



ST MARK PARISH

602 Military Road, Rothschild, Wisconsin

Easter 6

May 9, 2021

Liturgical Schedule

(Masks will be worn for weekday and weekend Liturgies)

Monday, May 10

Saint Damien de Veuster

No Sacrament of Eucharist

Tuesday, May 11

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Wednesday, May 12

Saints Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, Martyrs

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades K, 1, 2)

No parents or parish members at this time

Thursday, May 13

Sacrament of Eucharist, (Grades 3, 4, 5)

No parents or parish members at this time

Friday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:10 am

Saturday, May 15

The Ascension of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation, 10:30 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 4:30 pm

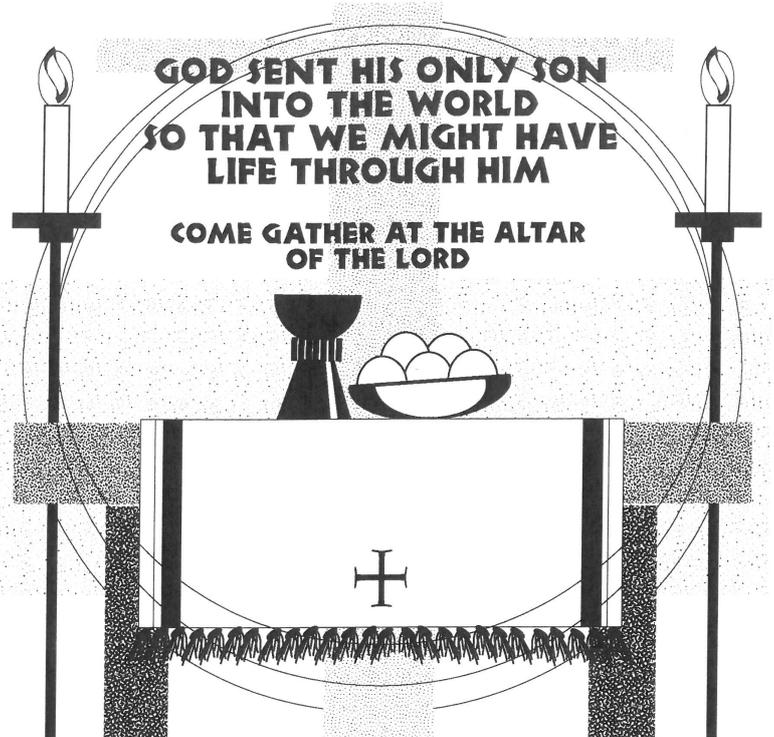
Sunday, May 16

The Ascension of the Lord

Sacrament of Eucharist, 8:00 am

Sacrament of Eucharist, 10:00 am

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation,
Noon



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Contact the Parish Offices for baptism dates and to register for preparation sessions.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday - 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING - Celebrated in the Spring and Fall or in the home and hospital.

RCIA - A catechetical process to assist adults interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Offices.

MARRIAGE - Couples planning to marry are to notify the Parish Offices one year prior to the desired wedding date.

FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH with the parish, Contact the Parish Offices and ask for Father Slowiak.

Parish Offices: 715-359-5206. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor: (Rev) Allan L. Slowiak, 715-359-5206

Deacon: Patrick McKeough, 715-359-5206

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Bulletin article deadline: Tuesdays by Noon

SACRED WORSHIP



St. Mark Parish Sacrament of the Eucharist Live Stream on Facebook, Sunday, May 9, at 10:00 am.

Visit [St Mark Catholic Parish, Rothschild Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkCatholicParish/) "Like", "share" and "invite" your friends and family (<https://www.facebook.com/StMarkCatholicParish/>)

Join Us For A Time of Prayer

The Way of Light—Stations of the Resurrection, May 20 at 6:30 pm. In the early centuries of the Church, pilgrims made a penitential journey to Jerusalem to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross, known as the "via dolorosa" (the way of sorrow). The "Way of the Cross" (Stations of the Cross) complement the Sorrowful Mysteries. The "Way of Light" (Stations of the Resurrection) emerge from the Triduum liturgies in this spirit of devotion and parallel the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

The "Way of Light" reflects upon the final chapters of the four gospel versions, which narrate the appearances of the Risen Lord from Easter to Pentecost.

