

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 2021

Please Pray For All The Sick

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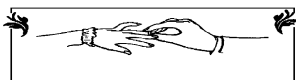
And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.

He Ascended into Heaven: A reflection on Ascension

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, He remained on earth and appeared to many in resurrected form. After forty days (a number indicating preparation in the Bible), Jesus ascended into Heaven, leaving the mission of the Church under the care of the Apostles and promising to send the Holy Spirit as their guide on Pentecost (which we will celebrate next Sunday). We relive these events liturgically during the Easter season.

In fact, the Solemnity of the Ascension technically was this past Thursday (40 days after Easter), but in most dioceses (including ours) it gets moved to the following Sunday. Today's first reading recounts the Ascension as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts, which is the sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Why did Jesus ascend? Was He abandoning His followers? By no means! Jesus ascended in order to reign over the kingdom of the Church from heaven. But He did not leave us orphans. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to guide us. In saying to His disciples, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you," He promised the very presence of the divine with them. Jesus is fully God and so is the Holy Spirit. Thus, whether Jesus stayed or ascended, God would be with them! Jesus, in His flesh, was limited to one geographical location.

By ascending and sending the Holy Spirit, the faith could spread to the ends of the earth. Just imagine having to travel to Israel to meet Jesus in person! Instead, the Holy Spirit dwells within us here and now; and Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist whatever part of the world we are in. Jesus sent His disciples to be "witnesses" to the ends of the earth, and He promised to give them everything they would need to succeed. The fact that we are following Jesus 2,000 years later is evidence of their success.



There is a promise of marriage between

**Thomas Metelka and Melissa Gomez
Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 2:00pm**



Masses For The Week

8:30 am **Monday, May 17**
For the repose of the soul of Vincenzo & Vincenza Del Gobbo;
Requested by Argentina Presutti

Birthday Blessings and Special Intentions for Erlinda Lao;
Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Tuesday, May 18**
Blessings and Special Intentions for Karl & Naeem;
Requested by the Mascarenhas Family

For the repose of the soul of Martha Pires;
Requested by Felix & Lucy Pires

8:30 am **Wednesday, May 19**
For the repose of the soul of Tiago Leite;
Requested by Lawinda & Odys

Thanksgiving and Special Intentions for Arnold Saucó;
Requested by the Saucó Family

8:30 am **Thursday, May 20**
Special Intentions for Beverley;
Requested by the Dantas Family

8:30 am **Friday, May 21**
Birthday Blessings and Special Intentions for Derrick Dawang;
Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Sebastian Puvirajasingham Dayanious;
Requested by Bernadette and Family

For the repose of the soul of Greta Magdalene Almeida;
Requested by Henry Almeida and Family

9:00 am **Saturday, May 22**
For the repose of the soul of Carmelo Magnaye;
Requested by the Magnaye Family

For the repose of the soul of Josephine Edwards;
Requested by Nancy Ryckman

For the repose of the soul of Lawson Syliliano;
Requested by the Family

5:00 pm
For the repose of the soul of Margaret Dantas;
Requested by Bill & Maxima Dantas

For the repose of the soul of Andresito Tulio;
Requested by Fe Tabago

For the repose of the soul of Alfeo Emilio Rossetti;
Requested by Linda Venditti and Family

For the repose of the soul of Catherine Estaris Ocampo;
Requested by the Family

8:00 am **Sunday, May 23**
For the repose of the soul of Rosario Nivera;
Requested by the Family