

**May 16, 2021**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11*  
*Ps. 47*  
*Ephesians 1: 17-23*  
*Mark 16: 15-20*

Cutting the Apron Strings

There comes the moment when children are emancipated from their parents. The "apron strings" are cut. Parents let go and children begin to take responsibility for themselves. Yet, there is a lasting relationship between children and parents. Parents are still available to offer guidance.

The Ascension of our Lord seems to be like the emancipation of children, cutting the apron strings. Jesus must leave the earth lest the Apostles and all his followers only look to him for every decision of their lives. With Jesus' ascension to the Father in Heaven humanity began to take responsibility for speaking the Good News. Yet, even as emancipated children are always in a relationship with their parents there remains a connection and relationship between Jesus' followers and He and the Father. As we will see later at Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes to all and the Church is born.

Today's readings speak of a certain energy through gifts promised to the members of the Church. In the Acts of the Apostles it says, "...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Do these words touch you?

It is possible to find purpose in life. Such discovery may happen even in older age. In the second reading, Ephesians 1, it says we will be given a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of God.

We are called beyond this earthly life to an eternity in Heaven. We are not meant to merely live a moral life here on earth but to go beyond. Moreover, we are asked to take others with us. Jesus says, "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." God will give us the gifts and powers to do all that is needed to move toward eternity.

So be not afraid. The apron strings are cut. We are now called on to exercise our freedom to act in the name of the Lord. We do not have to make God do everything for us. Yet, God is with us, empowering us to do his work on this earth.

Stewardship

Attendance last week:	258
Tithes Collected:	\$5,585.00
Online Giving:	\$615.00
Total:	\$6,200.00

Thank you!

**Today's second collection is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.**

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**Weekday Morning Liturgy and Devotionals**

Note that we celebrate Morning Prayer and Mass Tuesday through Friday. The Liturgy begins at 7:50am. The chapel is open by 7:00am if you wish to come for silent prayer. At 7:20am the Rosary is prayed communally.

Join us before you go off to work or school. If you are retired you may come often and make this a prayer apostolate.

**Pentecost Next Sunday!**  
**First Holy Communion.**

Olivia and Jason will be the two children who will receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, for the first time! This is another step into their membership and participation in God's Church.

**LITURGY FOR MAY 16, 2021**  
**7th Sunday of Easter (B)**

- **HYMN #1: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP (B. DOERKSEN)**
  1. Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come
  2. One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose now.
- **PSALM 47:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (ALLELUIA)** God and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**HYMN #2: ONE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST**  
**(Modin/Feduccia)**

1. One sacrifice of Christ, one throne above the heavens. Christ has risen as he said, and will come

to wake the dead. Christ will return to set us free. One sacrifice of love, one message for the nations: Jesus suffered, died and rose, and ascended to the throne. Christ will return to save the world.

2. One banquet richly set for all God's holy people. We will dine in joy and peace, and our song will never cease, praising the Lamb up on the throne. One shout of joy we raise, one voice in exaltation. For in glory Christ has gone, and in hope we now are drawn to one sacrifice of Christ, one sacrifice of Christ.

• **HYMN #3: I, THE LORD (T.KENDZIA)**

1. I, the Lord, am with you, always by your side. Come and take my hand, for I will lead you home. Follow me, follow me.
2. I am the resurrection, and I am the life; if you believe in me, you shall live forever.
3. You shall have new life and live it to the full. Turn your sorrow into joy for life has just begun.

• **HYMN #4: ALLELUIA! RAISE THE GOSPEL (B. Farrel, O. Alstott)**

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel over the earth! Alleluia! Alleluia! Peace and justice bring to birth!
2. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle. Blessed those whose spirits are strong. Blessed those who choose to bring forth right where there is wrong.
3. Blessed those who work for justice. Blessed those who answer the call. Blessed those who dare to dream of lasting peace for all.
4. Tremble, you who build up riches. Tremble, you with opulent lives. Tremble, when you meet the poor and see Christ in their eyes.
5. Tremble you who thirst for power. Tremble, you who live for acclaim. Tremble, when you find no comfort in your wealth and fame.
6. Glory like the stars of heaven, Glory like the sun in the sky. Glory shines up on all people, equal in God's eyes.
7. Glory to the Word of Justice. Glory to the Spirit of Peace. Glory to the God of Love whose blessings never cease.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Dil Hatchett, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahan, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday, May 15  
 4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
- Sunday, May 16  
 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
 10:45 a.m. † Angelo Farina by Mary, Lauren, Mary Ann  
 † Caridad & Jesus Laureano Dalama by Laureano Dalama
- Monday, May 17  
 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, May 18  
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Bob by Dan & Dil
- Wednesday, May 19  
 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of SVDP Society
- Thursday, May 20  
 8:00 a.m. Hugo Duque by Selma Cardona
- Friday, May 21  
 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Saturday, May 22  
 4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary  
 † Souls in Purgatory by Gabriel
- Sunday, May 23  
 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish  
 10:45 a.m. † William Weber by Fortunata Weber  
 Terri Symonette by Dan Murphy & Dil