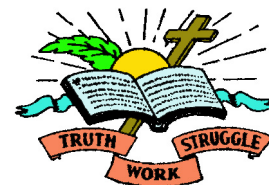


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May 24, 2020 - Ascension of the Lord



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

Mass Book page 63.

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 the 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.

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For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

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a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

READING 2 - Ephesians 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.

Priest/Lecotr: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL - Matthew 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." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Blest Are We"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Gather Your People"

RECESSIONAL - "How Great Thou Art"

St. Francis Weekly "Faith Renewed"



THE CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE... ASCENSION SUNDAY

Ascension Day—the fortieth day after Easter Sunday (a Thursday, but celebrated today, Sunday) —celebrates the return of the Lord Jesus to heaven. After showing himself to His followers 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. “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 to heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” —Luke 24:50-52

SMILE OF THE DAY

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly, he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!" Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. the burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a birdcage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot; "Was that you who said 'Jesus is watching you?'" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief, and asked the parrot, "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot replied, "The same idiot who named the Rottweiler Jesus!"

(2017, SHARED BY JONI BLENN)

**THIS IS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
BE SAFE. REMEMBER THE REASON.**



**PRAY FOR
ALL MILITARY**

**ESPECIALLY THOSE VETERANS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
FOR OUR FREEDOM.**

Take a moment out and pray...

† † † † † † **PRAYERS** † † † † † † †

For the Health & Safety of Our First Responders during the Pandemic: Lord God, Jesus, our Savior, Mary and all the Saints, please watch over and keep safe those who respond first to our needs, doctors, nurses, EMTs, orderlies and LPNs, as well as those who risk their lives every day to serve us, firemen & women cashiers, truck drivers, delivery personnel, government officials, fast food and restaurant employees, etc. We ask especially for our own at St. Francis Parish, Sandras Darbouze & Lillian Zaradich, RNs; Lillyan Tobon's niece, Jessica Arrubla, NYPD; Linda Frysztacki's daughter-in-law, Karlye Frysztaski and her sisters, RNs.

Health Needs: Jesus, we ask you to bring peace and your healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen.

Health Needs of: All who have the Coronavirus & Debbie Marciano, Beverly Hester, Gregory Klein, Tom Early, Jim Richards, Nancy Fernandez Petrozza, Sophia Kyriakakis, Billy Murphy, Toni Panico, Helen de la Sota, Jeff Curtis, Ottavia Daquino, Linda Frysztacki, Daniella Vasquez, Ann Klein-Siebuhr, Blanca Vasquez, Iris Cafran, John Luis Vasquez, Eileen McChesney, Joe Glovack, Carla Calabrese, Janis Siebuhr, Debbie Granaldi & for all those who care for the sick and disabled.

Requiem Intentions, especially for those who have passed from the coronavirus:

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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