

ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MAY 24, 2020



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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.

Matthew 28:19



Notes from Father Tom...

Happy Memorial Day. In your kindness please remember all who have given their life in defense of our country. We pray too for all who risk their lives to keep us safe. Certainly police, fire, rescue but during this pandemic also nurses, doctors, grocery store workers and the list goes on and on. God bless all of you who serve us. I missed saying anything about Deacon Bob Kovach's 10th anniversary as a deacon on May 1. Congratulations Deacon Bob and thank you for your ministry. Deacon Bob is a staff member, is the deacon for daily Mass and weekend liturgies. He baptizes, does communion calls, is part of the pre-baptism and pre-Cana programs. He works with the hot meals program we do in Collinwood. He works with the school liturgies by rehearsing lectors. He assists at some funerals and does some funerals without a Mass. He does other things too but those are all things that come to my mind right now.

Joining us soon will be a seminarian who will be ordained as a deacon probably in August. He will be here living in the rectory until his ordination next May. His name is Cameron Popik. You will get a chance to meet him either virtually or when you can safely attend Mass. We also will have a candidate for the permanent diaconate doing field education here. He will only be here a few hours a week and will arrive later in the summer.

We sent you a note about returning to church. Please do not be a hero. Many of you should stay home. Sister Noel asked me to tell you that she will not be returning to Mass just yet. I fully support what she is doing and I hope that she is an example to many of you that it is ok to stay away until we are reasonably sure that it is safer to return.

Father Tom

† ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-9, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20
Sunday, MAY 24, 2020

- Monday, May 25, 2020** Louise Federici
Acts 19:1-8, Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7b, Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday, May 26, 2020** Fr. William Johnson
Acts 20:17-27, Ps 68:10-11, 20-21, Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday, May 27, 2020** Mary Lou Caprez
Acts 20:28-38, Ps 68:29-30, 33-36a, 35bc-36b, Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday, May 28, 2020** Poor Souls in Purgatory
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11, Jn 17:20-26
- Friday, May 29, 2020** George Roy
Acts 25:13b-21, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b, Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday, May 30** Frank Turk

† Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23



~ Rest in Peace ~

Theodore Matsko

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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Sunday Readings

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;

sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading 2

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Gospel

Mt 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.”

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Treasures From Our Tradition

There was a curious custom years ago that perhaps developed in an age when Easter was seen less as a baptismal season than as a kind of tour through the deeds of the Risen Christ. The paschal candle, sign of Christ's presence, was removed from public view on Ascension Thursday, banished to the baptistery.

Ascension day does speak of the hidden aspects of Christ's life among us, but it does not have much to do with God's absence. Christ has not shed his human life like an inconvenient shell, but rather has taken humanity into heaven. The theologian Karl Rahner said that it is a festival of "the nearness of God." In vanishing from our sight, Christ has become utterly available to all at every time and every place, and is "closer to us than he ever was."

Today is the feast of believing that beyond our final breath is a presence that waits for us, a banquet prepared, a tender homecoming embrace. Rahner said that today is a festival of the future of the world, a day for anticipating the world's true destiny, and therefore hardly a day to be going around hiding candles!

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The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

Here Is The Game Plan

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "Making Gospel Soup!" To understand today's Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no "doubting Thomas" or any of the other stories that we've heard since Easter.

How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, "If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait" or "Stay at the fountain in the mall—I'll find you!" Earlier in

Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, "If something happens, head back to Galilee" (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic reference and a spiritual one. "Go back to what you know, what you remember." They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

You've Got This

Put yourself in the disciples' shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, "I have the power, and I've been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you." Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his "children" to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Or as we might say, "You've got this."

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11 Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23; Mt 28:16–20

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Jesus prays for us
so that we may be with Him.

