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SEVENTH OF EASTER—ASCENSION SUNDAY – MAY 12TH 2024 GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY: A BLARE OF TRUMPETS FOR THE LORD.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



VII DOMINGO DE PASCUA—LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR ENTRE VOCES DE JÚBILO, DIOS ASCIENDE A SU TRONO.

Hay similitudes en los relatos de la Ascensión de Jesús que se encuentran en los evangelios sinópticos: Marcos, Mateo y Lucas. En cada caso, Jesús asigna a sus discípulos la tarea de proclamar el mensaje del evangelio al mundo entero. También hay distinciones notables. En los evangelios de Marcos y Mateo, los discípulos son enviados por Jesús a bautizar y predicar. Sin embargo, en el evangelio de Lucas no existe la comisión de bautizar. En cambio, Jesús ordena a los discípulos que regresen a Jerusalén para esperar el cumplimiento de su promesa de enviarles el Espíritu Santo. Curiosamente, sólo los evangelios de Marcos y Lucas relatan realmente la ascensión de Jesús al cielo. El evangelio de Mateo concluye con la promesa de Jesús de permanecer con sus discípulos para siempre. Sólo el Evangelio de Marcos señala que Jesús ascendió para sentarse a la diestra de Dios. Al señalar esto, Marcos enseña que la ascensión de Jesús afirma la gloria que Jesús recibió de Dios después de su muerte y resurrección.

Aunque este final del evangelio de Marcos fue escrito por alguien distinto del evangelista, en el encargo que Jesús da a sus discípulos hay elementos bastante típicos del evangelio de Marcos. Las señales que acompañarán la fe en Jesús son tan vívidas como la acción realizada por Jesús durante su ministerio. Aquellos que creen en Jesús tendrán el poder de hacer lo que Jesús mismo ha hecho. Durante su ministerio, Jesús envió a sus discípulos a predicar, sanar y expulsar espíritus inmundos. Ahora son enviados nuevamente a hacer estas cosas y más. Desde su lugar con Dios en el cielo, Jesús ayudó a sus discípulos y continúa ayudándonos a nosotros mientras tratamos de vivir como sus seguidores.

POPE PLEADS FOR MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The morning after Iran launched hundreds of drones and missiles at Israel, Pope Francis pleaded with nations to avoid a further escalation of the violence. "I make a heartfelt appeal for a halt to any action that might fuel a spiral of violence with the risk of dragging the Middle East into an even greater conflict," the pope said April 14 after reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with visitors in St. Peter's Square.

According to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Iran launched 330 exploding drones and missiles at Israeli military facilities late April 13 and early April 14. The vast majority of the weapons were intercepted. Pope Francis told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square, "I am following in prayer and with concern, also sorrow, the news that has come in the last few hours about the worsening of the situation in Israel because of the intervention by Iran." **"No one should threaten the existence of others,"** the pope said. **"Instead, all nations should take the side of peace, and help the Israelis and Palestinians to live in two states, side by side, in security."** Israelis and Palestinians have a "deep and legitimate desire" to live peacefully and independently, he said, "and it is their right! Two neighboring states."



Once again Pope Francis urged Israel and Hamas to stop the fighting in Gaza "and let the paths of negotiation be pursued with determination." "Let that population, plunged into a humanitarian catastrophe, be helped; let the hostages kidnapped months ago be freed at once," he said, referring to the hundreds of Israelis taken hostage by Hamas in October. "So much suffering," he said. **"Let us pray for peace. No more war, no more attacks, no more violence! Yes to dialogue and yes to peace!"**

Later in his remarks, addressing children and inviting them to participate in the first celebration of World Children's Day at the Vatican in May, Pope Francis said everyone needs young people's joy and their hopes "for a better world, a world at peace." "Brothers and sisters, let's pray for the children who are suffering because of wars -- there are so many -- in Ukraine, in Palestine, in Israel, in other parts of the world, in Myanmar," he said. "Let's pray for them and for peace."

SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English,
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month at
5:00 pm in the Church. 4th Saturday of the
month at 7:00pm in Cachagua.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday
from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

PARISH STAFF

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Music Ministry

4:30 pm Sat. Mass: **Kim Hartford—Kathy Nathan**

9:00 am Sun. Mass: **Stefania Ortiz**

11:15 am Sun. Mass **Parish Choir**

Angelica Lozano

Custodian

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions May 11th— 19th 2024

Sat. Vigil May 11th 4:30: - **Health of Francesca Madden**

Sunday May 12th 9:00: + **Bobby Jensen**

11:15: + **Phillip Ladd**

Misa en Espanol

5:00pm. + **Jesus Dorantes**

Wed. May 15th 12:00: + **Ray Ramos**

Thurs. May 16th 12:00: + **Mary Diaz**

Fri. May 17th 12:00: + **Baby John Tompkins**

Sat. Vigil May 18th 4:30:

+ **Rev. Donald Higgins (5th Anniv)**

Sun. May 19th 9:00: - **Meridith Ramos (94th Birthday)**

11:15: **Baby Rosa Palma Morales**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 4th & 5th 2024:

\$4,111.71

AMA 2024

\$42,408.00

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: MAY 15TH: SAINT ISIDORE (THE FARMER)

Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain, and farming was to be his labor, working for the same landowner his whole life. While he walked the fields, plowing, planting, and harvesting, he also prayed. As a hardworking man, Isidore had three great loves: God, his family, and the soil. He and his wife Maria, who is also honored as a saint, proved to all their neighbors that poverty, hard work, and sorrow (their only child died as little boy) cannot destroy human happiness if we accept them with faith and in union with Christ. Isidore understood clearly that, without soil, the human race cannot exist too long. The insight may explain why he always had such a reverent attitude toward his work as a farmer.



Today Isidore is honored in Spain as one of the country's greatest saints, and he is also honored especially in the rural United States. Not surprisingly, he is the patron of farmers and of Madrid, the capital of Spain.

WE REJOICE WITH THESE CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ON MAY 5TH 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. GRACIAS A FR. JHONNATAN Y MAESTRA JENNIFER BODNER FOR SUPPORTING THEIR HOLY JOURNEY.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
 BOTTOM: EVAN CAMARILLO, ZOE ROBARE, AND ADAM CAMARILLO.
 TOP: ANDREA OLVERA, FR. JHONNATAN, AND JENNIFER BODNER (CATECHIST)