

This Sunday, we will read the ascension of Jesus from Luke's gospel, which shows us that sometimes we need to pivot and shift our focus. Sometimes we need a little nudge because we're looking for Jesus in the wrong place. After watching Christ disappear into the clouds, the disciples needed to be redirected. The two men in white prod them to move on and move out. They need to move out from their inner circle because Jesus is about to send the Holy Spirit to and through them into all the world.

With the recent tragic shootings taking place in Buffalo and Uvalde, and with severe weather events increasing, we too must focus on the work that needs to be done in healing and repairing in our midst. We must focus on looking around us, continue to pray and respond to those in most need, teach and proclaim, live and serve in our communities and around the world.

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