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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Feast of the Ascension

By Fr. John O'Brien, S.J.

In the Gospel for today's Feast of the Ascension, Jesus gives his Great Commission to the eleven disciples. They are commanded to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." This is no small task! It's a mandate to fill the entire world with the leaven of the Gospel. And so they did. Peter went to Rome, Andrew to Greece, Matthew to Ethiopia, and Thomas to India, and so on. It was a mandate they fulfilled, and a mandate that has never ended.

The successors to the apostles continue to preach, teach, and sanctify through their sharing of the teachings of the Christ. It was the Jesuit missionaries like St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues and their companions that carried on the Great Commission, bringing the Good News to the Western Hemisphere. Like most the original apostles, their witness was sealed by the shedding of their blood, an even more eloquent testament to the Gospel.

Today we hearken back to the Ascension, when Jesus left the world in his human form, but remained with us through his Church. Let us ask ourselves how we have encountered Jesus in our lives. Was it through the power of the Sacraments? Or through our meeting with the poor? Or by our listening to the Word of God, living and true. The Lord's mandate extends to us too. May we allow it to land in our hearts and discern the ways in which he would like us to be his instruments in the world around us.



MASS INTENTIONS

Holy Mass can be gifted and reserved inside of the Visitor Office.

Sunday, May 12

09:00	Pasquale Cilurzo †
10:30	Madeleine Provost †
12:00	Oksana Mapina
15:00	Darish Casseer; Ray Staunton †
19:30	Pritari

Monday, May 13

10:30	Chirantha W. Wawala
12:00	Nestor Chan & Family
15:00	Shiraz Casseer

Tuesday, May 14

10:30	Anh Ngo & Trung Tran
12:00	Mutaliph Family
15:00	

Wednesday, May 15

10:30	
12:00	
15:00	

Thursday, May 16

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12:00	
15:00	

Friday, May 17

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12:00	
15:00	

Saturday, May 18

09:00	Saul Monroy †
10:30	Seigah K. Yambao
12:00	Douglas Rector †
15:00	Jacqueline & Jordan
19:30	