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ENTRANCE HYMN -
"Come Ye Faithful"

READING I - 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. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

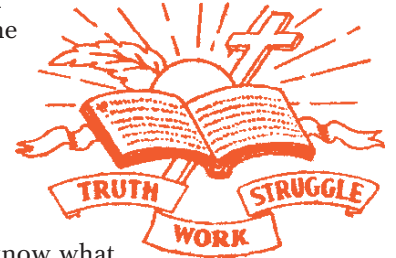


Ascension Sunday

May 16, 2010

READING II - 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.



R./ Alleluia. VERSE. R./ Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise be to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

GENERAL CONCESSIONS:

God, Hear Us!

OFFERTORY HYMN -

"Come Rejoice, Our Lord Is Risen"

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE -

"Immaculate Mary"

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

"Christ Is Risen"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - The Celebration Continues!

Ascension Day - a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter Sunday - celebrates the return of the Lord Jesus to heaven. After showing himself, in the sight of His Most Holy Mother, His apostles, and disciples, on a number of occasions, Jesus called them to a mountain top, spoke to them briefly, and, as they watched, ascended into heaven. Ascension Sunday is the Sunday following Ascension Day.

HIS WORDS...

"When (Jesus) had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." -Luke 24:30-32

HAIL MARY

May is the month, the church traditionally has dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. This Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, let us note the second Glorious Mystery, of Her Most Holy Rosary...
THE ASCENSION.

HER MESSAGE: Two angels told the sky gazing Galileans, "This Jesus who has been taken from you will return, just as you saw him go up into heaven." In that one sentence you find three major truths; There is a heaven; Jesus ascended to heaven; Jesus will come again. "When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) May he always find in your heart and soul that vibrant faith he praised so often during his public ministry.

HER PRAYER: Dear Blessed Mother, continue to intercede for me that I may never be found lacking in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen MAKING OUR DEATHS GIFTS

How do we make our deaths gifts for others? Very often people's lives are destroyed, harmed, or permanently wounded by the deaths of their relatives or friends. We have to do whatever we can to avoid this. When we are near death what we say to those who are close to us, whether in spoken or in written words, is very important. When we express gratitude to them, ask forgiveness for our shortcoming and offer forgiveness for theirs, and express our sincere desire that they continue their lives without remorse but remembering the graces of our lives, then our deaths can become true gifts.



EARTH DAYS...

'I expand and live in the warm day like corn and melons.'

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

'Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.'

-Frank Lloyd Wright

'Outdoors is where the great mystery lies, so going into nature should be a searching and humbling experience, like going to church.'

-Skip Whitcomb

ONE MINUTE DEVOTIONS...Helen Steiner Rice GOD'S GLORY

Little do we realize that the glory and the power of He who made the universe lies hidden in a flower.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.' -Psalm 19:1

Today, when you look at a flower, see God's love and a message from Him!

SAVE THE DATES for ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 12, 2010

East Meadow Pride Day at Speno Park

Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2010

HUGE YARD SALE!

Something for everyone!

Sunday, September 19, 2010

St. Francis Fundraiser Dinner. Volunteer to help.

Saturday, October 2, 2010

Blessing of the Animals by Father Andrew.

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Robert Koterba's Christening

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, December 12, 2010

Choir Concert