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The Ascension of the Lord 12th May 2024
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Catholic Mass Readings for The Ascension of the Lord 2024 - May 12 2024	
1st Reading	ACTS 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading	Ephesians 1:17-23 OR Ephesians 4:1-13 OR Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Alleluia	Matthew 28:19A, 20B
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

1st Reading - ACTS 1:1-11

1 In the first book I made, O Theophilus, of all things which Jesus began to do and to teach,
 2 Until the day on which, giving commandments by the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen, he was taken up.
 3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion, by many proofs, for forty days appearing to them, and speaking of the kingdom of God.
 4 And eating together with them, he commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard me by my mouth.
 5 For John indeed baptized with water, but you shall, in a few days, be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

6 When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"
 7 He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or moments, which the Father has put in his own power.
 8 But you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the world."
 9 And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight.
 10 And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments.
 11 Who also said: You men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, as you have seen him going into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
 or:
 R. Alleluia.

2 All you peoples, clap your hands,
 shout to God with cries of gladness,
 3 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.

6 God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
 the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
 7 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.

8 For king of all the earth is God;
 sing hymns of praise.
 9 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.

2nd Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
17 May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto you the spirit of wisdom and of revelation, in the knowledge of him:
18 The eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what the hope is of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.
19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power towards us, who believe according to the operation of the might of his power,
20 Which he worked in Christ, raising him up from the dead, and setting him on his right hand in the heavenly places.
21 Above all principality, and power, and virtue, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.
22 And he has subjected all things under his feet, and has made him head over all the church,
23 Which is his body, and the fulness of him who is filled all in all

OR Ephesians 4:1-13

1 Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called,
2 With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity.
3 Be Careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 One body and one Spirit; as you are called in one hope of your calling.
5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.
7 But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8 Therefore, it says: He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men.
9 What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth?
10 The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.
11 And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
12 to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13 until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

OR Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

1 Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received,
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love,
3 striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace:
4 one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your calling;
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
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Alleluia - Matthew 28:19A, 20B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
19A Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
20B I am with you always, until the end of the world.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 16:15-20

15 Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature.
16 He that believes and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believes not shall be condemned.
17 And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name they shall cast out devils: they shall speak with new tongues.
18 They shall take up serpents; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover.
19 And the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God.
20 But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirming the word with signs that followed.

Saint of the Day

St Nereus of Terracina Biography 12th May

Date of Birth	1 st Century AD
Profession	Roman Soldier
Place of Work	Italy
Place of Death	Terracina, Italy
Feast Day	12 th May
Canonization	Pre-Congregation


St Nereus of Terracina Biography

Nereus, Achilleus, and Domitilla are all considered martyrs for their faith, and their stories are a reminder of the persecution that Christians faced in the early days of the church. Nereus and Achilleus were first banished to the island of Ponza (Pontia). They were later beheaded in Terracina. Their bodies were buried on an estate owned by Flavia Domitilla near the Via Ardeatina, close to the tomb of Saint Petronilla. On May 12th, the Tridentine Calendar

commemorated a combined feast (with a semidouble rank) for St Nereus, St Achilleus, and St Pancras. In 1595, the name of Domitilla was added to the celebration. This collective observance of Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, and Pancras retained its ranking until it was downgraded to a simple feast in 1955 and then to a third-class feast in 1960. In the current General Roman Calendar, revised in 1969, Saints Nereus and Achilleus are celebrated separately, and Saint Pancras has his own optional memorial on 12th May.

The Ascension of the Lord 12th May 2024 - Homily Theme: Hallelujah! Jesus ascends to Heaven - Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-53

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