

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Couples must contact the Parish Office to arrange at least **6 months** before the desired date.

MASS INTENTIONS:
Intentions must be booked at least by the Wednesday, one week before the desired date.

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"Jesus said to her:... I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and to your God".

John 20:17

Kingdom Thoughts
Susan W.

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Good News.

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The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf. Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast: "you, not many days from now, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The Ascension is the feast that directs the Church's attention to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete, for salvation is not simply expiation for sins, but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast". The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May he enlighten the eyes of your mind" he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is his inheritance among the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

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St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

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by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading
Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading
Eph.1:17-23

Gospel
Lk.24:46-53

MASS TIMES

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GROS ISLET
Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.

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MONDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
6:00 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY
6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY
6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY
6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.

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SUNDAY
G/Islet/G.Riviere
7:30 a.m.

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Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.

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HOLIDAY
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Looking to Pentecost:

During the period between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church challenges us to consider what the power of God’s Spirit causes to happen in our lives. We should long to be filled with the Spirit so we can cooperate with God to effect the transformation of the whole of creation into the realized reign of God “on earth as it is in heaven.” The traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit can be a wonderful source of reflection:

Come, Holy Spirit: The first part of this prayer asks for the Holy Spirit to come to us. A lot goes into preparing our hearts to ask for the Holy Spirit to come, not the least of which is to acknowledge that there is a Holy Spirit and that we feel something missing without the presence of the Spirit in our lives. This is the Spirit Jesus promised to send us so that we would not feel orphaned. This is the Spirit that transformed the first disciples from people afraid and locked in the upper room.

Fill the hearts of thy faithful: This is a request for a heart filled with the Spirit. This isn't asking for a little bit of the Spirit. This is a bold request. We are asking that we might be filled, and therefore, transformed by the Spirit. No hesitation, no doubt, no fear, no judgment, no arguments, no selfishness can remain. *Fill us. Fill me.*

And enkindle in them the fire of thy love: Our prayer gets even more specific. We desire the love which only the Spirit can bring. We know it is a fire, and we ask for it. It is a purifying fire. It burns away all that is in the way. And it warms whatever is cold. This fire brings a new vitality and courage. Fire can be shared with others, without being diminished. *Set our hearts on fire. Set my heart on fire.*

Send forth thy Spirit and they shall be created: Paul tells us, “So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come ” (2 Cor.5:17). We are asking the Spirit to make us a new creation. This is more than a new beginning or a fresh start. We are asking for a transforming renewal. Our lives can be new with the Spirit filling our hearts. *Give us/me your Spirit and make us/me new.*

And Thou shall renew the face of the earth: When we are on fire and renewed by the Spirit, we can become one with the Spirit's activity of renewing the whole world. We can be the fire that ignites other fires. We can work to bring reconciliation, healing, true justice and renewal for all the people on the face of the earth. *Let me be part of your Spirit's fire for all God's creation.*

O God, who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit: We acknowledge before God that the work of the Spirit is alive among us, enlightening our minds and hearts, helping us listen and discern with growing freedom and courage.

Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation: So we conclude our prayer, asking that this same Spirit will allow us to be truly wise with that discerning Spirit, and to give ourselves to enjoying - that is, being consoled by - what the Spirit gives us.

Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to come to us .

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)

PLEASE PRAY FOR	
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Patsy Crafton Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Marie Joseph Anne Marie Felicien	
DECEASED	
Canice Louis Catherine Alexis Christella Z. Volney Veronique Williams Vernesia Pierre-Louis	
WEEKDAY READINGS	
✠ MONDAY Acts 19:1-8 Jn.16:29-33 ✠ TUESDAY Acts 20:17-27 Jn.17:1-11 ✠ WEDNESDAY Acts 20:28-38 Jn.17:11-19 ✠ THURSDAY Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Jn.17:20-26 ✠ FRIDAY Acts 25:13-21 Jn.21:15-19 ✠ SATURDAY Acts.28:16-20,30-31 Jn.21:20-25 ✠	

MASS INTENTIONS		
GROS ISLET	CLERGY / RELIGIOUS	INTENTION
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
Sat May 31 - 6:00 p.m.	<div>Ps.46:6</div> <div>THE LORD GOES UP WITH TRUMPET BLAST AND WITH SHOUTS OF JOY</div>	Thks: Ewa Girard Louis family, Samuel family BVM: Gladys Saget & family
Sun Jun 1 - 7:30 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
10:00 a.m.		Thks: Leslie family B'day: Marie Jn. Baptiste Int: Chris & Carole Jn. Marie
Grande Riviere -7:30a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Jun 2 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Athanase Joseph Fr. Stephen Quinlan Fr. Celestine Nwakuwo	Thks: Diane & Richard Palton
12:30 p.m.		Thks: Augusta Toussaint Amelia Machado Godoi B'day: Deacon Herald Wilson
Tue Jun 3 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	Archbishop Gabriel Malzaire Msgr. Michel Francis	B'day: Imani Elliott Thks: Shanta King & family
Wed Jun 4 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Vinoth Santhappan	B'day: Vernette Darcheville Melissa Charlemagne
Grande Riviere -6:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Jun 5 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Boniface</i>	Fr. John Wilson Fr. Angus Evumude Sr. Mary Lee Cox	Dc'd: Rochelle Leon, Bennett Best
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: Quacey Esnard Healing & Deliv: Scholastica Alexander
Fri Jun 6 - 6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Patrick Anthony Fr. Joseph Raj Sr. Mary Mutwiwa	Dc'd: Teresa Huntley
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Horace Sylvester
Sat Jun 7 - 6:30 a.m. <i>Mass at the Shrine</i>	Archbishop Robert Rivas OP Sr. Frances Norbisch	Thks: Glace Motors Ltd Sandra Aimable & family

