Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

esus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen lesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are

our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to



live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday MAY 30 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday MAY 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday JUNE 1 St. Justin, Martyr Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday JUNE 2 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

JUNE 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

Friday.

JUNE 4 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25

JUNE 5 Pentecest Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

Sunday



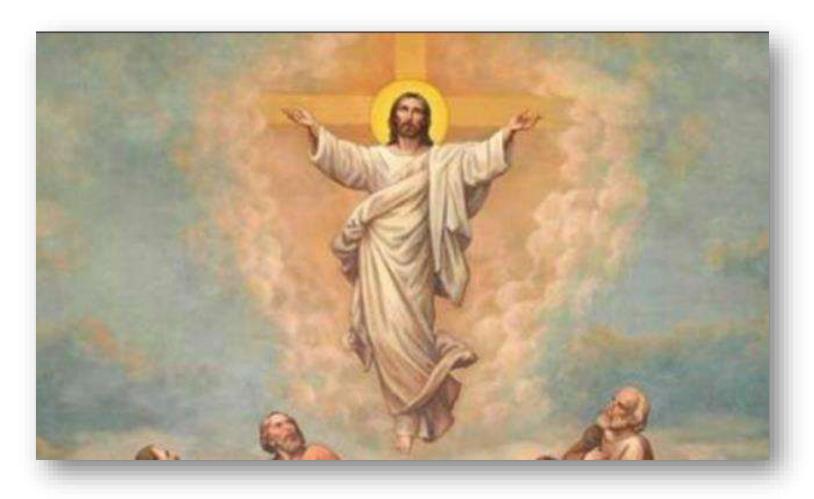
Ascension Of The Lord May 29th 2022



St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission

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St. Ann Mass Schedule:

Saturday — May 28th 5:00pm-Parish Sunday — May 29th 9:00am-Sandra Landry

OLC Mass Schedule:

Sunday - May 29th 7:30am-Ex. Soc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Before Mass and by Appointment Monday – May 30th 8:00am-Ex. Soc. Wednesday – June 1st 6:00pm-Ex Soc. Thursday – June 2nd 8:00am-Ex Soc. Friday – June 3rd 8:00am –No Mass-Adoration Only

Saturday — June 4th St. Ann 5:00pm-OPEN Sunday — June 5th OLC 7:30am-OPEN Sunday — June 6th 9:00am-OPEN

From Father David's Desk...

How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when "a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight"? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus' ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus' exaltation at God's right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God's right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host's right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

With Prayers,

Fr. Davíd

St. Ann Stewardship

Identifiable: \$1770.00 – Loose: \$609.60 Children: \$0 – (ACH: \$5.00)

Total: \$2548.60

OLC Stewardship

Identifiable: \$155.00 - Loose: \$168.00

Total: \$323.00

CATFISH Festival:

Coming together to make things happen is what St. Ann/OLC is all about. Giving of ourselves to our parish and our community. With the Catfish Festival quickly approaching we are asking everyone to...

Take a moment today to <u>Pray</u> for the success of our festival

<u>Sign up</u> to volunteer to work a booth or the concession stand

Areas to Volunteer...

- Concessions*
- Fish Frying
- Hamburgers
- **4** Cokes
- Funnel Cakes
- Desserts
- **↓** \$1K Raffle & T-Shirts
- Crawfish
- **♣** Water Slide
- **♣** Snowballs
- Beer Booth
- **Lucky Draw**
- Bingo

All areas will open at the time of the tournament unless specified. Saturday/Sunday will open at

10:00am

Commit today to make a donation

Prior to the Festival...

Continue to **Pray** for the success of our festival

Sell the \$1K Tickets

Give a \$10 Bingo Donation or gift

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Saturday – May 28 th 5:00pm	Al Eiselen	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – May 29 th 7:30am OLC	Sandra Ammons	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – May 29 th 9:00am	Macy Necaise	Landon, Audrey, Katyn	William Burke
Saturday – June 4 th 5:00pm	Kathleen Cuevas	N/A	August Schonewitz
Sunday – June 5 th 7:30am OLC	Sandra Ammons	N/A	Terry Mitchell
Sunday – June 5 th 9:00am	Kim Wood	Wyatt, Cameron, Kane	William Burke

EUCHARISTIC Ministers

Saturday, June 4 th 5:00pm	Kay Van Pelt	Hilda Eiselen	Al Eiselen
Sunday, June 5 th 7:30am OLC	Doug Lander	N/A	N/A
Sunday, June 5 th 9:00am	Lisa Cuevas	Robin Peterson	William Burke

CATFISH Festival - BINGO:

Donations for the BINGO prizes during the Catfish festival are being accepted at this time. Should you wish to donate, either by giving a prize or by giving cash (envelopes are in the pews) please contact Emma (228) 669-9033 or Brandi at (228) 861-8387

LIZANA Light Ministries:

We are so grateful to have the Ministry of Lizana Light here at our parish. With this being the fifth Sunday of the month, we will be having an additional collection to help Lizana Light in their service to the community. Please give what you can in support of our community, and the ministry. If you wish to donate food items, we are in need of, Corn, Peas, Instant Potatoes, Pasta, and Green Beans. You may drop donations at the office.

PRAYER Request:

Nathan Northrup Daniel Squillante Melvin Wells

UPDATE – Parish Directory 2022

UCDIR.com

Photography Appointment Scheduling Login



Church Code: MS121
Church Password: photos



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 <u>"Schedule"</u>
Appointment." You are all set!