Reflection of Today's Scripture Texts

—Father Slowiak

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-48 Cornelius was a centurion, a Roman army officer and a Gentile. Armed with these credentials it would not be ordinary for him to send a message to Peter asking him to come and speak to his household concerning the Way of Jesus of Nazareth. Prior to this request, the Apostles are recorded as preaching only to Jews. We note that Peter steps toward the Gentiles and does accept the invitation.

1 John 4:7-10 The language of the three letters of John appears simple at first. But, they are filled with distinctions and applications of the gift of divine love. Here we note the community's understanding that the love of God embraced by the believers "is the essence of Christian behavior" and this love and loving "is essential to life".

John 15:9-17 The conspiracy was closing in around Jesus. He gathers disciples and celebrates the Jewish Passover. At the conclusion of the Last Supper he reflects, through the Gospel Community of John, on the meaning of the revealed word of God for those who embrace this word of life. A disciple struggles to accept God's love, compassion and forgiveness but shares all of this in service to others.



Marian Shrine

Week of May 9, 2021

Robert James Marcell Jr.



Liturgical Ministry

May 8 and 9, Easter 6

4:30 pm

Lector. **Concetta G.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Phyllis B.**

Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **William S.**

Extraordinary Minister. **John P.**

Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Pam Z.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Pat G.**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

May 15 and 16, The Ascension of the Lord

4:30 pm

Lector. **Dennis B.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Jeanne Z.**

Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **William S.**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

May 22 and 23, Pentecost

4:30 pm

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Jeanne Z.**

Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **Stephen B.**

Extraordinary Minister. **William S.**

Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Pat G.**

Greeter/Usher. **Volunteer Needed**

May 29 and 30, The Most Holy Trinity

4:30 pm

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter/Usher. **Don B.**

8:00 am

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter/Usher. **Jerry W., Margaret K.**

10:00 am

Lector. **Volunteer Needed**

Extraordinary Minister. **Volunteer Needed**
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Pastoral Music —Mary Martin

The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse on Tuesday, May 11 and May 18 at 3:45 pm in the church. The choir will play at the 10:00 am Pentecost Liturgy on May 23.

Psalm 98:1-4, “*All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God.*” Psalm 98 is one of the series of consecutive psalms (95-100) inviting the hearer to join in praising God as savior/deliverer, king/sovereign, and judge/lawgiver. Psalm 98 is inspired by some great military victory or act of deliverance by God: some scholars suggest that these psalms may have been composed for the rededication of the temple following Israel’s return from the Babylonian exile. Text by Diana Macalintal

In the Liturgy of the Church —Helen Ackermann

As Father Al has instructed us over the past Sundays, the gospel of John was written around 80-90 years after the death of Jesus. The community of John reflects on the stories that they heard over the years and comes to the conclusion that the person of Jesus is one who loves his followers enough to call them friends. Jesus is the one who reveals God who calls us to God’s self through his son Jesus. God reaches out to us in mercy and compassion. God’s son, Jesus, loves so much that he is willing to lay down his life for others. This Jesus calls us to love in the same way; to keep his commandment.

To love as Jesus loves and to be his friends implies that we are to experience him in the sacraments we share, in the Scriptures we hear and in our prayer time. In nurturing this close relationship of Jesus as friend I found in the book, *Give Us this Day*, a suggestion by Fr. James Martin. Fr. Martin reflects on the Ignatian prayer called “colloquy.” In this way of prayer we imagine Jesus right next to us. We can use our imagination to answer a question, “What might he look like?” When we picture him, we can begin by simply sharing with him what we are feeling at the present time. This openness with Jesus is the kind we have with our closest friends. We can be confident in this approach as this week’s gospel tells us that Jesus calls us friends when we keep his commandment to love one another.

Loving others often occurs in the simplest of ways. It might be the sending of a card to tell someone we are thinking of them. It might be a phone call. It might be the baking of favorite cookies for a loved one. It might go beyond that when we share our wealth with other organizations that are concerned about poverty. It might be our awareness regarding the policies our nation supports. The circle of love goes from the simple to greater circles of love. In all of them we are keeping the commandment to love one another.

