

Sunday, May 24, 2009  
Ascension of the Lord (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

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| Acts 1: 1 – 11   | ABC |
| Eph 4: 1 -13     | ABC |
| Mark 16: 15 – 20 | B   |

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is the journey from Jerusalem to Rome and beyond! In Mark Chapter 16: v 16 Jesus proclaims these prophetic words about the apostle's mission and ultimately ours too, as he ascends to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation. The man who believes in it and accepts baptism will be saved". Additionally, in Acts: 1 v 11 Christ has just ascended to heaven and two men dressed in white robes say to the apostles: "Why do you stand looking into heaven?" In other words, there is work to be done while you still can.

Catholic Social teaching is about a call to action to correct the injustices around us and to extend peace. The most central issue is the fundamental belief that what Christ did on Earth – he is doing through us today for the church and the needs of the whole world. The more we can affirm our action on behalf of the church to the Sacrament of Baptism, the more we see that our call to ministry is a call directly from the Lord. So get moving... why are you looking into heaven?

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