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The Ascension of the Lord

*Men of Galilee,
why are you
standing there
looking at the sky?
Acts 1:11*



May 29, 2022



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REFLECTIONS & READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday:	Memorial Day
Tuesday:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Justin
Thursday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday:	May 30	9:00 AM	Fr Carroll Laubacher † By: Charles Coscarelli
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Sunday:	Jun 05	9:30AM	

Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord
At the Mass during the Day

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, God, for ever and ever.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
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, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.



Why do you
stand looking at
the sky?

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OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.

—Anonymous

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH



Parish office will be closed
to observe the holiday
Monday, June 30, 2022

Save the Date
St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2511 South 'C' Street Oxnard CA
June 18, 2022. Feasting with Anthony, a Padua Event. Fundraiser
Dinner-Dance. Cocktails 5-6:30pm.
Chicken BBQ Dinner 6:30pm.
Music provided by Steve Sharp Entertainment with a mix of English
and Spanish Music. **Tickets \$30 per person, only 200 will be sold.** Contact Parish Office 805-486-7301 or
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Did you know?

May 28- 29

Helmets save lives

Bike riding is great fun and a good form of exercise for children — it is also great way to get around. A properly fitted helmet can reduce the risk of a head injury by almost 50%, but many children go without them. Teach your children the importance of helmet safety and enforce rules about wearing them. You can also teach your children to use hand signals to show cars and other riders where they are going, and to follow the rules of the road. For more safety tips, visit safekids.org/bike.

"A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse"

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's
Wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Next: St Vincent de Paul Pantry
June 18, 2022
Saturday, 9:00AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter Go Make a Difference

Refrain
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 1
We are the salt of the earth called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain
Verse 2
We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

ABSENCE AND PRESENCE

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REFLEXIONES Y LECTURAS

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Jesús les dice a los discípulos que recibirán el poder del Espíritu Santo (Hch 1:1-11).

Salmo — Dios asciende entre aclamaciones, el Señor, al son de trompetas (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Padre de la gloria del Espíritu de sabiduría y revelación (Efesios 1:17-23) o Hebreos 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Evangelio — Los discípulos fueron testigos de todos los sucesos de la vida de Cristo. (Lucas 24:46-53).

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	La Ascensión del Señor; Jornada Mundial de las Comunicaciones Sociales
Lunes:	Día de los Caídos
Martes:	Visitación de la Santísima Virgen María
Miércoles:	San Justino
Jueves:	Santos Marcelino y Pedro
Viernes:	Santos Carlos Lwanga y compañeros; Primer viernes
Sábado:	Primer sábado; Shavuot (festividad judía) empieza al atardecer

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Martes:	Sof 3:14-18a o Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lc 1:39-56
Miércoles:	Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Jueves:	Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Viernes:	Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Sábado:	Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Domingo:	Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

ENVIADO

Hoy celebramos el regreso de Jesús al cielo. Si nos esforzamos por saber cómo sentirnos ante este evento, tomemos el ejemplo de los discípulos de Jesús. Estos discípulos son testigos de primera mano de la Ascensión, quienes después regresan a Jerusalén, donde “en el templo estaban continuamente alabando a Dios”. Compañeros del Señor por largo tiempo, ellos seguramente sienten el dolor de la separación física de Jesús. Sin embargo, alabán a Dios continuamente. Aceptan el plan de Dios, esperando el día en que Cristo vuelva. Como lo manifiesta nuestra lectura de la carta a los hebreos, Cristo regresará para “traer la salvación a quienes la esperan con ansia”. Esta Buena Nueva casi es demasiada para asimilarla; los Hechos de los Apóstoles explican que un ángel tiene que despertar a los discípulos de su letargo, recordándoles que deben comenzar la obra del Señor. Las lecturas de hoy son nuestro ángel, el cual nos envía con esperanza alegría.

INTENCIÓNES DE MISA DIARIAS

Lunes:	Mayo 30	9:00 AM	Fr Carroll Laubacher † Por: Charles Coscarelli
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Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Por qué es la Ascensión una causa de alegría?

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La Ascensión del Señor
Misa del día

Concédenos, Dios todopoderoso, rebosar de santa alegría y, gozosos, elevar a ti fervorosas gracias ya que la Ascensión de Cristo, tu Hijo, es también nuestra victoria, pues a donde llegó él, que es nuestra cabeza, esperamos llegar también nosotros, que somos su cuerpo.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.



BOCA CERRADA

Existen dos instancias en que debes mantener la boca cerrada: cuando nadas y cuando estás enfadado. —Anónimo

NOTICIAS DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO



La oficina parroquial estará cerrada para observar las vacaciones
Lunes 30 de Junio de 2022

¿Sabías que?

