

# Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU SEE THAT?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.



YES... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?

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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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God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Psalm 47:5

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## Synod 2021-2023: Communion/Participation/Mission

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 17TH MAY 2026 - YEAR A

*High and Lifted Up.*

Today, Luke gives the news that the story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies. In Hebrews 4:14-15, we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf. His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise: "not many days from now, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit".

The Ascension is the feast that directs the Church's attention to Pentecost, when salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins. While 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 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.

Today's 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 called illumination or enlightenment because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Paul 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 the "rich glories he has promised" those who have been adopted into God's family.

This is the good news the Apostles at the Ascension are to spread to the whole world, beginning from Jerusalem. It is the good news we must spread today.

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# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

## Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

**CONFESSIONS**  
 Every Saturday  
 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
 &  
 by appointment

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SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading**  
 Acts 1:1-11  
**Second Reading**  
 Eph. 1:17-23  
**Gospel**  
 Mt.28:16-20

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 .

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK**

Patsy Crafton  
Iris Macauldy  
Marie Joseph  
Claudia Joseph

**DECEASED**

Ann Prince  
Ron Drakes  
Mary Alfred  
Henry Smith  
Maria Philip  
Lina Modeste  
Frederick Joseph

**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**

**INTENTIONS**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Sat May 16 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sun May 17- 7:30 a.m.**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

**10:00 a.m.**

**Grande Riviere -7:30a.m.**

**Monchy - 10:00 a.m.**

**THE LORD GOES UP  
WITH TRUMPET  
BLAST AND WITH  
SHOUTS OF JOY**

**Sp. Int:** The George family  
**Thks:** Ronald & Derek Glace

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

**B'day:** Joan Laurencin-Johnson  
**Thks:** Jenny Daniel-Foster & family

**B'day:** Elsa Wilfred

**B'day:** Gena Dyer

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon May 18 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Tue May 19 - 6:00 a.m.**

**Wed May 20 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Grande Riviere -6:00 p.m.**

**Thu May 21 - 6:00 a.m.**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Fri May 22 - 6:00 a.m.**

**Sat May 23 - 6:30 a.m.**

*Mass at the Shrine*

Fr. Gabriel Arockiasammy  
Sr. Bernadette Peter

Fr. Lambert St. Rose

Fr. Paul Vu

Rev. Anthony Louis  
Rev. John Douglas  
Rev. Robert Harvey

Fr. Cecil Goodman  
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Fr. Linus Clovis  
Sr. Adinase Mumba

**Thks:** Antonia Regis  
**Healing:** Valdine Belrose  
Leonard Prospere

**Dc'd:** Keith Frederick, Elda Lionel  
Members of the Lionel family

**B'day:** Prudentia Raymond  
**Thks:** Collinthia & Gary Eugene

**Deliv:** Francine Valmont

**Thks:** Cyrillia & Althea Palton

**Parishioners**

**B'day:** Alison Lewis  
**Thks:** Isaac & Eldra Sidoine & family

**B'day:** Willet Mclean  
**Wedd Ann:** James & Mary Jacob

**Dc'd:** Juliana Brice, Albert Ellis  
Eileen Paul, Christiane Laurent-Dussiel

**Dc'd:** Christiane Laurent-Dussiel  
Holy Souls in Purgatory