

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20th-21st, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Gospel reading

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.”

Intercession

That, alive with the promised Holy Spirit, our parish may produce a bountiful harvest for Christ through our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

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Today, the Gospel reveals that Jesus’ disciples still struggled with doubt even after He rose from the dead. He didn’t rebuke them this time. Instead, Jesus gave them the mission to “Make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus knew they needed help to believe Him, even after seeing Him rise. He knows us, too. Seeing is not enough! Many of His would-be followers abandoned Him despite miracles. That’s why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen our weak faith.

We ask you to make an act of faith by giving to our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Like the disciples in today’s Gospel, after worshipping Jesus atop a mountain, we worship Jesus at the “source and summit” of our Eucharistic faith. After worshipping, He sends us out to make disciples. The word Mass comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means “sending.” We make disciples in our homes, workplaces, and our neighborhoods. We need your prayers and financial contributions to fulfill our commission to make disciples in our community. The *Catholic Ministry Appeal* is a “little commission.” Help us fulfill it so that he will find us busy with the good work when He comes back. God be with you.

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Please help us strengthen the faith of our parish community with your support of our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. Faith is usually not easy. God asks us to always believe in Him, especially when it's hard. The disciples in the Gospel today found it hard to believe Jesus even after seeing him risen from the dead. Today, we ask for the Holy Spirit to give our *Catholic Ministry Appeal* what it needs to succeed, just as Christ gave the Holy Spirit to increase the faith of his disciples where it was lacking. We believe that together, we will reach new heights with your support and His Holy Spirit working together!

Social media post/content

Photo: Mother/daughter exiting a church.

Header: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." - Matthew 28:19

Sub-header: The Ascension of the Lord

Copy: Today, Jesus ascends in glory to His Father, promising to send His Holy Spirit to strengthen His followers with the grace needed to fulfill His great commission.

We, too, need help to complete our mission. Please support our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*, a small yet worthy attempt to "make disciples" in our local community (Matthew 28:19). With your help, we can impact many souls and your generosity will have eternal results!