



The Gospel & Homily † el Evangelio y la Homilía

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Holy Trinity Sunday - Domingo de Trinidad

Special Announcements

We are not meeting for Mass this Sunday. I hope that as you read this you feel the absence of your church family and pray for their safety; and for all those who suffer from sickness. May God protect the faithful.

Let us pray for the departure of this virus that changes how we worship and takes away our closeness; but never alters our love and faith in the Lord.

We pray for our loved ones and so many others in the world.

We are steadfast in the face of this challenge, through the courage and example of Jesus Christ.

Other announcements

- Happy anniversary Suzanne & Flo this Wednesday
 - Let's celebrate the Sunday Mass for Holy Trinity on Wednesday at 12:00.
 - Please wear your facemasks as a precaution.
 - Thank you to Chris Brunelle for a few years of singing our Psalm each week
 - Let us watch the news carefully and pray for the development of a vaccine so that all churches may resume the gathering that means so much.
 - I will stay in touch with each of you as we plan our church schedule for the months ahead.
- Please also visit the website at <https://spcath.org>



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.



We pray

Suscipe - St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty,
my memory, my understanding and my whole will.

All that I am and all that I possess, You have given me:

I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will.

Give me only Your love and Your grace;

with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more.

† Amen

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

My God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



May the Lord have mercy on you,
find goodness in you,
pardon and deliver you from your sins;
and bring you to everlasting life.



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



Homily

There are not many words in today's Gospel. So I will talk a lot about a little.

There is hardly any message at all except a very grand statement that the Christian church is built on the faith inspired in these words: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Today our readings and our lessons are a wonderful message to trust in the Lord. They mention Moses addressing all of Israel to remember the power of God and to keep his commandments. He said, "the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and there is no other."

In our Gospel which occurred many years later, and after the sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ, Paul wrote to the Romans. 'The Spirit himself bears witness that we are children of God and heirs with Christ.'

The Ascension of Christ into heaven comes forth after the forty days that He walks with the living and finishes teaching the Apostles... making them the Bishops of the Christian Church that would follow.

The Christian calendar is sometimes complicated... Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, First through Seventh Sundays of Easter, Ascension Thursday, or Ascension Sunday if you like that better, and Pentecost Sunday.

Don't think of all those holy days and celebrations and attempt to organize them or put them in any sequence. Instead,

just feel the message.

In the Gospel we read, "When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted." If you hear the word, "Doubt," take it to mean this...

"I doubt that I can understand this all at once." and... They did not doubt their teacher, they doubted themselves and their ability to do the work set out for them.

It was not a lack of faith but a lack of the capacity to digest all that was happening and the supernatural event that happened in the lives of the Apostles.

It's too wonderful to comprehend until the love of Jesus settles over you. The same was true for the Apostles that day on the mountain.

The Apostles had gone to Galilee because they were told that Christ was risen. Their Lord was taken from them and died. Now he stands before them. They are blessed to do the work of the Savior

after he leaves them for heaven. They are having some difficulty digesting all of this. Their doubt is in their ability to understand what has happened.

So Jesus puts them on track...

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The earthly mission for Jesus is over. He met death and returned as the prophets said he would. Jesus would listen to, and love the people of the world... from heaven.

Christ was crucified and died on the cross. He rose from the dead. He walked with them again and taught them what they would do in the years to come. They came to believe in themselves. The time was over when faith of the Disciples was linked with the flesh and blood Jesus. It would be linked to Christ in heaven and the Holy Spirit. The apostles would be the priests of the faith and founders of the churches that would be the future.

This faith and realization started with each Apostle, and continues to each Bishop, Priest, Deacon and every one of you.

Things that you've been taught in school, in church and in life; you must apply to your relationship with the Lord. You must open your heart to listen and feel the teaching.

In other words; from Baptism to your end of life, you are invited to share the life of Jesus and be one of his disciples on earth.

You should pray today, pray every day, that all who believe in Christ may be found worthy to follow him into eternity. His Ascension is our hope, guiding us as we make our way to the place that he has prepared for us.



Evangelio Mateo 28:16-20

Así pues, los once discípulos se fueron a Galilea, al cerro que Jesús les había indicado. Y cuando vieron a Jesús, lo adoraron, aunque algunos dudaban. Jesús se acercó a ellos y les dijo: —Dios me ha dado toda autoridad en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, a las gentes de todas las naciones, y háganlas mis discípulos; bautícenlas en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a obedecer todo lo que les he mandado a ustedes. Por mi parte, yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo.