We remember this week, Damien de Vuester, priest, (Monday) Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs, Pancras, martyr (Wednesday) Our Lady of Fatima (Thursday) Matthias, apostle, (Friday) Isidore (Saturday)

St. Isidore, the Farmer, a married man (1070-1130)

In choosing a saint upon which to reflect for this week, I am drawn to St. Isidore. In my home parish, there is a statue of St. Isidore on the grounds. Because of the many farmers in the parish, there was a devotion to him. He was not educated but he has something to teach us about living today. His deep connection with the earth is in keeping with that of Pope Francis who teaches us that we are to be caretakers of the earth. He was born near Madrid in Spain and spent his entire life working the land. He married and had two sons; one dying when young. He and his wife were known for their love of animals and kindness to them. They are known as the patrons of farmers and farm communities.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION/FORMATION

Religious Education —Mary Hart



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish May 16 at a 12:00 liturgy for the candidates and their families. Keep the young people in prayer as they continue their journey in faith.

Attention Grade 9 Parents and Students: A meeting regarding the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm in the school.

2021 High School Graduates – Save the Date: The parish community of St. Mark congratulates you on your accomplishment and would like to celebrate with you at the 10:00 am Liturgy on Sunday, June 6.

This Week in Religious Ed . . .

May 12 6:00 pm, Rehearsal for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. All candidates, sponsors and parents must attend.

Newman Catholic Schools

The NCS Mission Statement reads:

Newman Catholic Schools provides excellence in education in a Catholic environment and enhances the personal and spiritual growth of our students to meet life's challenges.



NCES: St Mark

May 12	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades K, 1, 2 No parents or parish members
May 13	Sacrament of Eucharist Grades 3, 4, 5 No parents or parish members
May 14	NCS - No School 4K In Session

FAMILY LIFE

Subcommittee on JUNE BUG '21

SIX WEEKS LEFT TO BUY OR SELL YOUR JUNE BUG '21 TICKETS
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We are so grateful for your support of buying or selling JUNE BUG '21 Raffle Tickets!! If you haven't picked up your tickets yet, the tickets are available in the Parish Office during the week or in the Church on the weekends.

The raffle drawing will be held, Saturday, June 19, at 11:00 am. All ticket stubs and money must be turned in to the Parish Office by 10:00 am (before the raffle) on Saturday, June 19.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Wisconsin Right to Life (Marathon County Chapter) has decided **not** to have the Mothers' Day Rose sale this year. For information on upcoming events, ways to volunteer, and to donate, visit WRTL.org.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Budget Committee

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Volunteer/community involvement this week
by parish members, 20 hours.

Mass Attendance

	11-Apr	18-Apr	25-Apr	2-May
4:30	91	62	62	52
8:00	61	65	65	64
10:00	<u>63</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>81</u>
Total	215	192	192	197

We welcome your continued financial support during these uncertain times. Your tithe is appreciated and it can be mailed in or brought to the Parish Office.

Or, go to <https://diolc.org/st-mark-parish-rothschild/> to use the "Online Offertory" designated to St. Mark Parish, Rothschild, set up for us by the Diocese of La Crosse.

Operating Income

	2-May	1 Jul-2 May	2021	Balance
Adult	15,673.00	473,956.98	585,000	111,043.02
Student		0.00	600	600.00
Offering	170.00	5,157.75	23,500	18,342.25
Debt Reduction	305.00	13,116.75		
Totals	16,148.00	492,231.48		

Adult Tithe Summary

Tithe Budgeted Per Week	11,250.00
Received this Week	<u>15,673.00</u>
	4,423.00

Avg Contribution this Week 98.75 153 families/individuals

Received Weeks 1-44	473,956.98
Budgeted Weeks 1-44	<u>495,000.00</u>
Budget	(21,043.02)

Other Income/Transfers

Circle of Joy	.00	5,740.00
Votive Candles	.00	1,021.70
Catholic Life	.00	700.00
Easter	90.00	5,763.00
Student Lent	.00	25.73

Diocesan Annual Appeal

The 2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish is \$88,760.00. As of 2 May, 221 parish members have contributed 59% of the target, \$52,370.54

The 2020-2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal for St. Mark Parish has reached almost **60%** of the 88,760.00 target. **Thank You** to those who made this happen!! If you haven't contributed yet, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the Appeal this year to help us reach 100% of our goal.