Mayo 28–Mayo 29

Seguridad en el parque de atracciones
¿Se dirige a un parque de diversiones familiar este verano? Prepare a su familia con algunos sencillos consejos de seguridad. Los parques de diversiones están llenos de gente y son emocionantes, y desafortunadamente también pueden ser el escenario perfecto para que los niños se distraigan y se separen de la familia. Antes de ir, discuta las reglas con sus hijos: especifique dónde pueden ir y con quién pueden ir. Establezca un sistema de amigos y un lugar de reunión familiar en caso de que se separen. Para obtener más consejos, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® "Keeping Kids Safe at Amusement Parks" (Manteniendo a los niños seguros en los parques de diversiones) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

"Oración por la sanación de las víctimas de abuso"

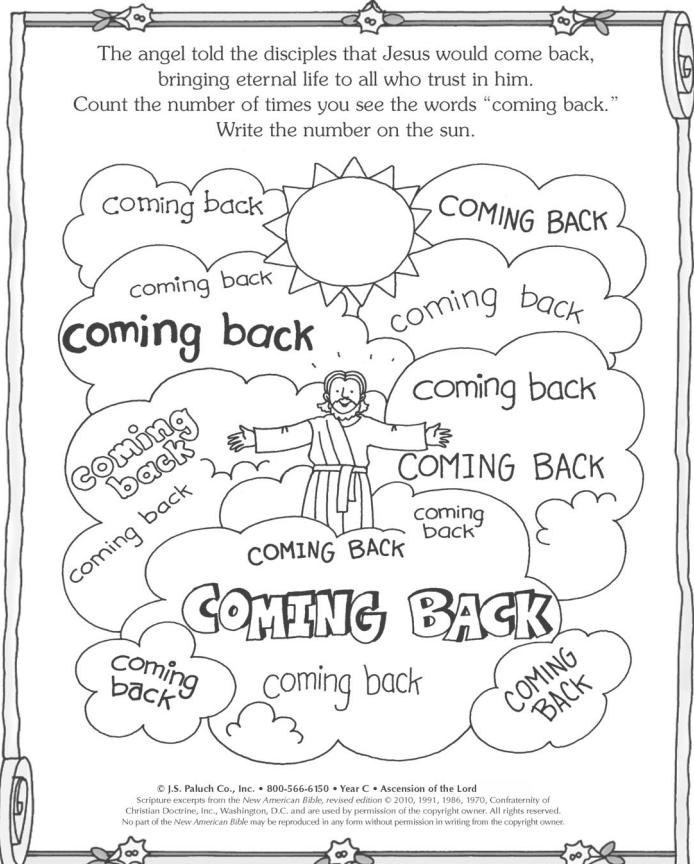
Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, sana las heridas de tu pueblo y transforma su fragilidad en integridad. Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia para actuar con justicia. Infunde sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones. Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados por el abuso encuentren la paz en la justicia. Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Despensa de San Vicente de Paúl

18 de Junio de 2022
Sábado 9:00AM

Guardar la fecha

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Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
Light shine upon them. May the souls of all the
faithful departed, through The mercy O God,
rest in peace

POR FAVOR, OREN POR LOS DIFUNTOS DE NUESTRO FAMILIA PARROQUIAL

Concédeles el descanso eterno, Oh Señor, y que perpetezca La luz brilla sobre ellos. Que las almas de todos los fieles partieron, a través de La misericordia oh Dios, descansa en paz



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Come join us as we pray the rosary every Friday after the 9:00 AM morning Mass.

We meet in the chapel and begin the rosary after the exposition. Everyone is invited to pray with us to the Blessed Mother.



REZA EL ROSARIO

Únase a nosotros mientras rezamos el rosario todos los viernes después de las 9:00 a.m. Misa matutina. Nos reunimos en la capilla y comenzamos el rosario después de la exposición. Todos están invitados a orar con nosotros a la Santísima Madre.

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WITNESSES

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29 de mayo de 2022

La Ascensión del Señor

Apreciar la Ascensión dentro de la historia más amplia de Jesús puede ser difícil. Esto se debe, en parte, a los rasgos místicos de las dos descripciones de Lucas, y también a la falta de descripción en los otros Evangelios. La Ascensión describe tanto la ausencia como la presencia de Jesús. ¿Por qué tuvo que irse Jesús? Como dijo Jesús a sus discípulos, su partida hace posible su presencia continua de una manera nueva, a través de la obra del Espíritu que comienza en Pentecostés.

La Ascensión es más que una partida, pues describe cómo el Jesús corporal y humano está ahora "a la derecha de Dios", y que el Padre exalta a Jesús como Señor del cielo y de la tierra. Tenemos que mantener estas dos cosas juntas: que Jesús conoce nuestras pruebas y alegrías humanas y camina compasivamente con nosotros; y Jesús también es nuestro Señor, que nos empuja fuera de nuestras zonas de confort hacia la madurez cristiana, y nos hace responsables.

TESTIGOS

En las descripciones de la Ascensión en las lecturas de hoy, Jesús dice a los discípulos "Son testigos" o "serán mis testigos". La imagen de testigo evoca un procedimiento judicial, en el que una persona afirma la verdad de un hecho. A veces, una prueba física, como una prueba de ADN, sirve de testigo de la verdad. Esta misma palabra se utiliza una y otra vez en los Hechos, cuando los apóstoles dieron testimonio de la Resurrección, o de toda la historia de Jesús. Estamos llamados a dar testimonio de la verdad del Evangelio.

Podemos dar testimonio al menos de tres maneras. En el diálogo con los demás, podemos hablar del testimonio, compartiendo explícitamente la historia bíblica y lo que significa para nosotros. Podemos dar testimonio, alineando nuestras acciones y estilo de vida para compartir el amor por los demás. Podemos ser el testigo, en nuestra apertura fundamental y respuesta fiel a Dios, y en nuestra presencia personal llena de gracia con los demás. Somos la mejor prueba de las verdades de nuestra fe.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lc 24:46-53

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