but it does capture a truth found there. Scriptural imagery of figuratively passing through fire for spiritual refinement helped formulate the doctrine of purgatory in the patristic period (see 1 Corinthians 3:15). Forgiveness of sins after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

By the Middle Ages, purgatory had been defined at the Second Council of Lyons (1274), the Council of Florence (1439), and in the Decree on Purgatory at the Council of Trent (1563). The doctrine of purgatory

is part of our Tradition and deposit of faith. At one of his weekly general audiences in 2011, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins. A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God" (see Revelation 21:27).

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Calendar

Monday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

MAY 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

It is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, or fear....The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM, NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.





Forth Sunday of Easter

May 8st 2022



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TO MY
LORD JESUS CHRIST
who came into the world in order to save
those who were lost
You who did leave the ninety and nine sheep
in order to look for the lost one
please look for me in the path of my errors
where I hide myself from You
and from my fellow man
YOU
The Good Shepherd
let me hear your gentle voice
let me know it
let me follow it

SOREN KIERKEGAARD

St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday – May 7th 5:00pm – Mothers Day

Sunday – May 8th 9:00am – Mothers Day

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday - May 8th 7:30am- Mothers Day

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Before Mass and by
Appointment**

Monday – May 9th 8:00am – No Mass

Wednesday – May 11th - No Mass.

Thursday – May 12th 8:00am – Ex. Soc.

Friday – May 13th 8:00am – Ex. Soc.

Saturday – May 14th St. Ann 5:00pm-Ex. Soc.

Sunday – May 15th OLC 7:30am – Ex. Soc.

Sunday – May 15th 9:00am – Ex. Soc.

From Father David's Desk...

Every Nation, Race, People, and Tongue...

Today's readings tell us of the Church's universality. The Church might have been born of the people of Israel, but from its beginning it was meant to spread throughout the world—and it has.

The first reading describes the success that Paul and Barnabas enjoyed in cities in what today is Turkey. Believing that Jesus was the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, these missionaries naturally went first to the Synagogues, where they preached to the Jewish people and those who had recently converted to Judaism. The next week the entire city came to hear them. This angered many Of the Jewish people. The text says that this was because they were jealous of Paul and Barnabas. Jealous of what?

We know that many Jewish-Christians believed that converts had to accept the practices of Judaism before they were considered full members of the Jesus movement. They maintained that everyone should be the same. Mention of converts in this story suggests this may have been the issue. Whatever the problem might have been, the movement spread, adapting itself as it did.

The vision reported in Revelation assures us that, in the end, the spread of the gospel will see completion. It will have been preached to and accepted by "every nation, race, people, and tongue" (7:9). This speaks of genuine universality rather than uniformity. This is unity among diversity. The distinctiveness of nation, race, people, and tongue will be respected because what really unites them is the "blood of the Lamb".

With Prayers,

Fr. David

FOR *Reflection*

- ✳ How open are you to people of other nations, races, or tongues?
- ✳ What might you learn from people with different backgrounds?

St. Ann Stewardship

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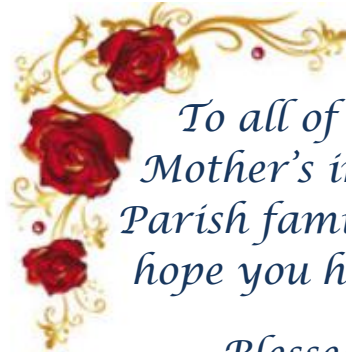
Children: \$1.11 – (ACH: \$5.00)

Total: \$2770.11

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$555.00 – Loose: \$125.00

Total: \$680.00



*To all of the
Mother's in our
Parish family, we
hope you have a*

*Blessed
&
Happy
Mother's
Day!*



TRAINING for Eucharistic Ministers:

Training for Eucharistic Ministers will be after the 9:00am mass, May 15th.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday – May 7 th 5:00pm	Mike West	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – May 8 th 7:30am OLC	Doug Ladner	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – May 8 th 9:00am	Kim Wood	Blane, Cameron, Harmon	William Burke
Saturday – May 14 th 5:00pm	Al Eiselen	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – May 15 th 7:30am OLC	Eddie Duran	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – May 15 th 9:00am	Eric Necaize	Bailey, Layton, Parker	William Burke

GRADUATE Mass:

As the 2022 school year comes to a close, St. Ann's will hold a Mass for the Graduates May 15th at 9:00am. Come join us in wishing them all the best in their journeys.

BLESSING of the Home:

Beginning the week of May 2nd Father David will again be available to bless your home.

Please contact Fr. David or the office to make arrangements.

LECTORS Saturday 5:00pm Mass:

If anyone would like to volunteer, adding to our (2) Lectors for the Saturday evening mass, please let Fr. David know, come by the office or send an email to us at st.anngulfport@hotmail.com.

CATFISH Festival:

The St. Ann Catfish festival will be held on the parish grounds, Father's Day weekend, June 16th thru the 19th. Come join in the fun!

NOTE from Fr. David:

Some of you will be receiving a letter requesting updates to your information regarding our Parish records. If you would, return it to us with any updated information, using the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed. *Thank you so much!*

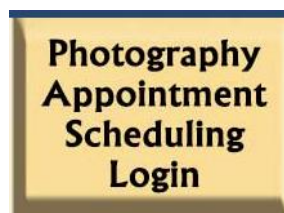
PRAYER Requests:

Nathan Northrup

UPDATE – Parish Directory 2022

Photos for updating our Parish Directories for St. Ann/Our Lady of Chartres Parish/s will be June 28th & June 29th from 2:00pm to 8:30pm at St. Ann's church. To schedule your photo go to UCDIR.com and click on

Photography Appointment Scheduling Login



Church Code: **MS121**
Church Password: **photos**

Universal Church Directories

Please enter your church code number and password here.
If you do not have them, please contact your church directly.

Login

Church Code:

Church Password:

Once in the system, you can select the date & time that suits you best. Click the date you would like; a dropdown will show you the time options to choose from. Last step, filling in your Name, Address, etc., and click **"Schedule Appointment"**. *You are all set!*

