

# SUNDAY GOSPEL BIBLE SHARING



## Wednesday May 22nd for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of all ages, you are all loving, slow to anger and rich in kindness. We praise you for your goodness. You are the Creator and Sustainer of our lives. You are our Savior. We honor you for your total gift of self. You are the Spirit of life, forgiveness, and peace. We delight in your tender love. One God in three persons, be near to us who are formed in your image. Dwell in us. We ask this, gracious God, living and true, forever and ever. Amen.

- In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”
- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

## READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

### Matthew 28:16-20

The Commissioning of the Disciples.\*

16<sup>f</sup> The eleven\* disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

17\* When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

18\* <sup>g</sup> Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19<sup>h</sup> 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,

20<sup>i</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.\* And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

## Notes

\* [[28:16–20](#)] This climactic scene has been called a “proleptic parousia,” for it gives a foretaste of the final glorious coming of the Son of Man ([Mt 26:64](#)). Then his triumph will be manifest to all; now it is revealed only to the disciples, who are commissioned to announce it to all nations and bring them to belief in Jesus and obedience to his commandments.

\* [[28:16](#)] The eleven: the number recalls the tragic defection of Judas Iscariot. To the mountain...ordered them: since the message to the disciples was simply that they were to go to Galilee ([Mt 28:10](#)), some think that the mountain comes from a tradition of the message known to Matthew and alluded to here. For the significance of the mountain, see note on [Mt 17:1](#).

\* [[28:17](#)] But they doubted: the Greek can also be translated, “but some doubted.” The verb occurs elsewhere in the New Testament only in [Mt 14:31](#) where it is associated with Peter’s being of “little faith.” For the meaning of that designation, see note on [Mt 6:30](#).

\* [[28:18](#)] All power...me: the Greek word here translated power is the same as that found in the LXX translation of [Dn 7:13–14](#) where one “like a son of man” is given power and an everlasting kingdom by God. The risen Jesus here claims universal power, i.e., in heaven and on earth.

\* [[28:19](#)] Therefore: since universal power belongs to the risen Jesus ([Mt 28:18](#)), he gives the eleven a mission that is universal. They are to make disciples of all nations. While all nations are understood by some scholars as referring only to all Gentiles, it is probable that it included the Jews as well. Baptizing them: baptism is the means of entrance into the community of the risen one, the Church. In the name of the Father...holy Spirit: this is the clearest expression in the New Testament of trinitarian belief. It may have been the baptismal formula of Matthew’s church, but primarily it designates the effect of baptism, the union of the one baptized with the Father, Son, and holy Spirit.

\* [[28:20](#)] All that I have commanded you: the moral teaching found in this gospel, preeminently that of the Sermon on the Mount ([Mt 5–7](#)). The commandments of Jesus are the standard of Christian conduct, not the Mosaic law as such, even though some of the Mosaic commandments have now been invested with the authority of Jesus. Behold, I am with you always: the promise of Jesus’ real though invisible presence echoes the name Emmanuel given to him in the infancy narrative; see note on [Mt 1:23](#). End of the age: see notes on [Mt 13:39](#) and [Mt 24:3](#).

## QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

1. Which person of the Blessed Trinity do you relate to the most?
2. Instead of seeing ourselves as “beloved children” of God, many Catholics see themselves as “distant relatives.” What does it mean to you to be a child of God? To what extent have you shifted from seeing yourself as a “distant relative” to being a “child of God”?
3. To what extent do you embrace the fact that being a child of God also means we must “suffer with Christ that we may also be glorified with him.”?
4. The Great Commission of Jesus to us is to “make disciples” of all nations. How well or poorly does your parish act on this command of Jesus? How well or poorly do you act on it?
5. Name one thing today’s Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed/ act on.

## Commentary

Just as Moses gave his people a farewell speech, Matthew presents us with Jesus’ farewell speech to his apostles. He commissions them to go and “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them”—not the Law of Moses but rather “all that I have commanded you.” Matthew, writing mostly for Christians who were raised as Jews, presents Jesus as the new and greater Moses who gives them a new and greater Law. The mention of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a clear expression of the Trinity. They are distinct and equal persons in the One God. The message ends with the assurance that Jesus will be with his Church at all times. Because of this divine guiding presence, the Church will never self-destruct. Though she will always be imperfect and in need of external reform and inner renewal due to the fact that the Church is made up of sinners, she will never be in need of replacement.

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord's Prayer

Bible Sharing Room 5 and Zoom

Wednesday, May 22 6:30 – 7:30pm

Weekly on Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting

Time: May 22, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj\\_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY](https://uso2web.zoom.us/join/https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY)

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