

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus 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 Jesus 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.

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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.

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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

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

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

Sunday
JUNE 5
Pentecost
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

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The Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23

Lk 24:46–53

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.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



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As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24:51–52

FOR Reflection

- ★ Pray the responsorial psalm today.
- ★ At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

"We as a community rooted in the Catholic faith seek to imitate Christ's
Examples of love and service to others and spread the light of our faith to others."

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Ascension Sunday

Mass May 29, 2022

Lector: Greg Hart

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

James Freitag

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Wally & Marla Goade

Altar Servers:

Ruby B. & Giselle S.

Pentecost Sunday

Mass June 5, 2022

Lector: Victoria Ocampo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Marv Grassl

Greeters & Presentation of Gift

Martin & Maria Garcia family

Alter Servers:

Josh B. & Nadia H.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

For Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia

10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)

12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's

8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's

Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's

Saturday 6:30 pm @ San Juan Diego

Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com

Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Marla Goade @ 539-5354 wmgoade73@gmail.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

June – Guadalupanas

July – Altar Society

NO CONFESSIONS

This week @ St. Vincent

Connell Food Bank

Seniors: Tuesdays

3rd Edad- los Martes

7th and 21st

10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Public:

El público en general:

Wednesdays / los Miércoles

8th and 22nd

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Request of Sacrament Certificates

Please be advised, there is a 10-day minimum needed to search for records. Please be timely in your request of a new certificate.

Confirmation Mass for our Religious Ed Youth
Saturday June 11 at Noon
Keep our Youth in your prayer.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift? Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

STEWARDSHIP

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

May 15, 2022	May 8, 2022
10:30 am - \$1722.00	10:30 am - \$1409.00
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FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR 2 WEEKS:

May 30, 2022 - June 12, 2022

Monday May 30:

Fr. Gus Day of Rest

Tues. May 31:

4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia

5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. June 1:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Confirmation Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. June 2:

10:00 am Adoration/@ Eltopia

10:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

6:30 pm Parish Council @ Basin City

Fri. June 3:

8:00 am @ TriCities Prep

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal @ Basin City

Sat June 4:

1:00 pm Wedding @ Basin City

4:30 pm Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. June 5: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Please keep Fr. Gus In your daily prayers.

Monday June 6:

Fr. Gus Day of Rest

Nicholas Magarelli, seminarian arrives.

Tues. June 7:

Meeting @ Spokane

No Confessions @ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

Wed. June 8:

8:00 am Adoration @ Connell

8:30 am Mass @ Connell

5:00 pm Confirmation Confessions @ Basin City

Thurs. June 9:

No Adoration/@ Eltopia

No Mass @ Eltopia

6:00 pm Practice / Confirmation @ Basin City

Fri. June 10:

8:00 am @ Prison ministry

6:00 pm Confirmation Practice @ Connell

Sat June 11:

9:00 am Confirmations @ Basin City

12:00 pm Confirmations @ Connell

2:30 pm Quinceanera @ Basin City

No Confessions @ Basin City

7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. June 12: Mass

8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia

10:30 am Mass @ Connell

12:00 pm Mass @ Connell