Homilía

No hay muchas palabras en el Evangelio de hoy. Así que hablaré mucho sobre un poco.

Casi no hay ningún mensaje, excepto una gran declaración de que la iglesia cristiana está construida sobre la fe inspirada en estas palabras: Ve y haz discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y de el Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a observar todo lo que te he mandado.

Hoy nuestras lecturas y nuestras lecciones son un mensaje maravilloso para confiar en el Señor. Mencionan a Moisés dirigiéndose a todo Israel para recordar el poder de Dios y guardar sus mandamientos. Él dijo: "Jehová es Dios en los cielos de arriba y en la tierra de abajo, y no hay otro".

En nuestro Evangelio que ocurrió muchos años después, y después del sacrificio y muerte de Jesucristo, Pablo escribió a los romanos. "El Espíritu mismo da testimonio de que somos hijos de Dios y herederos de Cristo".

La ascensión de Cristo al cielo se produce después de los cuarenta días que camina con los vivos y termina de enseñar a los apóstoles ... convirtiéndolos en los obispos de la Iglesia cristiana que seguirán.

El calendario cristiano a veces es complicado ... Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, Domingo de Pascua, Primero a Séptimo Domingos de Pascua, Jueves de Ascensión o Domingo de Ascensión si te gusta más, y Domingo de Pentecostés.

No pienses en todos esos días santos y celebraciones e intenta organizarlos o ponerlos en una secuencia. En lugar,

solo siente el mensaje.

En el Evangelio leemos: "Cuando todos lo vieron, adoraron, pero dudaron". Si escuchas la palabra, "Duda", tómalo en el sentido de esto ...

"Dudo que pueda entender todo esto de una vez". y ... No dudaron de su maestro, dudaron de sí mismos y de su capacidad para hacer el trabajo establecido para ellos.

No fue una falta de fe, sino una falta de capacidad para digerir todo lo que estaba sucediendo y el evento sobrenatural que sucedió en la vida de los Apóstoles.

Es demasiado maravilloso comprenderlo hasta que el amor de Jesús se apodere de ti. Lo mismo fue cierto para los apóstoles ese día en la montaña.

Los apóstoles habían ido a Galilea porque les dijeron que Cristo había resucitado. Su Señor fue tomado de ellos y murió. Ahora se para ante ellos. Son bendecidos para hacer el trabajo del Salvador después de que los deja para el cielo. Están teniendo algunas dificultades para digerir todo esto. Su duda radica en su capacidad para comprender lo que ha sucedido.

Entonces Jesús los pone en camino ...

"Ve, por lo tanto, y haz discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos ... enseñándoles a observar todo lo que te he mandado. Y he aquí, estoy contigo siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos.

La misión terrenal para Jesús ha terminado. Se encontró con la muerte y regresó como los profetas dijeron que lo haría. Jesús escucharía y amaría a la gente del mundo ... desde el cielo.

Cristo fue crucificado y murió en la cruz. Se levantó de entre los muertos. Volvió a caminar con ellos y les enseñó lo que harían en los años venideros. Llegaron a creer en sí mismos. El tiempo había terminado cuando la fe de los Discípulos estaba vinculada con la carne y la sangre de Jesús. Estaría vinculado a Cristo en el cielo y al Espíritu Santo. Los apóstoles serían los sacerdotes de la fe y los fundadores de las iglesias que serían el futuro.

Esta fe y realización comenzó con cada Apóstol, y continúa para cada Obispo, Sacerdote, Diácono y cada uno de ustedes.

Cosas que te han enseñado en la escuela, en la iglesia y en la vida; debes aplicar a tu relación con el Señor. Debes abrir tu corazón para escuchar y sentir la enseñanza.

En otras palabras; desde el bautismo hasta el final de tu vida, estás invitado a compartir la vida de Jesús y ser uno de sus discípulos en la tierra.

Debes orar hoy, orar todos los días, para que todos los que creen en Cristo sean dignos de seguirlo hasta la eternidad. Su Ascensión es nuestra esperanza, guiándonos mientras nos dirigimos al lugar que él nos ha preparado.

