

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 12TH 2024

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9*

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13* (shorter form: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13)

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 16:15-20*

Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

(In places where the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is not designated as a Holy Day of Obligation, the feast is moved to the following Sunday.)

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

Some manuscripts of Mark's Gospel, written between the fourth and ninth centuries, include what scholars have termed the Shorter Ending. This is often printed in our Bibles for reference. This ending indicates that the women told their story to Peter's companions. Scholars believe that this ending is not original to Mark. They theorize that this ending was added by copyists who sought to resolve the original abrupt ending at verse 8.

Other early manuscripts include a Longer Ending that scholars also believe was written by someone other than the Evangelist. Nonetheless, quotations from this Longer Ending are found in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and it was accepted at the Council of Trent as part of the canonical Gospel of Mark. Our Gospel for today's celebration of the Feast of the Ascension is taken from this Longer Ending.

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' ascen-

## Bible Verse for the Week

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.” *Ephesians 6:10-11*

## Pro Sanctity

You are invited to join Pro Sanctity

**When:** Monday nights for the Rosary and today's Gospel reflection

Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections

**Why:** To pray, learn and share

**How:** Call 3392073069 on Mondays and/or Thursdays ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and women to seriously consider vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

**Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed**

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### **Our Lady of Miracles**

(E. 86<sup>th</sup> St. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Eng.)

12:30 PM (French/Creole)

### **Holy Family**

(Rockaway Pkwy. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:00 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:00 AM (Eng.)

9:15 AM (Creole)

11:15 AM (Eng.)

12:45 PM (Eng.)

### **St. Jude**

(Seaview Ave. & Canarsie Rd.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Family)

12:30 PM (Bi-Lingual)

1<sup>st</sup> Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

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## Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Maureen Ming, Dortha C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rosemarie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Tyra Plaisimond, Noel Toussaint

*We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.*

### Our Parish needs your Weekly Support

	TIME	People
Saturday	5:30 PM Eng	75
Sunday	8:30 AM Eng	180
Sunday	10:30 AM Eng	105
Sunday	12:30 PM French/Kreyol	193

**Weather: Sunny Day**

**Our weekly goal is** \$4850.00

**This Weeks Total was** \$3,878.00

**Previous Week** \$4,785.00

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated**

**Second Collection**

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: May 13**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: May 14**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: May 15**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: May 16**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: May 17**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: May 18**

**8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass**

**Sunday: May 19**

**8:30 AM English Mass & 10:30 AM English Mass 12:30 PM Haitian Mass**

**Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,**

**Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-5PM,**

**Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed**

**Our Lady of Miracles Rectory office is now open from Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM**

### Saturday May 11

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Violette Desir Belanston & Clezana Auguste Lenoard

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Regina Rugnetta by Grace & Richard Deppert

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Lomene Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Rhoda MacMaster by Grace & Rich

### Sunday May 12

**8:30 AM** Happy Mother's Day & Anniversary In Heaven for Esperanza Mallare by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** In Memory of & Happy Mother's Day In Heaven for Adda Jean Baptiste by Her Daughter

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Sr Francesca by Sr Francesca

**10:30 AM** In Thanksgiving To Our Lady of Miracles by Marie Viltus Louis

**10:30 AM** Happy Mother's Day In Heaven for Concetta Petrizzo by Michael Jr, Mary Anne, & Steve

**10:30 AM** Happy Mother's Day to Belin & Alicia Mallare by Letecia Casipe

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Randall Robert by His Mom Rose Vincent

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Escila Antoine by Cryford Napoleon

**12:30 PM** In Thanksgiving for The Virgin Mary by Jean Lafleur

**12:30 PM** Happy Mother's Day In Heaven for Marie Glenda Fontaine by Her Husband & Children

### Monday May 13

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Guerda Etienne by Gladys Jean

**8:30 AM** For All Souls by Anne Emmanuel

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Clebert Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

### Tuesday May 14

**8:30 AM** In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

### Wednesday May 15

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Pierre Richard Napoleon by Cryford Napoleon

**8:30 AM** All God's Blessings to Khiari Jaffier on your future endeavors by Nana & Family

### Thursday May 16

**8:30 AM** In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

### Friday May 17

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Yonel Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

### Saturday May 18

**8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by OLM

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Regina Rugnetta by Grace & Richard Deppert

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Clezana Auguste Leonard by Fabiola Dodin

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday May 12th 2024

The Ascension Of The Lord

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Today, in Italy and many other countries, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated. It is a feast we know well, but which can raise several questions – at least two. The first question: **Why celebrate Jesus's departure from the earth?** It would seem that his departure would be a sad moment, not exactly something to rejoice over! Why celebrate a departure? First question. Second question: **What does Jesus do now in heaven?** First question: Why celebrate? Second question: What does Jesus do in heaven?