LADIES COUNCIL OF ST. MARK PARISH

Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, gatherings take place Thursdays in the Catechetical Resource Room of the school from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. New members are always welcome to join this ministry; gathering in person (safe distancing - with masks) or knit and pray from home. Finished items can be brought to the Parish Office or members of the group will pick up from your home.

Prayer shawls are available in the Parish Office for anyone who has need of one. Donations of yarn (including partial skeins) are greatly appreciated!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Summer Paid Work Position in the Parish, June through mid August. Work with a parish custodian . . . machine scrubbing, wet vacuuming and mopping floors in prepara-

tion for sealing and waxing. Five to six hours a day (mornings), five days of the week. Contact the parish offices at 715.359.5206

Registration for Celebrating the Lord's Day Liturgies:

Register to attend the weekend Liturgies **by calling the parish office by Noon on Friday.** The East wing will be closed when the Handbell Choir is scheduled to play during Liturgy.

LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW

— Father Slowiak

We have been reading the reflections to the community of 1 John regarding friendship with God and divine love and from the gospel of John (the reflection of Jesus following the Last Supper about the Good Shepherd and the vine and the branches).

Consider that the moral responsibility from friendship with Christ Jesus or faith takes the stress off rules and regulations. Consider that rules foster irresponsibility - once we have kept the law - we will conclude that we have no other responsibility. On the other hand, moral responsibility is of infinite responsibility to all persons because to act morally is to be responsible to God.

A preacher (William Willimon) reflects, "How trivial of us to encapsulate morality into petty individual codes of personal behavior rather than to demand the kind of moral boldness which Jesus demonstrated! . . . A rich young man asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus told him to obey the rules. "I already do that," the young man responded. "Then go sell everything you have, and give it to the poor," Jesus said. Jesus was not laying down a new rule but offering the young man a way to live not by the limits of rules and regulations, but by the freedom and challenge of responsible gratitude."

When believers listen to Jesus, living is not slavishly following rules; it's living that flows from friendship with Christ Jesus.

FROM THE DIOCESE —Diocese of La Crosse

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, contact: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave S PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608-791-2667.

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in the fall of 2021. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge

of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Complete information, schedule and application form can be found at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in July 2021. Applications are now being accepted for those who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

Remember to Pray for Farming and Rural Life. A reminder to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to "till the earth and keep it." For more information, contact Father Daniel Sedlacek, Chaplain of the Diocesan Rural Life committee. For more about rural life and to find the prayers, go to: diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/.

FAITH ENRICHMENT

St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, for information about retreats and events visit <https://sarcenter.com/retreats-and-events/>. Register by calling 715-443-2236 or email info@sarcenter.com.

Care for our Common Home | May 21-22 | Presented by Sr. Roselyn Heil | Cost: \$105

Six years ago, Pope Francis began his letter (Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*) with the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Praise to you, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us." On this sixth anniversary of *Laudato Si*, gather with us to delve deeper into the wisdom of Sister Mother Earth and explore ways we can and do care for our Common Home. Check-in begins at 3:00 pm, followed by orientation at 5:45 and supper at 6:00. The retreat concludes after the noon meal on Saturday. **Saturday afternoon, participants are invited** to put their reflection and discussion into action by working with Sister Mother Earth at St. Anthony's. Projects will be available for participants to help in the woods, on the grounds, flower gardens or vegetable garden. Those who stay and help Saturday afternoon are welcome to join us for supper, an overnight stay Saturday and breakfast on Sunday for no additional charge.

