

## Church Bulletin Insert

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Ascension of the Lord Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

These Readings are from Ascension Mass

Acts 1: 1 -11

Ephesians 1: 17 -23

Luke 24: 46 – 53

With The Ascension of the Lord to heaven - God sends the Holy Spirit to the apostles and to you and me. This marks the beginning of the transformative power of The Holy Spirit in ways too numerous to count. This is a gift of on-going grace to all believers.

The first reading from Acts 1: 1 -11 describes a very interesting example of “ministry”. Jesus describes the upcoming events at Pentecost and the sending forth of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. Jesus is suddenly lifted up in a cloud. Poof! Gone from sight! It is easy to imagine how shocked they were to witness Jesus being raised up in a cloud to heaven. Put yourself at the scene!

Then, Acts 1 vs. 10 describes two men dressed in white garments saying “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” One can almost hear the modern lexicon rebuttal from the Apostles – “are you talking to me?” Of course the response from these two guests could easily be “don’t just stand there – go do something for Christ”!

And that my dear brothers and sisters in Christ is the mantra of Catholic Social Justice – doing something for Christ.

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