



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord celebrating the glorification of the Lord and His return to the Father in heaven. Why would we celebrate this event? Don't *we need* Jesus? Why would we celebrate His leaving us? Well, lest we forget, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to us. Jesus reminded us, as we read in our Scriptures: "I am with you ALWAYS!" This brings us consolation and hope particularly in the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

In our Catholic Christian faith, we encounter the presence of God in our sacramental journey. However, we are invited to delve deeper in the to mystery of God's self-giving love as we offer ourselves to Him in every aspect of our life. We are made whole and holy in our self-giving in joining together as the Body of Christ in service to the world. We bring life to the words of the Gospel and become the Good News of His presence to others, especially to those in need.

Yes, it is difficult to say, "goodbye." We want Jesus to be with us now! In fact, we wish we could have all our loved ones who have left to go home to be with us now. This desire burns within us as we yearn for our loving relationships to continue forever. We will return home, too. And, there, once again we will see Him as He truly IS: Love.

We continue this journey...

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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