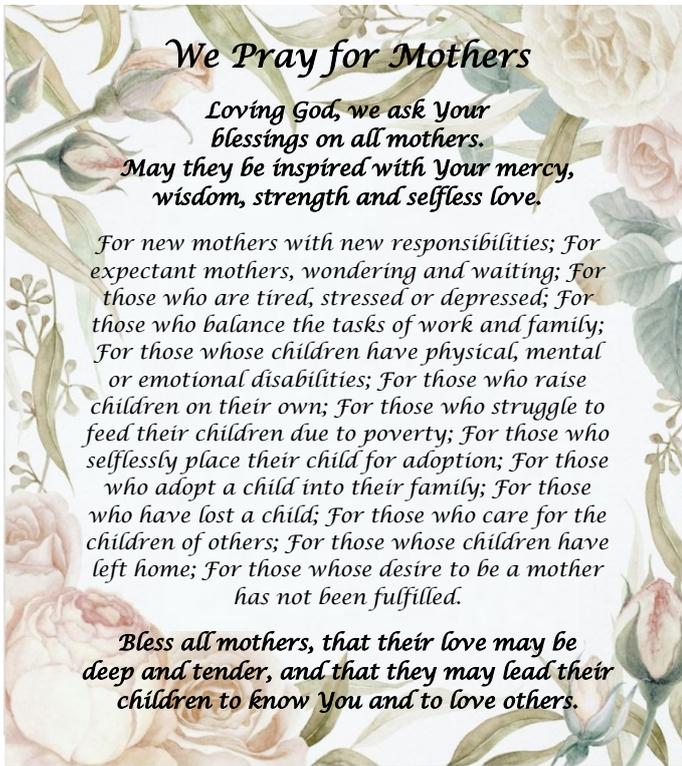
2021 Know Your Faith Series: The Social Justice Teachings of the Church | Thursdays from April 22 - October 28, 2021.

Social justice teaching emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about who God is and the depth of God's love for us and for all creation. You are invited to join us as we explore the seven tenets of social justice teaching in our 2021 Know Your Faith Series. The presentations will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month from April through October. You may participate via Zoom meeting or

by gathering with us at St. Anthony's in the Solanus Center. No cost - free will donations are encouraged.

- May 27: Life and Dignity of the Human Person
Fr. Tom Lindner will explore the "seamless garment" teachings of Pope Francis and Cardinal Bernardin.

PARISH OFFICE



We Pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask Your blessings on all mothers. May they be inspired with Your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.

For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family; For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose children have left home; For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know You and to love others.

IN THE AREA



"Knights for Life - Blood for Life." The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council serving St. Mark, St. Agnes and St. Therese Parishes is sponsoring a blood drive. The **"Knights for Life - Blood for Life"** blood donation drive will be held on **Thursday, May 20 from 2:30 to 7:00 pm in Abts Hall, St. Agnes, Weston.** We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need. Visit the website of the **"Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin"** for more information regarding donating blood, <https://www.bcnwi.org/>. You will need to call the Blood Bank at 715-842-0761 to make an appointment due to the social distancing rules that are currently in place. Thank you so much for your support in this time of need.

St. Matthew Parish, Wausau, Life in the Spirit Seminar, Preparing for Pentecost. Thursdays, ending May 27, 10:30 am to Noon or 6:30 to 8:00 pm - morning and evening sessions cover the same material. Call with questions or RSVP to Judy, 715-551-3081 or Nancy, 715-675-6796



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SCRIPTURE TEXTS—The Ascension of the Lord

Opening Prayer: Lord God, give me the grace to understand my role in the Church. As I listen to the Gospel from Mark, I hear that I am to go out into the world and proclaim the gospel. Through the Ascension of Your Son, His followers are asked to be His presence in the world. Assist me as I make this prayer in His name, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

PSALM 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Or R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Or R. Alleluia.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Or R. Alleluia.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. Or R. Alleluia.

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

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.

Reflection Questions:

1. How are we to be the presence of Jesus in the world?
2. How can Jesus be closer to us now than when he actually lived in the world?
3. Does my life proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Concluding Prayer: Lord God, I give you thanks for the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the Word, in Sacraments and in the Church the Body of Christ. Fill me with a desire to preach the gospel by my actions and words. I make this prayer in the name of Jesus, He who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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