*Why we are celebrating.* Because with the Ascension, something new and beautiful happened: **Jesus brought our humanity, our flesh, into heaven – this is the first time – that is, he brought it in God.** That humanity that he had assumed on earth did not remain here. **The risen Jesus was not a spirit, no. He had his human body, flesh and bones, everything. He will be there in God.** We could say that from the day of the Ascension on, God himself “changed” – from that point on, he is not only spirit, but such is his love for us that he bears our own flesh in himself, our humanity!

**The place awaiting us is thus indicated; that is our destiny.** Thus wrote an ancient Father in the faith: *“What splendid news! He who became man for us [...] to make us his brothers, presents himself as man before the Father to bear with himself all those who are joined with him”* (St. Gregory of Nyssa, *Discourse on the Resurrection of Christ*, 1). Today, we celebrate “heaven’s conquest” – **Jesus, who returns to the Father, but with our humanity. And so, heaven is already ours a little bit. Jesus has opened the door and his body is there.**

The second question: So, *what does Jesus do in heaven?* He is there for us before the Father, continually showing our humanity to him – showing him his wounds. I like to think that Jesus, prays like this in front of the Father – making him see his wounds. **“This is what I suffered for humanity: Do something!”** He shows the Father the price of our redemption. The Father is moved. This is something I like to think about. But think about it yourselves.

**This is how Jesus prays. He did not leave us alone.** In fact, before ascending, he told us, as the Gospel says today, *“I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Mt 28:20). **He is always with us, looking at us, and “he always lives to make intercession”** (Heb 7:25) for us. To make the Father see his wounds, for us. In a word, Jesus *intercedes*. He is in a better “place”, before his Father and ours, to **intercede on our behalf.**

Intercession is fundamental. **This faith helps us too – not to lose hope, not to get discouraged.** Before the Father, there is someone who makes him see his wounds and intercedes. May the Queen of heaven help us to intercede with the power of prayer.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday May 13**

*Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33(297)*

**Tuesday May 14**

*Acts 1:15-17; 20-26 Jn 15:9-17(564)*

**Wednesday May 15**

*Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19(299)*

**Thursday May 16**

*Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26(300)*

**Friday May 17**

*Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19(301)*

**Saturday May 18**

*Acts 28:16-20; 30-31 Jn 21:20-25(302)*

## Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

up coming events

Open House for Pre-3, Pre – K4 & Pre K  
9:00 to 11 AM

For more information call 718-241-6633

### Record of PARISH contributions

If you use our church envelopes and need to have a record of your contributions to Our Lady of Miracles Church for the past year(2023) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

**Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.**

**Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed**

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## Office Of Faith Formation News

OLM congratulates On being sealed with the gift  
of the Holy Spirit on May 4th 2024

- Alissa Coulon
- Shaina Cilaire
- Glead-Arly Josma
- Logan Vital

**Yesterday May 11th 2024 18 Children received the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time**

- Avery Andrews
- Alan Belance
- Garby Dubique
- Alexander James Felix
- Bernide Jean Phillippe
- Rodnison Joseph
- Keanue Aydin Liu
- Alexander Regnier
- Zack Ryder Alain Theodat
- Nancy Beaubrum
- Ricky Casseus
- Grace Dubique
- Edison Jean Pierre
- Eunicklie Jean Phillippe
- Hunter Apolo Liu
- Kayla Meo
- Jada Julie St. Jean
- Josephine Van

**Adults** who are interested in learning more about Catholic Faith, please contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006

## Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 9:30AM-4:00PM  
Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM  
Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

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## **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday, from 9:30 AM till 12:00 Noon, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. We are looking for people to sit in church while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. Please come to the rectory to put your name down for an hour or two.

*The only time we will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is if we have a funeral*

## **Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER**

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are ever grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

***Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 Goal at Our  
Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000***

Thank for your generous support.  
God bless you!

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL  
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ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS  
QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE  
PRIEST AND OTHER  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.**

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Bible Word Search

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Books of the New Testament



Word list:

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| ACTS        | MARK          |
| COLOSSIANS  | MATTHEW       |
| CORINTHIANS | PETER         |
| EPHESIANS   | PHILEMON      |
| GALATIANS   | PHILIPPIANS   |
| HEBREWS     | REVELATION    |
| JAMES       | ROMANS        |
| JOHN        | THESSALONIANS |
| JUDE        | TIMOTHY       |
| LUKE        | TITUS         |