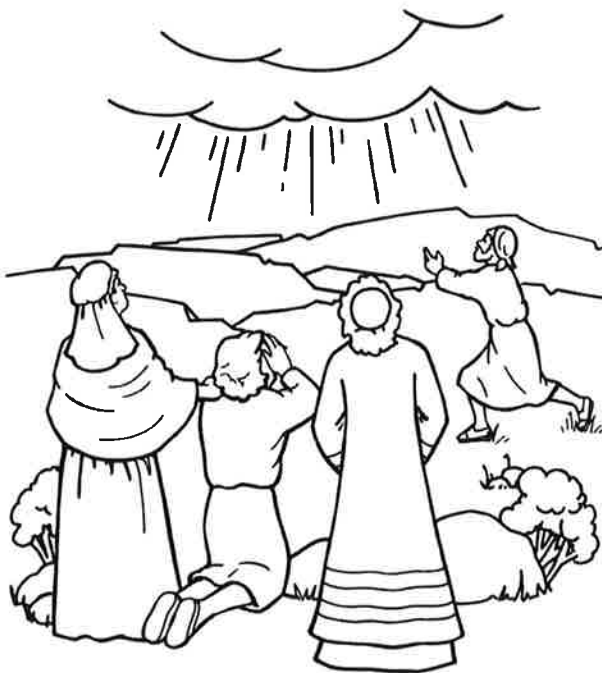
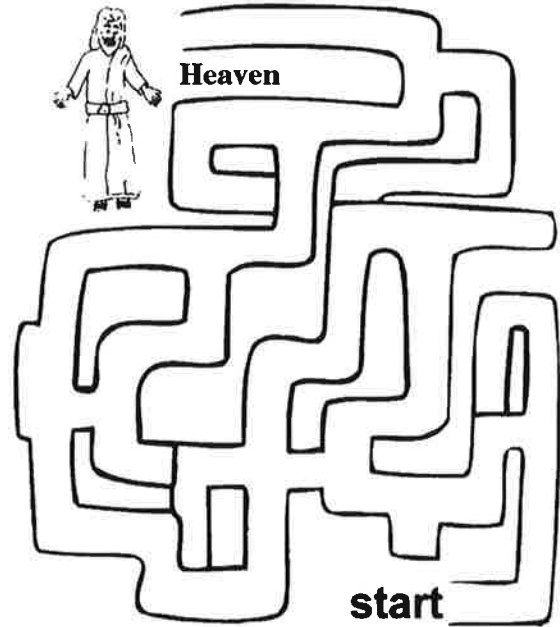
Directions: Circle the words that will help you be with Jesus in heaven and put an X over the things that will not.

- Fighting** **Washing the dishes**
- Love** **Set the table** **Feed pets**
- Helping with dinner** **Play outside**
- Cheating on a test** **Walk dog**
- Make fun of somebody** **Care**
- Cleaning your room** **Gossip**
- Make new friends** **Be mean**
- Ignore your parents** **Pray**
- Include all in games on playground**

Jesus has done His Father's work here on earth.
He has given God's message to the people.



Directions: Help Jesus return to God in heaven.



A cloud took him from their sight. Acts 1:9



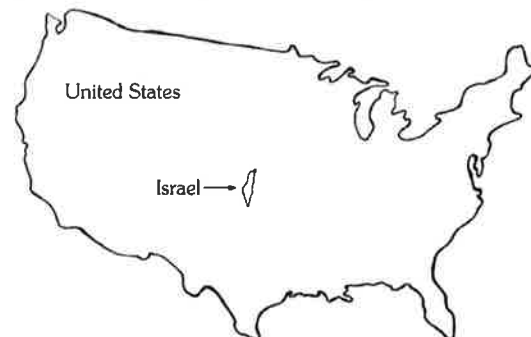
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

All the apostles were gathered around Jesus as he ascended into heaven. They watched as he was lifted up and they continued staring at the sky after he disappeared from sight. Two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them and asked, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11). What should the apostles have been doing instead of standing around?

The word "apostle" comes from the Greek *apostolos*, which means "messenger" or "person sent forth." Jesus sent the apostles to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Today followers of Jesus can be found in almost every place around the world.

The apostles were ordinary people when Jesus called them to follow him. They were fishermen, a tax collector, and other workers. They answered the call of Jesus to spread his Good News of God's love. The apostles began a very important work, and we continue that work because we are also Jesus' apostles. Think of the people you know who are sharing the story of Jesus with others.

Jesus began teaching about the kingdom of God in Israel. You can see how small Israel is compared to the United States. Now people share his teachings around the world. Color the land of Israel and the United States. Remember the good job the apostles did spreading the message of Jesus. Think about how you can do that this week.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We beg you to have compassion on all those mentioned below, Amen

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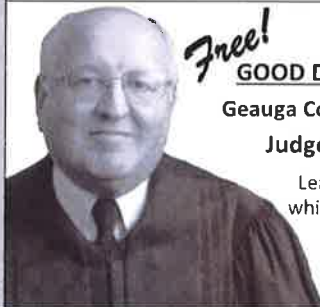
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