

MAY 29, 2022
Ascension of the Lord
Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11
Ephesians 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 46-53

Not Left Alone But Sent To Do.

The Acts of the Apostles report to us, "...he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight."

How do you view the Ascension of our Lord? Do you view it as the Lord abandoning us? Or, do you view it as God raising expectations and empowering you to meet His expectations? For example, one could say, "I throw my hands up! I quit. How dare God leave us with the mess!" Imagine how the Apostles felt. They saw him die seeming to lose all they had worked for. Then they met the resurrected Christ who stayed with them for some time. Then, he leaves them again as he ascends to the heavens.

Read the first reading with care. The Ascension redirects expectations. Jesus tells the apostles to go out, head out. Get to work! The Lord is directing them to not wait for things to be done to them. Jesus redirects the disciples' expectations about how God's power is expressed in the world. God's kingdom is active. It is referred to as a reign. A reign is on-going. For us, today, we must know that things are not going to be done *for* us. Rather, the progress of the world will be done *through* us.

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul invokes the Trinity. Paul is teaching a solid spiritual life enlightens people. It enlightens all to the rewards of an intimate relationship with God. The way one enters, therefore, into this intimate relationship is by turning over to God.

Then Jesus says in the Gospel story he promises to send the Spirit. "And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you." By this sending the community of believers will be the ones who lift each other up. Moreover, they will call others to the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, we must be prepared to do something for others. We are not to wait for something to be done for us. We are not left alone. We are sent to do.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts2:1-11;1Cor12:3b-7,12-13;Jn20:19-23
Scripture Sharing is on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

It is our way of showing gratitude to God for life itself. It is also your way of being part of the mission and participating in the challenge of spreading the Good News of Love.

Attendance last week:	Information
Tithes Collected:	in
Online Giving:	next
Total:	bulletin
Per Capita:	

Thank You!

This week's second collection is for Catholic Communications Campaign.

Next week's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

New Apostolate Church Watch

Actually, this is *not* a new apostolate. We had people signed up and "ready to go". Then, just as we were about to launch it COVID and the lockdown happened. We could not implement the Church Watch.

Now we will begin again! Thanks be to God.

Purpose: To open the church building for a period of time each weekday to permit and encourage people to visit the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and quiet.

How: volunteers (preferably two at a time) will be present each day for two hours, 11:00am to 1:00pm in the chapel. The availability of the open chapel will be promoted in the surrounding community.

What: They will monitor the premises to be sure no one harms the building and its contents. Further, they will be present to offer printed materials a person may use for prayer. They may also offer prayer with a person if so desired or needed.

Why: This may encourage people to take time from work during a lunch break, etc. to come and be with the Lord in His Real Presence.

Please print your name on the list of interested people. (Soon to be provided.) You may also call the rectory to make known your interest to help.

We will open the chapel on as many days that we have volunteers to cover.

COMMUNITY/SPIRITUALITY

Our Feast Day! June 19th Many Feasts In One.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

For us, the parish of Blessed Sacrament, this is our special feast day. We give witness to the Body and Blood of Christ in his most precious Real Presence.

The Scriptures of the day say the following: (taken from the Ordo) Melchezedek, priest of God Most High (Ps 110), offers bread and wine as a blessing upon Abram (Gn. 14). Jesus fulfills this offering, giving us his own body and blood under the forms of bread and wine (1Cor. 11). Thus is our hunger satisfied in abundance (Luke 9), as we make our pilgrim way to the heavenly banquet.

Juneteenth

Juneteenth honors the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the U.S. The name "Juneteenth" is a blend of the two words: "June" and "nineteenth." It is believed to be the oldest African American holiday, with annual celebrations on June 19th in different parts of the country dating back to 1866. It originated in Galveston, Texas.

Father's Day

Father's Day was begun in the US in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fathers, fathering, and fatherhood. The day became a national celebration as did Mother's Day. However, it too became commercialized. For us Roman Catholic Christians we honor fathers and pattern after St. Joseph. Thus, in a humble way a father lovingly and firmly cares for his family.

Graduation Recognition

Forms will soon be placed in the foyer concerning Graduation Recognition. Please watch for them. We would like to recognize those who have graduated from High School, College, and Graduate School this year.

"Operation Utilities Bag"

Remember, keep filling your Zip Lock Bag with Currency. The little money you save here and there each day truly adds up for the many people the Saint Vincent de Paul Society serves every week.

Please return the bags for Pentecost.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Angiolina Armenti, 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, Joseph Devlin, 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, Judith Kolo, John LaNeve, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Paul Riley, Dee Ripple, Jackson 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 28

4:00 p.m. † Michael Mezynski by Anthony & Rose
† Dorothy Arnold by Jack & John Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. Susan & Mason Brommer by Anita Brommer
† Mary Jo Ortwein by John Galinus

Monday, May 30

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, May 31

8:00 a.m. Timothy Ryan, esq. by Dan Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Wednesday, June 1

8:00 a.m. † Patricia McKenna by Rose Michel

Thursday, June 2

8:00 a.m. Timothy Ryan, esq. by Dan Murphy & Dil Hatchett

Friday, June 3

8:00 a.m. † Margarita O'Campo by Selma Cardona

Saturday, June 4

4:00 p.m. † Darrell Demps by Demps Family
† Indiana August by Dan Murphy

Sunday, June 5

9:00 a.m. † Catalino Nazareno by Teresita Nazareno
10:45 a.m. † William Billy Wall by Joe Johnson
† Gregory & Martha Cox by Anita Brommer