

Words to Ponder: *Messages*

Readings for May 20, from *the Word among us...*
Ascension Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, 20-26; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:17-23; Mk. 16:15-20

5.19.12: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Brownsville, TX... Father Francisco Acosta [audio recording]

Father Acosta concluded Mass with this prayer...

“Are you aware that you received an appetizer from him? Yes or no?”

“Yes.”

“Let us close our eyes. Listen to this because he is in heaven, but he is with us.

“He made our families and the country. He’s with us. He’s with us in our faith, in our hearts, in the church, in our prayers. He’s with us in good times and in bad. He’s with us when we sing and when we are at rest. He’s with us in our weaknesses and in our strengths. He’s with us when we are sick and when we are healthy. He’s with us when we are poor or when we are rich. He doesn’t mind. The fact is that he is with us....

“If he’s with us, who can be against us? If he’s with us, who can destroy us?”

“Nobody.

“Divine and gentle Jesus, you are always with us.

“Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—“

“As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.”

Father, I am grateful for every word of love you have inscribed in my heart. Thank you for filling my heart with your love and making that the foundation for my whole life (the Word among us, April 6-May 31, 2012, p. 63).