



The Ascension of the Lord 2021

Sunday, May 16, The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Nancy Sauter from The Ryan Family

12:00 **BW** Terry Bolton from Sharon & Ray

Monday, May 17

12:10 Betty Burns from Mary Beutler

Tuesday, May 18, St. John I, Pope

12:10 Thomas Butler from Ruth Miles

Wednesday, May 19

12:10 The Fabiano Family from Carol & Larry

Thursday, May 20, St. Bernadine of Sienna, Priest

12:10 George Osterfeld from All of Your Kids

Friday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest

12:00 Don Huesman from Marilyn Schwiers

Saturday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

12:10 **BW** Jim & Mary Brockhoff from All of Your Grandchildren

7:00 **BW** Bill Rust from The Roeding Family

Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday

8:30 **BW** Special Intentions of Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **Rev David Endres** Terry Michael Merrill & Family from Gina Serger

12:00 **Rev David Endres** Godfrey Mascarenhas from Tony & Kathy Schott

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL JUNE 6TH

PLEASE REGISTER for Saturday evening and Sunday masses at strosecincinnati.org

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

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS UNTIL JUNE 6TH.

To join us for Live Streaming of mass go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

Here at St. Rose

Madeline Anne Solzsmom, Annie Grace Cowles and Maxwell David Cowles will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Oliver Hardin Jr.** whose funeral was this past week.

Spring Cleaning Time. **Bundle Sunday** for St. Vincent de Paul is next weekend. The truck will be here **May 22nd & 23rd.**

St. Vincent de Paul collection will be May 29th-30th

REFLECTION. See Christ our Lord in all human beings. In this way, you will be filled with respect and consideration for others.

St. Teresa of Avila

PRAYER. Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to see all human beings as potential persons in whom you might dwell. And let me respect them because of You, my Lord and Redeemer.

Would you like to remember St. Rose in your will? It is one way to say thank you for the many things for which you have been given.

The Governor of Ohio has lifted all his health orders as of June 2, Therefore on the weekend of June 5-6 there will no longer be a need to make a reservation to come to church. The catholic Conference of Bishops of the State of Ohio has also removed the dispensation from the obligation to attend masses on Sunday starting that weekend. This means there will be no social distancing in the church and people will not have to wear a mask if they do not want to. I still encourage everyone who has not been vaccinated to consider it. When I got mine I felt quite liberated. This has been a long pandemic era for a year and a half and we praise the Lord that hopefully we are on the other side of it. We also praise and thank the Lord for the advances in science. I look forward to seeing everyone back in church. God Bless ~ Fr. Barry

Sunday Sunshine

LISTEN with an open heart and an open mind to those who love you most. You may hear a grain of truth that will later become the foundation of your entire belief system.

~ Callie Khouri

FAR and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

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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

Mark narrates that Jesus has appeared to his followers during forty days—a biblical number symbolic of both fullness and transition—and has instructed them about the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. The disciples wait for this new baptism in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, still captive to curiosity about times, dates, the possible relationship of Israel to the kingdom about which Jesus has so often spoken, and an implied hankering for knowledge of their own positions in this kingdom. Jesus deflects their desire for such answers into a concern for mission—the witness to him that the disciples will be called and empowered to give to the very ends of the earth. The disciples are still wounded by Judas's treachery, Peter's betrayal, and their own cowardice. Yet it is in the midst of such failure, false expectations, and incorrigible personal ambitions and wishes for quick solutions that Jesus will call them to mission.

The Lectionary omits verse 14 from today's reading of the "longer ending" of Mark's gospel. And so as we gather liturgically around the table, we may not realize that Jesus's commission to proclaim the Good News of his resurrection is also given to the wounded Eleven "at table." Nor do we hear how Jesus upbraids them for their lack of faith—something that is surely a great consolation for ourselves as wounded disciples in whom the flame of missionary desire can flicker. Yet like the Eleven, we are people entrusted with the mission of proclaiming the gospel now that the physical presence of Jesus has ascended to heaven and is no longer with us. We too are sent to speak new words with the fire of the Spirit on our tongues, offer new healing to our sisters and brothers, and cast out contemporary "demons" from ourselves and others. And all this continues to be "in the name of" the personal power of Jesus into whose Body we are baptized.

Closing Prayer

Mighty Lord, you promised your followers that *whoever believes and is baptized will be saved*. This now is our work, as your hands and your feet: to always proclaim your mighty deeds, and to welcome disciples into your community of faith. Be with us always, inspiring our sacred ministries. Amen.

For Reflection:

• In the gospel we hear that Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, continues to "work with" the disciples as they preach and do good works. How do you experience Jesus's presence working with you in ministry?

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 Prayer."

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Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

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 or 41-13 or 41-7, 11-13 Mark 16:15-20	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:23-30b, 4-5a-cd, 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, 35b-c-36ab John 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30, 25b-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 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, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 John 20:19-23 or 16:26-27, 16:12-15