

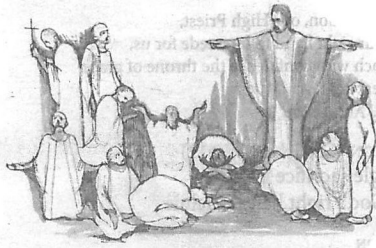
Ascension Of The Lord

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Where Jesus Is

Mark's gospel initially ended at 16:8. But it seems that some copyists did not like that ending. And so we have a multiplicity of endings attested to by different manuscripts. Today's reading comes from one such ending, and it is certainly considered canonical, inspired and authoritative. It concludes with an echo of 1 Timothy 3:16 and Luke 24:15, namely that Jesus was "taken up" into Heaven. This episode answers the question, "Where is Jesus now?" He is in Heaven, seated at the right hand of God.



Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22-23. It will reopen Thursday, May 24, at 8:30 a.m.



Armed Forces Day May 19



It was with the idea for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country that President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish this single holiday. The one-day celebration then stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

It was on August 31, 1949, that Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and Air Force Days.

Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held to celebrate the first Armed Forces Day held on May 20, 1950.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy established Armed Forces Day as an official holiday. The United States' longest running city-sponsored Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington.

It should be noted that because of their unique training schedules, National Guard and Reserve units may celebrate Armed Forces Day/Week over any period in the month of May.

Offertory Giving

Before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus instructed His disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus.

Christ is in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

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| Weekly Budgeted Need | \$7,242.00 |
| Last Sunday May 6 | |
| Envelopes | \$4,598.00 |
| Loose | 2,574.00 |
| On Line Giving | <u>1,510.00</u> |
| Total | \$8,682.00 |
| Progress Report | |
| Cumulative Budget | \$325,890.00 |
| Cumulative Income | <u>305,085.46</u> |
| <Behind> | <\$20,804.54> |
| Second Collection | |
| Catholic University | \$507.82 |

Holy Fathers Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generous support of Pope Francis's work through the Peter's Pence Collection next weekend May 20. Through this gift, you join in solidarity with him as a witness of charity. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence/

Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank all the workers who labored so hard to make our Church Picnic a success. We say thank you to Mr. Lester Ducre for preparing the delicious food. Thank you also to those who brought the many tasty desserts and chips. Our thanks to the Antonians and Altar Society who served the food and desserts. We hope everyone had a good time. Again, a hearty thank you! May God's blessings be upon all of you.

Brick Order

We are now ready to place an order for the bricks to be placed in the Stations of the Cross Garden. Please, if you have been waiting for this time, please come to the office to get the order form. We want to get the order out as soon as we can.

Mass Intentions Requested**Monday, May 14***(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)*

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, May 15*(Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a)*

8:00 a.m. Charlotte Cuccia

Wednesday, May 16*(Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19)*

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 17*(Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)*

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

Friday, May 18*(Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19)*

8:00 a.m. Jo Ann Pooley

Saturday, May 19*(Gn 11:1-9; Ez 37:1-14; Rom 8:22-27)*

5:00 p.m. John Lacourrege†, Tina Mangano†, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Rosemary Poche†, Curtis & Vita Owens†, Eugenic Jeannie Gabriel†, Marquerite Hargroder, Eugene Blanchard Jr.†, Roszczynialski Family, Joseph D'Antoni Jr.†, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr.†, Ken & Adele Salzer†

Sunday, May 20 Pentecost*(Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)*

7:00 a.m. Herb & Jackie Landry

8:30 a.m. Andrew Lambert†, Shirley Lightell, Frank & Janis Misuraca, Speedy Manger, Larry DuBois†, Henry & Margaret Jorns†, Tom Cuccia, Ronnie & Betty Lambert†, Bruce Frederick†, Suzanne Renckly†, Ruth Anderson

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Pastoral Council Meeting—Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in Room 8 in the Parish Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Widows Group—Friday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. at Roux 41, Pearl River

Confirmation Class—Sunday, May 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That the lay-faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.”

