



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

Most dioceses do not celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday anymore but have moved the celebration to the Sunday following. So, I will comment on the Ascension later in the week but focus on the Easter Weekday today.

Jesus is preparing his apostles for his ascending back to his Father in heaven following his resurrection. He explained that they would no longer see him and that they would miss him; however, they would soon rejoice. I am sure the apostles waited with great anticipation for the return of Jesus, yet they did not waste too much time gazing heavenward. Rather, their focus became spreading the Good News and growing the Church, the Body of Christ.

Perhaps we would like Jesus to return SOON! And, indeed, we will return to our true home, too. We cannot sit gazing simply heavenward waiting for that day to arrive; but, cast our eyes on our own plane where we meet Christ in our neighbor. The Advocate strengthens us for our earthly journey and our faith journey by allowing us to show forth the presence of Christ in our lives. Let us embrace our journey each day empowered to live our Catholic faith.

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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