The Ascension of the Lord, Sunday, May 16, 2021

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday .....5:30pm
Sunday .....9:00am
11:30am Spanish

## Rosary

At the moment it's cancel due to Covid-19

## Confessions

Wednesday at 6:00pm-6:30pm

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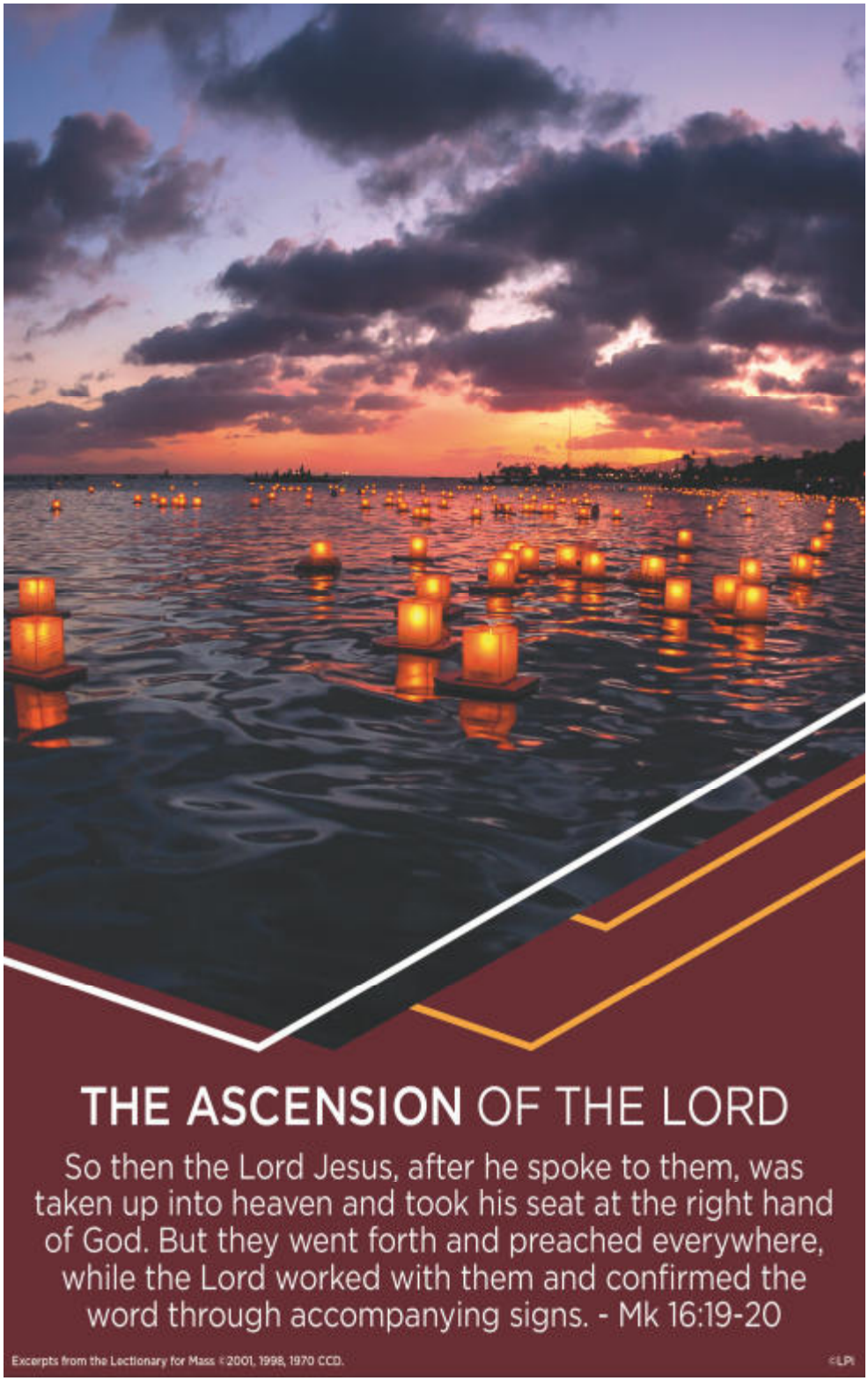


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# NOTES/NEWS

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Question:** What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

**Answer:**
The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).
To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:
DC = Daughters of Charity
FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers
OCist = The Order of Cistercians
OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites
OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)
OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans
OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
OSF=Franciscan Sisters
SC = Sisters of Charity
SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)
SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame
SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)
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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:**
Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?

**Second Reading:**
Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?

**Gospel:**
Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?

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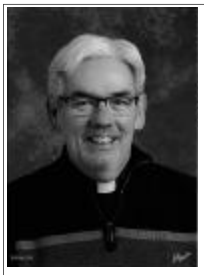

Good news for some, bad news for others. We only have 7 days left of school. The last day is May 25th.

