



The Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 24, *The Ascension of the Lord*

Johnny Warrington from Paul & Carolyn Gosiger

Monday, May 25, *St Bede the Venerable*

12:10 Terry Michael Merrill from The Family

Tuesday, May 26, *St. Philip Neri, Priest*

12:10 Bill Coleman from Tom & Oti Perrino

Wednesday, May 27, *St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

12:10 Michael Zurlinski from Brian & Roseann

Thursday, May 28

12:10 Carol Wessel from Barbara Juengling

Friday, May 29

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Saturday, May 30

12:10 Jim & Mary Brockhoff from The Grandchildren

7:00 Betty O'Toole from Frank and Stephanie

Sunday, May 31, *Pentecost Sunday*

8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 Scott Schlosser Sr. from Amy Schlosser

12:00 Bill Earls from The Family

A Reading from the Acts of The Apostles:

So from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, they went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a Sabbath walk.

When they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James.

With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL
BEGIN ON **MONDAY MAY 25, 2020**

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE
DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION
OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE
CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

*In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **John Bose** whose funeral was at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church*

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the Spirit of Wisdom.

~Isa 11:2

Reflection. Those who are led by the Holy Spirit have the right concept of everything.

Hence, many unlettered people enjoy such knowledge more than the wise.

~St John Vianney

Prayer. Father of every good gift, send forth Your Spirit upon me with his sevenfold gifts. Grant that I may see everything with Your eyes and always act according to Your will.

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your **spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2020 please call the office**

~ Alleged to be said by Abraham Lincoln ~

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

For your convenience here are some alternate ways for Mass:

EWTN has Masses daily at 8am, 12pm and 7pm

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

MARYTV.TV

<https://marytv.tv/english-mass-in-medjugorje-13/>

On-line only

Immaculate Heart of Mary 8am daily

<https://www.church.ihom.org/>



Opening Prayer

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

The ascension of the Lord before his disciples is depicted graphically in the Acts of the Apostles, when Jesus is said to ascend physically into the sky, being taken away from their sight by a cloud (Acts 1:9). But our gospel reading today comes not from Acts of course, since it is not a gospel, nor from Luke, the author of Acts, but from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. In this story, the last four verses of the gospel, there is no ascension! Instead, the eleven disciples (a sober reminder of Judas's absence) meet at the rendezvous point that had been relayed to them by the women in Jerusalem. The eleven, according to the Gospel of Matthew, now see the risen Lord for the first time; and the evangelist is not clear as to how long after Easter this episode in Galilee took place. The story is sometimes called the "Commissioning of the Disciples." But it is not called "The Ascension."

In Acts, the ascension serves as the final leave-taking of Jesus before his assembled disciples. In Matthew, the commissioning of the disciples serves the same function. As the gospel concludes, there is no further appearance of the risen Lord. Matthew has not written his own version of the Acts of the Apostles. Thus, this appearance is the (first and) final one. Even though there is no physically graphic ascension into the clouds, this is the ultimate, in the sense of last, appearance of the risen Lord to his disciples. And despite this last appearance, Jesus promises that he is with them. Earlier in the gospel Jesus spoke about how judgment will be based on how we treat the one who hungers or the one who thirsts, for in each encounter we see Jesus. When we serve the poor, we serve Jesus. When we neglect the poor, we neglect Jesus. Jesus is present among us always in the poor and lowly of the world. That is his promise.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, you ascended into heaven to reign with God, giving us a promise of our future destiny. Give us the grace to do your work on earth, feeding the hungry and giving drink to those who thirst, so that we might one day be with you in heaven. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

For Reflection:

• How does your faith community carry on the great commission that Jesus gave the first apostles to "make disciples of all nations" through baptism and teaching?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had
ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but
they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has
been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all
nations,
baptizing them in the name of the
Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until
the end of the age."

Readings for the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ascension Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Matt 28:16-20	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab John 16:29-33	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab John 17:11b-19	Acts 22:9b; 23:6-11 Ps 18:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-30, 11 John 17:20-26	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab John 21:15-19	Acts 28:16-30, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 John 21:20-25	Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 33, 34 1 Cor 12:5b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-29