

## Daily Meditation

### Sunday, May 29, 2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Hear me out.

Pope Francis chose one word for the theme of this year's World Communications Day: "Listen!" Since the pandemic has spared no one, we each carry wounds that need to be acknowledged and healed. Dialogue isn't all about talking, the pope notes. At least half the time we should be listening, a task requiring humility in order to receive the truth of another person's experience. At the same time, the quest for truth involves the discernment of reliable information.

We begin with the courage to listen, free of prejudice or agenda. Only then can we find our way together to the light.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26 (61). "That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you."

### Monday, May 30, 2022: EASTER WEEKDAY Give thanks for reverse mission.

Membership in the Catholic Church in the Western world is declining. It's painful for those who remain to see fewer and fewer people in the pews—or worse, to experience the closing of their parishes. It can seem like the church is on the ropes. But stop to think: There are an estimated 1.2 billion Roman Catholics in the world—more than 40 percent of them in Latin America, and the largest growth is in Africa and Asia. Many U.S. Catholic parishes now have priests from those regions. Consider how the Holy Spirit might be at work, with those the West once missioned to now missioning to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

### Tuesday, May 31, 2022: FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Moved by the Spirit.

The scene of Elizabeth greeting Mary, both carrying miraculous pregnancies, is blessedly familiar to Catholic ears. Our "Hail Mary" prayer comes from this encounter. And we hear that even in utero John the Baptist recognizes Jesus and leaps for joy. But Saint Ambrose makes an observation about this visit that's easy to miss: "Mary sets out for the hill country . . . She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy. Filled with God, where would she hasten but to the heights? The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts." When has the Holy Spirit prompted you to act in joyful haste?

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

### Wednesday, Jun 01, 2022: MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR Give thanks to those who gave it all.

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Justin, a figure known for his philosophical prowess, as well as his astute defense of the Christian faith during the second century. His writings are some of the earliest among the church fathers, making his comments on subjects like the sacraments a vital source of information about what the early church believed. He stood out as one arguing for the proto-Christian nature of Greek philosophers such as Socrates and Plato and sought to use their ideas to explain and spread the faith among his non-Christian contemporaries. These included hostile Roman emperors, and Justin was eventually martyred alongside several of his students. Give thanks for the early witnesses who contributed so dearly to the deposit of faith we have inherited.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world."

### Thursday, Jun 02, 2022: MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

May we all get to rest in peace.

Little is known historically about early Christians Marcellinus and Peter, martyred in 304. It is said they were killed at an out-of-the-way location by hostile Roman authorities so that other Christians would not have a chance to bury and venerate their bodies. Even so, it is said they peacefully and without protest cleared the spot chosen for their death, an overgrown thicket three miles from Rome. The fact they could die with peaceful hearts indicates the strength of their faith and trust. Pray that we too can find that peace when we come to our own time and place of final repose.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). "[May] the love with which you loved me . . . be in them and I in them."

### Friday, Jun 03, 2022: MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

The Spirit is on the move.

The astounding growth of the Catholic Church in Africa has not come easily. Many a martyr died along the way, including Charles Lwanga and his companions of Uganda, martyred in 1895. From modest beginnings, there are now well over 13 million Catholics in Uganda—40 percent of the population—and continent-wide, Catholic Church membership rose from 2 million in 1900 to 140 million in 2000. In 2009, when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI visited Africa, the total had grown to an estimated 158 million. By 2025, one-sixth (230 million) of the world's Catholics are expected to be Africans. Give thanks for the flourishing of the Spirit worldwide.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). "He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God."

### Saturday, Jun 04, 2022: EASTER WEEKDAY; SHAVUOT May the harvest be plentiful.

Today is the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. It is the Biblical celebration of the wheat harvest (Exodus 34:22) and, in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. It's called "weeks" because it commemorates the counting of seven weeks from the barley harvest to the wheat harvest, or from the Passover to today. It has a parallel in our Christian tradition of counting from Easter to Pentecost, a word that means "fiftieth," celebrated tomorrow. One of the modern customs celebrated on Shavuot is presenting to the community babies born during the year. Let's pray for all the babies we know who have made it to birth this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). "There are also many other things that Jesus did."

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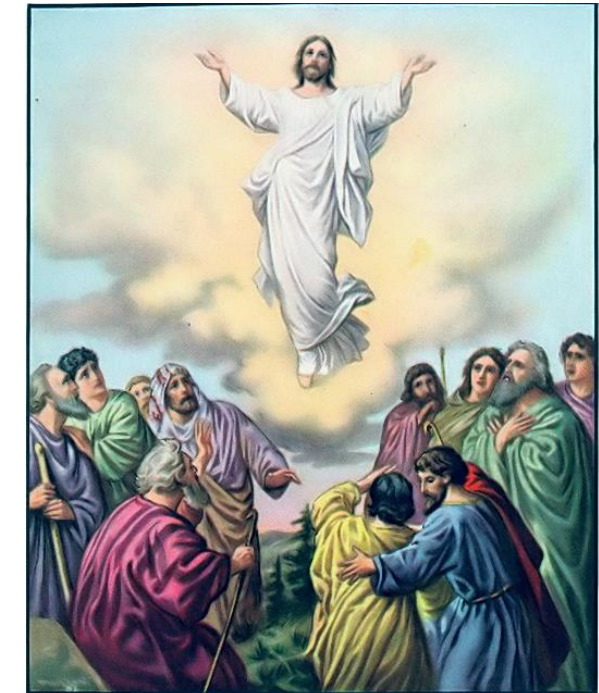
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## FEAST OF THE ASENSION MAY 29, 2022

**Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.**

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00am
Sunday	9:30am
Wednesday	9:00am
Friday	9:00 am
<u>Confessions</u>	
<u>By Appointment Anytime</u>	
<u>Weekday Mass 30 min before</u>	
<u>mass. Weekend mass 45 min</u>	
<u>before mass.</u>	



## PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



**WELCOME:** We welcome all our visitors to St. Mary's. We hope you find St. Mary's to be spiritual and welcoming as you join us today in celebrating the Mass. As our church returns to full activities, we invite our new parishioners to join in participating and volunteering in our events. Coffee is served following 9:30am Mass.

**PARISH MINISTRIES:** As we begin our summer break from most of our ministries, we would like to thank all our volunteers who have been active in all our Parish activities. St. Mary's is an ALL volunteer Parish and our Parishioners are vital to the success of all ministries.

We will resume all activities in the Fall. We would ask all Parishioners to prayerfully consider becoming more involved in our Parish. There are so many ways in which you can contribute to the Parish. You will be assisted and trained wherever necessary. Please contact the appropriate person if you have interest:

CCD teachers            Judy Shary (843) 530-5872  
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**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1PM at 4199 Hwy 165, just down the street from the Church.** We will have our final discussion on the "Secrets of the Vine" by Bruce Wilkinson. Our next book will be "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Come join us at any time - we share our Faith through our discussions and life experiences. Call (843) 729-1644 for more information.



**Pray For Us:** Edward Aban, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Virginia Ceva, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Maryanne Cortez, J. Gould, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Elizabeth Good, Hugh Gorman, Sally Gorman, Tom Gould, KristGroover, Buddy Green, DeeDee Huck, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killennerger, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, John North, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, John North, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Mike Winn, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioners of our parish family.

### Record of Faithfulness 05/22/2022

ENVELOPES	AMT	COLLECTION	AMT
PARISHIONERS	2170.00	MAIN & REPAIR	120.00
LOOSE	162.00	Meals on wheels	1337.00
VOTIVE			
SUB TOTAL	2322.00	SUB TOTAL	1457.00
TOTAL	3789.00		

8:00 AM	26	9:30 AM	57	Total	83
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Second collection Today is for Catholic Communications Campaign.

Second collection next Sunday if for BAA

Next Sunday, June 5th, St. Mary's Bake Sale after both Masses.

If you did not receive a phone call reminding you of this bake sale, please contact Carolyn 843 769 4742 or [carolyn29449@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn29449@gmail.com). Thank You..

A heartfelt thank you to our St. Mary's parishioners who gave very generously to the Parish Charity/Meals on Wheels collection. You have helped feed many of our neighbors who are in need.

### DAILY MEDITATION: ACTS 18:1-8

*They were tentmakers by trade. (Acts 18:3)*

After his conversion, Paul's way of life changed dramatically. He traveled all over the known world preaching the good news. Yet God didn't throw away the experiences that made Paul who he was. Far from it! God helped Paul use his prior skills to serve his new apostolic mission. For example, the tentmaking trade he had learned often supported his missionary journeys. His prior study of the Hebrew Scriptures helped him piece together how Christ's death and resurrection fulfilled God's promises. God didn't let any of Paul's past experiences and skills go to waste!

We might look at our spiritual lives as being quite separate from our skills or hobbies or our occupation. But just as Paul's tentmaking skills supported his ministry, we never know how something we don't necessarily consider "spiritual" might be used by the Lord.

For example, at some point, he might use your experience in the kitchen or your knack for accounting to help launch a new ministry. A hobby like drawing or writing might give you the opportunity to share your faith with more people. Or perhaps your profession provides the means to generously support God's work.

God can use everything we offer him. So don't discount what you do or enjoy, even if it isn't obvious to you how it's contributing to the building of God's kingdom. Just invite the Lord into your daily activities, and be open to how he might call you to use those skills to make him more present in the world. It really does make a difference to the Lord when we consciously dedicate our hobbies, our plans for the day, or our skill sets to him and let them become a witness of his presence.

If you approach your days in this way, God may lead you in surprising ways. He will never let you waste your talents. As you persevere in faith, discernment, and love, he will help you to direct your past experiences and present gifts—and as much of your life as you'll let him—toward building his kingdom here on earth.

**“St. Paul, pray for me to use my abilities in cooperation with God's plan.”**