Monday May 31st, the parish offices will be closed to celebrate Memorial Day.

Don't forget Vacation Bible School.

We don't know if the Mass attendance rules will change this summer or not. As soon as I know something I will let you know. But, in the meantime, keep wearing your mask, get vaccinated and keep your distance. If we all follow these guidelines, we will be able to walk into the new normal knowing that we did our part.

High School graduation parties will be starting in a few days. If you want to give them a gift, a subscription to the Catholic Messenger would be a great gift. Be sure to remind them to sign up for alerts from the parish facebook page, so they know what is happening in the parish.

As you plan your graduation party do not forget to set up a hand sanitizer station and have a masks for your guests.

***ORDINATION BANNS***

As Benjamin Gilbert Snyder, a seminarian from this parish, prepares for possible diaconate ordination this summer, the People of God are asked about his worthiness. If you are aware of any reason why this man should not be ordained, you are asked to contact:

Fr. Jacob Greiner
4105 N. Division Street
Davenport, IA 52806
Phone: 563-391-4245
greinerj@diodav.org

*The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.*

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Appel and Fr. Anstey **October 4-15, 2021**. It is a joy to invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since our youth we have heard the Gospel stories about the Lord Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and Galilee. We will be seeing those places and much more. Our visit will give us an opportunity of walking in the footsteps of Jesus, our Blessed Mother Mary and the very first disciples. Each day we will celebrate Mass at one of the holy places and reflect on the gospel text appropriate to the place we visit. This pilgrimage will forever change the way you read and understand the Scriptures. We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a grace-filled journey to the land from where it at all started.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul Appel and Fr. Kevin Anstey
View itinerary and book online at:
www.holylandtc.com/trips/holy-land-pilgrimage/

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|---|---|---|---|
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| School Envelopes | $2,596.00 | $1,120.00 | -$1,476.00 |
| Offertory | $346.00 | $92.00 | -$254.00 |
| Building & Main | $356.00 | $166.00 | -$190.00 |
| Other/Holiday | | | |
| **Budget Weekly** | **$8,202.00** | **$3,728.00** | **-$4,474.00** |
| | | **YTD SHORTFALL / SURPLUS** | **$5,807.00** |

## Readings for the Week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11,Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6],Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13,Mk 16:15-20

*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26,Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a],1 Jn 4:11-16,Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8,Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a],Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27,Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a],Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38,Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a], Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11,Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1], Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21,Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a],Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31,Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b], Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5,Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30],Rom 8:22-27,Jn 7:37-39

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus is the perfect steward - watching carefully over all who have been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

The one who came from heaven now returns to heaven. Today celebrates the completion of the Divine-human story. When God became one like us, humanity was divinely kissed. The message was clear: mortal human beings, once seen as insignificant and expendable, radiated with the presence of God and revealed the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The poor were raised up and given dignity, the sick healed, and justice proclaimed. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all created beings and things and their Creator. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In this ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. While we are still moaning and expressing sighs of incompleteness as we continue our journey, we see and know the glory that awaits us and the inheritance that will one day satisfy the longing of our souls. This feast of the Ascension is truly a celebration that can bolster our faith, deepen our love and renew our hope. ©LPi

# FAMILY LIFE

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**Help St. James reach out to parishioners in need.** If you are aware of someone who needs a card of encouragement or concern call Charlotte Lindmeier at 653-6274.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

**Why Are We Looking at the Sky?**

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

*— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

**To report child abuse contact:** Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178 and if it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722.

# This week at St. James . .

**Remember, all Masses are reserved seating to accommodate social distancing guidelines. Thank you!**

Monday, May 17
**NO MASS**

Tuesday, May 18
**MASS**-The People 8:00 am (CH)

Wednesday, May 19
**MASS**-Florence Schumacher 8:25 am (CH)
Confession 6:00 pm (CH)

Thursday, May 20
**MASS**-Pat Redlinger 8:00 AM (CH)
Rosary Walk 8:30 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm (CH)

Friday, May 21
**MASS**-Sherry Sieren 8:00 am (CH)
Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am (CH)

Saturday, May 22
**MASS**-Rose Mary Worley 5:30 pm (CH)
Baptism 4:00 pm (CH)

Sunday, May 23
**MASS**-Josephine Tripplett 9:00 am (CH)
**MASS**-The People 11:30 am (CH)

**KEY: THB-Tobin Hall Basement, TH-Tobin Hall, CH-Church, CHB-Church Basement, KC-KC Hall, CR-Conf. Room, GYM-SJ School Gym, YR-Youth Room**

## PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

Have you remembered to notify the parish of an email or phone number change? Perhaps you had a change of address recently? Please take a moment to keep us informed. Return this form in the collection basket, or at the parish office.

Name_____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

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☐ I would like to join St. James Parish.
☐ I'm moving away, please remove me from roster.

# GOSPEL MEDITATION

**The Ascension of the Lord**

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! ©LPi

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