

THE *Ascension* OF THE LORD

MAY
29
2022



“Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
looking at the sky?”

Acts 1:11

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Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. This is partly because of the mystical features of Luke's two descriptions, and also the lack of description in the other Gospels. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost.

The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now “at the right hand of God,” and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity and holds us accountable.

WITNESSES

In the descriptions of the Ascension in today's readings, Jesus tells the disciples “You are witnesses” or “you will be

my witnesses.” The image of witness evokes a legal proceeding, where a person affirms the truth of an event. Sometimes physical evidence, such as a DNA test, serves as witness to the truth. This same word is used again and again in Acts, as the apostles witnessed to the Resurrection, or to the whole story of Jesus. We are called to witness to the truth of the Gospel.

We might witness in at least three ways. In dialogue with others, we can speak the witness, by explicitly sharing the biblical story and what it means for us. We can do the witness, by aligning our actions and lifestyle so as to share love for others. We can be the witness, in our fundamental openness and faithful response to God, and in our grace-filled personal presence with others. We are the best evidence of the truths of our faith.

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23 Lk 24:46–53

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Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tues - Fri: 9:00 AM

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Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us
and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.”
Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years,
you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

The Ascension of the Lord

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Emeress Aiwohi. Melinda Hlavenka. Msgr. Ron Diegel. Elaine March. Doug Lawson. Marcia Boswank. Richard & Dottie Schuetz. Tom Fabitz. Jodie Woods. Ken Davis. Roy Langhoff. Russell Jackson. Bob Quinn. Yolanda & Eldon Boyd. Jim Hickey. Doris Hoffman. Wanda & George Duke. Lonnie & Tammy McClung. Jean Hamilton. Randy & Louise Beard. Sven Sterner. Nancy Rasca. Clifford & Frances Jo Moore. Fran & Kathleen Fleming. Thomas Holzmann. Joe Fazzio. Ron Emma. Kate Serres. Dona Jordan. Jaye Anderson. Georgette March. Greg Mooney. Garry Fetsch. Karee Haney. Charlie Parker. Jo Ann Crowell. Jacob Stephens. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Elise Sugg. Avery Boultinghouse. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Dawn Quinn, US Army PFC (Granddaughter of Bob & Jean Quinn). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 1LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jemigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; 2nd Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (Son of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & brother of Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Monday: Memorial Day

Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Justin

Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading: God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel: As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day:

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Mass—Intentions

Saturday 5/28 Dana Moffatt+ (M/M Laudt)

Sun 5/29 U.S. Military Personnel

Tue 5/31 Uvalde Victims; Families and Friends

Wed 6/01 9:00am Communion Service

Thursday 6/02 Uvalde First Responders

Friday 6/03 Border Patrol

Saturday 6/04 Ron Szczepanski+ (M/M Laudt)

PARISH SUPPORT

Average weekly amounts for the year of 2021

Expenditures \$ 3,666

Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,799

Attendance: 5/21 Saturday: 64 5/22 Easter Sunday: 79

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving.

Pope's Intention for June:



For families. We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

At the Mass during the Day
Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in
glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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MAY NEWS & EVENTS

Sun., May 29th: **NO** donuts or coffee Memorial Weekend.

Mon., May 30th: **DIOCESE & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tues., May 31st: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

JUNE NEWS & EVENTS

Wed., June 1st: **9:00am Communion Service.** Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life.

Sat., June 4th: 9:00am Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart & Patriotic Rosary

Sun., June 5th: : Immediately following 9:00am Mass in St. Jude's Hall. **Knights of Columbus breakfast.** Children eat FREE to 12th grade; adults \$ 5.00 each.

Tues., June 7th: 9:00am Mass. Adoration 9:30am—12:30pm; 6:00-8:00pm).

Wed., June 8th: Cenacle of Life devotion **3:00—4:00pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life.

Thurs., June 9th: K of C Mtg.

Sun., June 12th: Immediately following 9:00am Mass, donuts, coffee & juice, in St. Jude's Hall. At **12:00 Noon:** 2022 Diocese of Tyler Rosary Rally Event Praying the Rosary for Texas and America will be held at Holy Spirit.



May Second Collections:

28th & 29th: "Catholic Communications."

Legion of Mary—Pilgrim Statue: Our Lady of Fatima Statue is now ready to visit your home. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you may contact: Marge Clymer, 903-216-7953 or Jane Bidlack, 903-569-7749.** If scheduling permits, the Statue may be kept for two weeks.



It's time to get ahead for 2022

The Knights of Columbus Member Benefits Program Invites **anyone (not just Knights)** to one of two special live webinars

"Retirement Planning in A Changing Landscape" Featuring America's IRA Expert Ed Slott

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Save the Date!

Diocesan-wide Training Event for Gabriel Angel Volunteers
Come, Refresh and Restart your Parish Gabriel Project Pro-Life Ministry
Saturday, July 9th 8:00am—12:30pm
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
423 S. Broadway Ave. Tyler, TX 75702

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Contact Nancy Mullen 903-530-1426



Congratulations to the following Graduates:

Lydia Arthur, niece of Melinda Hlavenka & Dianne Laudt. Graduating from Lake Highlands H.S. in Dallas. She will be attending Mizzou in Columbia, MO.

Arianna Ellis graduated from the University of Dallas with a BS in Computer Science. She is the daughter of Jeff & Cathy Ellis and granddaughter of Jerry & Vicki Hauck.

Mackenzie Anderson graduated from Grayson College in Denison with a BS in Nursing. She is a operating room nurse at Texoma Medial Ctr. in Denison. She is the granddaughter of Ruddle Anderson.

Emily Anderson graduated from Wakeland H.S. in Frisco. She will be attending the University of Arkansas, majoring in Pre-Nursing. She is the granddaughter of Ruddle Anderson.

Samantha Coronel graduated from Harmony H.S. in Gilmer. She will be attending TJC exploring art & floral design. She is the daughter of Esther Coronel.



The Holy Spirit Food Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners for their food donations. The large plastic bin is located by in the hallway by Bridget's office. **Can vegetables and pasta sauce, 1 lb box of pasta, pudding cups, can fruit, peanut butter & jelly, bagged candy.**

Looking for volunteers to get involved with the Food Ministry.
Call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net
Thank you, Bob Mailliard; Bryan & Dolly Todd; Stan & Terry Evans; Al & Evelyn Murfin. Holy Spirit Food Ministry Team



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