

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



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

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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.

True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?



Answer to puzzle on front page: God reminds His throne to shouts of joy! Answers to True or False: 1 True 2 False 3 False 4 True 5 True 6 False 7 True

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 21ST M2023 - 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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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading

Eph.1:17-23

Gospel

Mt.28:16-20

MASS TIMES

GROS ISLET

Morning Prayers:
 5:45a.m.



MONDAY

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



TUESDAY

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

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



THURSDAY

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



FRIDAY

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



SATURDAY

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



SUNDAY

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



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 and to our communities.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Martha Mason
Iris Macauldy
Teresa Huntley

DECEASED

Claude Griffith
Nicholas Smith
Dedra Mathurin
Lorna Augustin
Olienne Edward
Eustelle Lafeuillée

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

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CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 2023

Sat May 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Sun May 21 - 7.30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Psalm 47:1

B'day: Curtis John
Thks: Sandra Aimable & family

MISSA PRO POPULO

B'day: Joshua Cooper
Lorne Theophilus, Mekenna Radjou

B'day: Elrie Thomas
Garion & Goren Louis
Thks: St. John Vianney Voices

Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon May 22 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Tue May 23 - 6:00 a.m.

Wed May 24 - 6:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Thu May 25 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Fri May 26 - 6:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sat May 27 - 6:30 a.m.
Mass at the Shrine

Fr. Cecil Goodman
Rev. Thomas Alexander

Msgr. Theophilus Joseph
Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav
Fr. Henry Nmor

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

B'day: Alison Lewis

Thks: David & Mary Popo
Sp. Int: Perlin Verdant & family

Thks: Diane & Richard Palton & family

Thks: Emalie Popo
Sp. Int: Jeannine Blanchard & family

B'day: Andrew Morris

B'day: Sebastiaan Bent
Shaquille Jn Marie
Sp Int: Perlin Verdant & family

Dc'd: Mary Charles
Jeannette Knights

Healing: Berkeley Alex Blanchard

84th B'day: Elford Whyllie

B'day: Marie Louis
Sp. Int: Ike Blanchard & family