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John

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 2018

Sunday, May 13th The Ascension of the Lord

CW 8:30 George Joseph from Marie

TH 10:30 Ruth Ahaus from Elaine Ahaus

TH 12:00 Audrey Mushaben from Howard and Elaine

Monday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

12:10 Gus Juengling from Gloria Miller

Tuesday, May 15

12:10 Najla Joseph from Marie

Wednesday May 16

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 17

12:10 Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

Friday, May 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

12:10 Donald H

Saturday, May 19

12:10 Susan Castleberry from Hap

SA 7:00 Gus Juengling from Patty and Barry Savage

Sunday, May 20th Pentecost Sunday

BW 8:30 Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW 10:30 Ron Koettters from the Family

BW 12:00 Steff Lewis from Howard and Elaine

The St. Rose Choir will present "A New Heaven," a stunning concert centered around faith, hope, and love on **May 20th, Sunday 4:00 PM**. We are excited to share this inspiring gift of music with you, your family, and your friends. The performance is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

This week is the collection to complete the construction of the National Shrine in Washington, DC. The ushers will be at the doors.

From the Pastor's Desk

Theodore Ranier Boucher was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism May 5th here at St. Rose Church.

Laeficia Tatiana deCavel was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism May 7th here at St. Rose Church.

Eric Mueller and **Keri Young** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony May 8th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **Victoria Blackwell** and **Edith Mineer** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.

Fr. Barry would like to wish all the Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

Time for Spring Cleaning. Bundle Sunday for St. Vincent De-Paul is May 20th. The truck will be here May 19th and 20th.

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? St. Rose **RCIA** is starting in October at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the Rectory. For more information, call Fr. Barry at 513-871-1162

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a 10-day trip to Italy next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. If you are interested in an itinerary, call the office at 513-871-1162.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for May 19th and May 20th

7:00 M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine, Joe Keller

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Rich Creighton, Bob Sheil, Joseph Sonnefeld

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Scheitering, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In today's gospel for Ascension Sunday we hear an odd-sounding statement about those who are baptized; they will be able to pick up snakes, drink poison without being harmed, and heal the sick by laying hands on them. What are we to make of this? Though it might be easier to gloss over this strange verse, it will likely be in our minds as we hear it at this Mass. The notes in the New American Bible make clear that Mark's gospel ended at 16:8. But it seems that some copyists did not like the ending to be one where all the disciples run away because they were afraid! And so we have a multiplicity of endings attested to by different manuscripts. What we refer to as Mark 16:9-20 is one such ending, and it is certainly considered canonical, inspired, and authoritative, but it was not part of the "original" gospel. It was written by a later author, probably someone who wanted to address certain issues in their community.

Among other things, Mark 16:9-20 answers the question of the Gentile mission, or why there are so many Gentiles in a movement that was initially Jewish. The answer is that Jesus gave them the command, "Go into the whole world / and proclaim the gospel to every creature." In a sense, this is Mark's version of Matthew's more elegant Great Commandment (Matt 28:19-20). The Markan gospel passage, and the gospel itself, concludes with the answer to another question, Where is Jesus now? with an echo of 1 Timothy 3:16 and Luke 24:15. Namely, Jesus was "taken up" into heaven. So, where is Jesus now? He is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God.

Closing Prayer

Father, in raising the Lord Jesus from the grave into heaven, you have given hope to us and to all humanity. Hear the prayers we make to you in the name of Jesus your Christ, the source and life of that hope, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.

For Reflection:

• Most of us are neither teachers nor preachers. So how do I fulfill Jesus' commission to be his "witness" in my own Jerusalem?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect");
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection";
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Readings for the week:

Sunday Ascension	Monday St. Matthias	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Pentacost
Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mark 16:15-20	Acts 1:15-17, 20-25 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 John 15:9-17	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 John 17:1-11a	Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-35ab John 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30s 23:5-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 John 17:20-28	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab John 21:15-19	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 John 21:20-25	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:5b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 John 20:19-23 or 16:26-27; 16:12-15