

Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday May 16, 2021

I was so excited to see you, the parishioners, and I was a bit confused. We have three readings, year c, year b and year a. This year we are reading year b, and I was probably distracted for other reasons and I was reading year C Gospel; however, today we are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord Jesus who is God came in the form of human being and lived 30 years and 3 years he preached saying the kingdom of God is near at the hand repent and that was his message the kingdom of God is near at the end repent and believe in the Gospel, and He came only one reason to save us. He wants to save all of us... all humanity but if you know not all humanity will be saved but we will be saved because we are seeking that salvation. God loves us... all but not all humanity will receive or feel His love, but we feel His love because we love Him. I don't know if I'm making sense last Sunday I mentioned about Nietzsche the German philosopher. When he was observing society, when he was secularizing. What is secularizing? Abandoning God... put themselves into the world he was son of the pastor protesting minister he was only five years old when his father died. He had a lot of difficulty in his life. He had a lot of experiences of death in his family; however, he noticed when people had more worldly things in their heart than God and he declared God is dead. God is dead in his heart, so in the end he ended up mentally insane. He lived his last life horrible and he wrote so many famous books. Those who are studying literature or philosophy with Jesus before Jesus there was no clear idea about Paradise even though the fantasies according to studies may believe the resurrection, but they weren't into that argument and

the whole world couldn't believe that man can live again. You trying to lie but with the Jesus he made this clear. We are going to be Resurrected... the kingdom of God is at the hand repent and believe in the Gospel, but this message those who do not believe in it will die without hope. Yesterday I went to a cemetery to a burial of one of our old parishioners, Sylvia. Probably some of my older parishioners know who she is. Sylvia died by heart attack and she was 70 years old. 30 years ago when we would have said 70 years we would have said oh she lived her life, but today 70 years old she is still young. My father died when he was 59. He was young and I am getting there, but life comes from God and when He wants it will return to Him not when I want or when you want. But, when He wants so dying is a blessing to return to Him to God. Where we came from we're returning to our homeland for those who are prepared to return to Him, but not for those people who are not prepared dying is tragedy. The first reading of the act of the Apostles and the second reading of the Gospel... what it is talking about giving witness about Jesus? We are called to give witness about Jesus inviting humanity to believe in Him and have hope and dying with happiness and joy not dying with suffering and fears. Don't know where we are going to. However, all who are baptized we are called to be witness of His life. Proclaim the kingdom of God is in our hands repent and believing in our God, and if we are Catholic, we know that those alive we have communion with the saints who are in heaven, who have passed away and are with God. We pray for each other especially those who are in need of our prayer those souls in purgatory. If we have a good life, if we follow the life of Jesus with all our heart, we will end up first in purgatory, and then go to heaven and those in purgatory need our prayer that's why we offer the mass.