

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 24, 2020

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GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

In the first reading from Acts today, two men dressed in white ask the disciples, *Why are you standing there looking at the sky?*

It might be safe to assume that the Apostles were overwhelmed by what they had witnessed the torture and death of their beloved friend, who they believed was the promised Messiah. They were trying to comprehend – and believe – that he was no longer dead after seeing him, touching him, and eating with him. And in today's Scripture, he tells them that he will send the Holy Spirit and that *they will be his witnesses*, not only to the Jews in Jerusalem, but *to the ends of the earth*. And then, he is lifted up, on a cloud, and disappears from their sight. Standing motionless, staring up at the sky – probably with mouths gaping – seems understandable!

It is reasonable to think that the Apostles were still reeling from their thoughts and feelings about recent events. Matthew's Gospel confirms this. When they met Jesus in Galilee as he instructed them, *they worshiped [him], but they doubted*. Yet Jesus has confidence in them.

His response to the doubting Apostles is firm and immediate: *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*. He has total trust in the Father and in his plan for the world, and he commends that plan to the Apostles. He entrusts his power to them to be his witnesses to all the world – to go and make disciples, to baptize them, and to teach all that he commanded.

But he doesn't leave them – or us – alone, staring up at the sky to question and doubt whether we can accomplish this great task. He remains with us as we accept and embrace his mission, guiding and empowering us through the Holy Spirit. He remains with us, nourishing and sustaining us for him in the Eucharist. He remains with us, teaching, and encouraging us in the community he established, his Church, the Body of Christ.

And as he trusted the doubting Apostles, he trusts us to believe in him and his mission. He trusts us to believe that he is the way, the truth and the life that leads and guides us until his return. And he trusts us to believe that he is with us – always – until the end of the age.

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PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND MASS – Call the Office (985-872-0922) or email stanthonybayoublack@htdiocese.org any time before Noon on Friday. If there is no answer, please leave your name, phone #, time of mass & number of people attending. **This is very important to stay within the guidelines of the state regarding places of worship.**

- You must wear a mask.
- Remain 6 feet apart (social distancing)
- No physical contact outside your household.

The 10:30am Mass will be live streamed on our website and FB page.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon, 5/25 – 6:30am – Ray & Betty Waguespack

Tue, 5/26 – 6:30am – Fernando, Sr. & Lilia & Grandparents
Wed, 5/27 – 6:30am – Norma “Tot” Barrett (DA), Rachel Chiasson
Thu, 5/28 – 6:30am - Dale Lirette, Mary & Marcella Bourgeois
Fri, 5/29 – 6:30am –Myra Blanchard, Harvey Perque

Sat, 5/30 – FEAST OF PENTECOST - 4:00pm - Wayne Riche’
Sun, 5/31 –PENTECOST SUNDAY- 8:00am – Eva Hebert (DA), Travis & Alicia Bergeron
Sun, 5/31 – PENTECOST SUNDAY - 10:30am – Donald Burnett, Leroy Scott, Sr., Walterine Scott, Marie Brunet, Leroy Scott, Jr., Christian Scott, Gayle Scott

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR MOTHER’S DAY were donated **In Loving Memory of Bonnie Guidry** by Phyllis & Raymond Babin, Jr.

STEWARSHIP REPORT

Weekly Goal to meet annual needs: \$6,500.00

OUTDOOR MASS – MAY 10, 2020 \$7,315.00

WEEKEND OF MAY 16 & 17, 2020 \$5,248.00

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN COLLECTION - This weekend, May 23 & 24! This collection contributes to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media through special projects and the Catholic Press. 50% of this collection is retained for communication projects within our diocese. Please place your envelope in the offertory basket. If you write a check and don’t use the envelopes please mark in the memo **SECOND COLLECTION**.

WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat, 5/23 - Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sun, 5/24 - **The Ascension of the Lord** - Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
Mon, 5/25 - Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tue, 5/26 - Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wed, 5/27 - Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thu, 5/ 28 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Fri, 5/29 - Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Sat, 5/30 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sun, 5/31 - **Pentecost Sunday** - Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

ONLINE GIVING – We have received a few calls about not being able to get into We Share Online. This is the correct address: stanthonybavoublack.weshareonline.org Do not use the www at the beginning and you should be fine! Please call if you have any problems.

SANCTUARY LAMPS – *In Loving Memory of Beau Tedesco & Tedesco and Boudreaux Families* by Victor & Madelyn Tedesco ♥ *BeBe Breaux, Stanley, Sr., Eva, S.P., Jr., Betty Hebert & Sons, Breaux, Trahan, Giroir, Blanchard & Hebert Families* by Virdie and Bubba Breaux ♥ *Begue & Hebert Families, Ellen Monterio, Cody Antill & Dale Bergeron* by Ann & Gary Hebert ♥ *Bernard Daigle, Donna D. Trotter, Tony Fanguy, W. Bernard, Daigle &*

Acosta Family by Joan Daigle and family ♥ *Bonnie, Rene & Marguerite Guidry, Ernest, Ertell & Emil Joller* by Ulysse & Miriam Guidry ♥ *Davis, Jr. & Michael Arceneaux, Iris Gaston Talbot, Vicki & Christopher Steib & Rena Hebert* by Shelia Arceneaux ♥ *Ed & Dolly Richard, Lucy Porche, Louis & Lois Authement, June Fischer, Sylvia & Reed Folse, Dot & Junel Marcel* by Ed & Elaine Richard ♥ *John, Della, Warren, Eula, Will, Ronald and Emmett Rodrigue, Arthur and Marie Hebert* by Rodrigue Family ♥ *Logan Naquin, Trey Marmande, Gerald & Judith Duplantis* by the Chafin Family ♥ *M/M Joseph Dufour, M/M George Dorsey, M/M Harold Favret, Sr., Harold Favret, Jr., Charles Favert & Marie Hylana* by Linda D. Favert ♥ *Neal, Linda, Theresa & Reynold Hebert; Giroir, Fauchaux & Hebert Family* by Janis Hebert & Hebert Family ♥ *Pierre LeBlanc, Ann Gill, Terri Lambert, Triny Mosse, Nell, Kay, Curtis Marcello, Sr., Tenny Moore, Bubba McNeal, Aull & LeBlanc Families* by Kaye LeBlanc ♥ *Ryan & Marc Pitre, Viella & Nolan Rogers* by Carol Antill ♥ *Ted Borowski, John Ford Sr., Borowski, DeYeide, Dison and Ford family* by James & Stefanie Ford ♥ *W. L. Trahan, Gilbert, Uraine, Albert & Billy Joe Trahan* by Rita & Carroll Trahan ♥



On Memorial Day - Thank you to all who served our Country – Those that made the ultimate sacrifice – their lives for our Freedom; We also remember those that have served and those that continue to serve!

God Bless America

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

SOUTHERN GLASS OF TERREBONNE