

Dear Padre,

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world’s end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows... but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ’s admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God’s power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God’s rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can’t know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today’s Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



MURTAZISHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Calendar

Monday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:11–18

Tuesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

MAY 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

MAY 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1–7

1 Pt 2:4–9

Jn 14:1–12