

FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17, 2026b

All Other U.S. Ecclesiastical Provinces
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Intercession

May we, who have received the faith through the witness of others, boldly share the Gospel in word and deed and help build up the Body of Christ through our support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

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Today’s Gospel is often referred to as “The Great Commission.” Up until this point, Jesus Has taught and led his disciples very directly. Now, it is time for the disciples to BE Christ in the world. It’s a huge responsibility but one we are all asked to carry out. In prayer, we can ask the Lord how and then sit in silence to hear the response.

Where can we best be Christ’s emissaries in our world? Is it fostering faith in our youth by teaching Sunday School or CCD, volunteering at Vacation Bible School, or leading the parish youth group? Maybe it’s by “washing the feet” of others in service at a homeless mission, nursing home, or women’s shelter. Perhaps it’s in how we live our daily lives, when we wake up and say, “Everything I do today, Jesus, I do for you. I am your servant.”

Another way we take the wheel of Christ's mission is by supporting the Catholic Ministry Appeal, which strengthens the Church's ability to serve, teach, and heal in Jesus' name. Your gift helps ensure that the work of the Apostolic Church continues in our communities today.

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Location, location, location. The mantra of real estate agents the world over carries weight in today's Gospel as well. The setting is a mountain, where some of Jesus' most authoritative teaching happens and where his divine identity is revealed. Christ delivers the Sermon on the Mount, giving us the Beatitudes, on a mountain. The Transfiguration, during which the disciples witness the Son of Man as the fulfillment of the Prophets, takes place on a mountain.

And now, Jesus bestows the power to baptize believers in his name to his disciples, charging them "to make disciples of all nations," on a mountain. The setting of this commandment reinforces its importance—and, thus, the necessity of obedience on the disciples' part. Doing what Jesus asks doesn't mean they are certain. They have doubts. But they act anyway, placing their trust in Our Lord. We, too, are commissioned to transform the world by making disciples of all nations. And we can start in our corner of the world by supporting the Catholic Ministry Appeal, joining the disciples on the mountain and responding to Christ's call to spread the Gospel and share his love, even amid our own doubts.

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Header: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." – Matthew 28: 19

Copy: May our word and actions bear witness to Our Lord's glory. We don't have to go far to bring others to Christ. We can support of the Catholic Ministry Appeal in our own diocese.