

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mark 16:15-20

Apples and Pears

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s a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

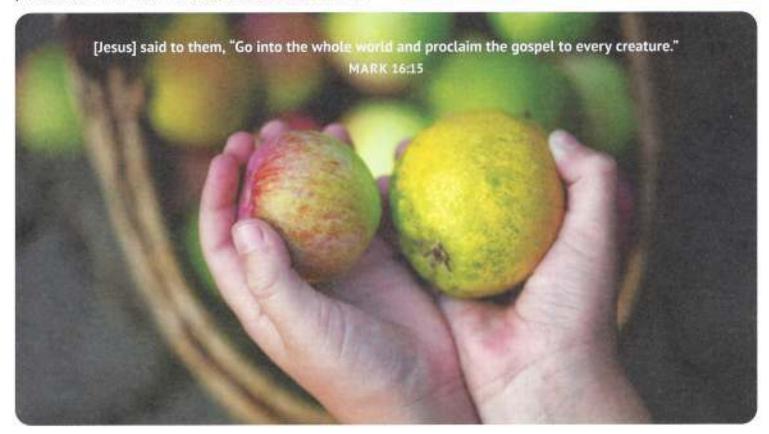
It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become

a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2–3)—all prompted by God's Spirit.

Reflect

Is there a difference between what we want to do and what God wants us to do? How do we know?





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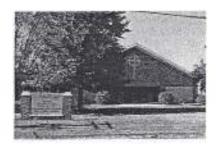
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Remember in prayer, family & friends of

Kenard Doll-HT

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 13, 2024

Monday	5/13			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/14	9:00 am	STM	+ Geraldine Sondgeroth
Wednesday	5/15	5:30 pm	HT	+ Michael Campbell
Thursday	5/16	9:00 am	HT	† Nellie Cattani
Friday	5/17	9:00 am	STM	† Bernard Schwamberger

Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 18 - 19, 2024

Saturday	5/18	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Medie Luckey
Sunday	5/19	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Richard Pommier

Between Ascension and Pentecost

In the Christian holy day tradition, two days appear as post-Resurrection Day commemorations. They are linked to Resurrection Day (Easter) by the number of days following this pinnacle event remembered each spring. They are often overlooked and can be misunderstood; therefore, let us consider both Ascension and Pentecost.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ transpired 40 days following His resurrection from the dead. Pentecost at Jerusalem, as recorded in chapter 2 of Acts of the Apostles, occurred 50 days following Jesus' resurrection. As Jesus ascends to His throne, He returned to the glory He had set aside in His condescension (incarnation) and humiliation (Philippians 2:5-11). His atonement work on earth was finished; but His work in heaven resumed.

Jesus' coronation positioned Him at the right hand of God the Father, as the exalted King/Priest, as prophesied in Psalm 110, by King David some 1,000 years prior. All authority in heaven and on earth were entrusted to King Jesus (Matthew 28:18). From the throne of God in heaven, God the Father and God the Son sent God the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples at Jerusalem, as foretold by Jesus Himself (John 14:17, 26; 15:26). This happened on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon Christ's church, assembled with the Apostle Peter as the primary preacher (Acts 2).

The heavenly mission of Jesus, on His majestic throne, includes His intercession for His people (Hebrews 7:25). We pray to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, sent in a special way at Pentecost, and in the name of Jesus Christ the ascended King of glory.

Each year, our religious calendar is filled with special days to remember significant events in the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. In May 2024, we remember the ascension into heaven of the God-man; and we remember His sending of the Holy Spirit into the world. Feast and festival days are celebrated as days to remember all our Lord has done for us in overcoming all that is wrong in the world. By these, our faith and hope are renewed. (Excerpted from David Norczyk "davidnorczyk.medium.com")

Growing Disciples Reminder

On the weekend of May 18 and 19 (Pentecost weekend), each pastor will read a letter from Bishop Tylka at every Mass. The letter will include information specific to each parish and will be shared at all the Masses this weekend.

Between 5pm and 6pm on Saturday, May 18, the diocese will be making the information public regarding all parish changes and priest announcements on its website (growingdisciplesedop.org). Please do not forget to get on the website to know more about the future of your church.

On This Mother's Day

May the blessing of our Heavenly Father be an especially bright benediction upon mothers everywhere on your blessed day - Mother's Day. Sending tots of love

TO EVERYONE THIS MOTHER'S DAY

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SAT, MAY 18TH 10:30 - 11:15 AM AT ST. PATRICK IN THE CHAPEL

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Dear Padre,

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the "fundamental event in the contemporary Church" and "the constant reference point of every pastoral action." Vatican II's sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of "Constitution" and contain the core formulations of the council's teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the "people of God." Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus,

the faithful must be "led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God's people; "servant leadership" is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ...

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MONDAY

May 13 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY

May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY

May 15 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY

May 16 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30: 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY

May 17 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY

May 18 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY May 19

Pentecost Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7.

12-13 or

Gal 5:16-25 In 20:19-23 or

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus' ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ's presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017



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