



**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.

<b>Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's &amp; Holy Family And Saint Patrick's</b>
<b>24th Of May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord</b>
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The Ascension of the Lord - The 24 <sup>th</sup> Of May 2026	
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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 (Gospel for Year A)	
Mark 16:15-20 (Gospel for Year B)	
Luke 24:46-53 (Gospel for Year C)	

*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.
- 7 But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
- 11 And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,
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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 - Matthew 28:16-20 - (Gospel for Year A)**

- 16 And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had ordered them.
- 17 And seeing them they adored: but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus coming to them, spoke to them, saying: All power is given to me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 Go, therefore, and teach all the nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

### **Gospel - Mark 16:15-20 - (Gospel for Year B)**

- 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.

### **Gospel - Luke 24:46-53 - (Gospel for Year C)**

- 46 Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead, the third day
- 47 and that penance and remission of sins should be preached in his name, unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

49 And I send the promise of my Father upon you: but stay you in the city till you be endued with power from on high.

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

51 As he blessed them, he departed from them and was carried up to heaven.

52 And they adoring went back into Jerusalem with great joy.

53 And they were always in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

### **Saint(s) Of The Day**

- **Our Lady, Help of Christians**
- Martyrs of the Small West Gate
- Saint Agatha Kim A-Gi
- Saint Agatha Yi So-Sa
- Saint Anna Pak A-Gi
- Saint Augustine Yi Kwang-Hon
- Saint Barbara Han A-Gi
- Saint Damianus Nam Myong-Hyok
- Saint Lucia Pak Hui-Sun
- Saint Magdalena Kim Ob-I
- Saint Petrus Kwon Tug-In
- Saint Simeon Stylites the Younger

Blessed Maria Gargani

Saint David of Scotland

Saint Joanna the Myrrhbearer

Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau

Blessed John del Prado

Blessed Nicetas of Perea

Saint Susanna

Saint Afra of Brescia

Blessed Isidore Ngei Ko Lat

Blessed Mario Vergara

Saint Donatian of Nantes

Saint Rogatian of Nantes

Saint Vincent of Lérins

Blessed Benedict of Cassino

### **Saint Sérvulo of Trieste**

St Sérvulo of Trieste was also known as Sérvolo, or Servulus. He was killed and died as a martyr in 283 AD in Socerb, Slovenia during the persecutions of Numerian. He is the patron saint of Trieste, Italy. We celebrate him with an additional memorial on The 23<sup>rd</sup> Of November (basilica of Trieste, Italy).

### **Saint Marciana of Galatia**

St Marciana of Galatia was one of a group of wives of 2nd-century soldiers in Galatia who were martyred under the command of Saint Meletius. After the death of the soldiers, the wives and children were also murdered and are considered martyrs.

They are represented in art as a group of women and children holding palms of martyrdom.

### **Blessed Juan of Huete**

Blessed Juan of Huete died of natural causes in 1442 AD. He was a Mercedarian friar at the convent of Santa Maria in Huete, Spain. Greatly increased their already excellent library. He was a friend and counsellor to the royal family and converted many Muslims in the Iberian peninsula to Christianity. After his death, he was buried in the church of the Convent of Santa Maria, Huete, Spain.

### **Saint Manahen**

St Manahen was also known as Manaen. He was a friend of Herod Antipas. Manahen was one of those who laid hands on St Paul and St Barnabas and sent the two Apostles on the first of Paul's missionary journeys. May have been Saint Luke's source for information on King Herod and his family. Additionally, he was likely one of the founders of the Church in Antioch and also had the gift of prophecy.

### **Saint Gennadius of Astorga**

St Gennadius of Astorga died in 931 AD. He was a Benedictine monk at Argeo, Spain and also an abbot of San Pedro de Montes, which he restored. He helped spread the Benedictine Rule through northwest Spain. In addition, he was a bishop of Astorga, Spain for 35 years and later resigned his see in 931 AD, and retired to live his remaining years as a monk and hermit at San Pedro.

### **Saint Palladia**

St Palladia died in the 2nd century in Galatia. She was in one of a group of wives of 2nd century martyred soldiers under the command of St Meletius. Following the death of the soldiers, the wives and children were martyred, as well. In addition, she was a patron

saint of martyrs and she is represented by a group of women and children holding palms of martyrdom.

**Blessed Thomas Vasière**

Blessed Thomas Vasière was French-born and died of natural causes at the convent of Santa Maria in Tolosa, Spain. He was a Mercedarian friar at the Convent of Santa Maria in Tolosa, Spain. He ransomed 114 Christians from Muslim slavery in North Africa, preaching Christianity as he made his way to them and back.

**Saint Hubert of Bretigny**

St Hubert of Bretigny, also known as Hugbert or Uberto, died of natural causes in 714 AD. He was in the face of family opposition, at age 12 Hubert became a Benedictine monk at Bretigny, Noyon, France.

**Blessed Philip of Piacenza**

Blessed Philip of Piacenza died of natural causes in 1306 AD. He was a priest and also an Augustinian hermit in Piacenza, Italy. Additionally, he wore iron armour at all times as a way of reducing his concern for things of the flesh.

**Blessed John of Montfort**

Blessed John of Montfort died on May 25 1177 AD in Nicosia, Cyprus, He was a Benedictine Knight Templar of Jerusalem and was once wounded in combat with the Saracens. Sadly, he was taken to Cyprus where he never fully recovered.

**Saint Meletius the Soldier**

St Meletius the Soldier died as a martyr. He was an officer in the imperial Roman army who was executed with 252 of his men for being Christian but the date and location are still unknown.

**Saint Vincent of Porto Romano**

St Vincent of Porto Romano died as a martyr in Porto Romano, Italy.

**Saint Patrick of Bayeux**

St Patrick of Bayeux was a bishop of Bayeux, France and died in 469 AD.

**Blessed Diego Alonso**

Blessed Diego Alonso was a Mercedarian missionary to Peru and also a miracle worker.

**Martyrs of Istria**

Martyrs of Istria was a group of early martyrs in the Istria peninsula. Their Names are;

- Zoëllus
- Silvanus
- Servilius
- Felix
- Diocles

**Martyrs of Plovdiv**

Martyrs of Plovdiv were 38 Christians martyred together in the persecutions of Diocletian and Maximian. They were beheaded in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

**Other Saints of the Day for May 24 2026**

- Our Lady of China
- Segin of Armagh
- Our Lady of Quercioli

Catholic Mass Homily - The Ascension of the Lord - The 24<sup>th</sup> Of May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord - On The 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Homily Theme: Hallelujah! Jesus ascends to Heaven - Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 24:46-53

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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