The Month Of Mary**Herself a rose who bore the Rose**

Herself a rose, who bore the Rose,
she bore the Rose and felt its thorn.

All loveliness new-born
took on her bosom its repose,
and slept and woke there night
and morn.

Lily herself, she bore the one
Fair Lily; sweeter, whiter, far
than she or others are:

The Sun of Righteousness her
Son,

she was His morning star.

She gracious, He essential Grace,
He was the Fountain, she the rill:

Her goodness to fulfill
and gladness, with proportioned pace
He led her steps thro' good and ill.

Christ's mirror she of grace and love,
Of beauty and of life and death:

By hope and love and faith

Transfigured to His likeness, “Dove,
Spouse, Sister, Mother,” Jesus saith.

Christina Rossetti

**Tabernacle Lamp**

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in honor of **All Mothers Living and Deceased.**

**Pray For The Sick**

Lyn Adams, Ruth Anderson, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Fr. Warren Cooper, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Pam King, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Carlene Ragusa, Norris Ripp, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith, Lorraine Steilberg, Eola Veillon

Congratulations To 2018 Graduates



We would like to congratulate all high school and college seniors who have completed the requirements for graduation and are now preparing to move on to even greater things. You will now have the opportunity to apply the lessons learned to your higher education goals or to your chosen careers. Your hard work and determination have accomplished much. Good job!! We are especially proud of you for understanding the importance of an education and not giving up when the going got tough. May God continue to bless you and your future endeavors!

Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord:
 Let me not be too ready to guide
 my children's stumbling feet
 but
 allow me to be ever near
 to bind up their bruises.
 Give me a sense of humor
 that I may laugh with them
 but never at them.
 Help me to teach them that life
 should be filled with victories, not compromise.
 Keep my children close to me.
 Let Your light shine on me and on them.



Altar Flowers Donation

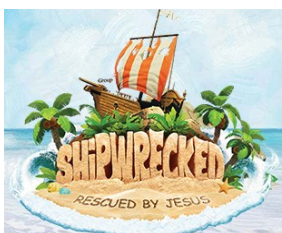


The beautiful arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **Gloria Zeringue** by members of her family.

Becoming A Mentor To A Child

Catholic Charities' Isaiah 43 program has more children enrolled than mentors. We are searching for a few generous volunteers to step up so each child can be matched with a mentor. Isaiah 43 pairs young people ages 10-18 with mentors for a one-on-one relationship. The program focuses on building community relationships, goal setting and Christian values. Mentors are not perfect people. A good mentor is someone who listens and who is reliable and caring. Mentors must be at least 25 years old and commit four hours a month to the program for 14 months. For more information, contact K. Patrick Kemmerly at kkemmerly@ccano.org

Shipwrecked Are You Ready



Come join us this summer at Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." This FREE one-week program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences that

kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities all children ages 3—11 will experience.

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open and will close **Wednesday, May 30**. This year's program will be held June 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, June 30, a closing celebration and covered dish dinner will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. after Mass.

The program is open to children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 11 years old. Please use one registration form **per person**. Registration forms are available in the CCD Office, Church Office or at Church entrances. Return the completed form(s) to the Church Office, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or in the drop box outside the Church Office door **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, MAY 30**.

Kids 12 and older can register as Youth Helpers.

Adults need to register as Adult Volunteers and must have completed the Safe Environment training.

Registration forms are at Church entrances.

LIME GREEN—VBS Student 3-11

ORANGE—Youth Helper (**Must** be 12 or older)

YELLOW—Age 18 and Adult Volunteers

Please complete the form and return it **NO LATER** than **Wednesday, MAY 30**.



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Ascension Of Christ

The elevation of Christ into Heaven occurred forty days after His Resurrection. Christ's Ascension took place in His glorified body, in the presence of His disciples. The event was recounted in Mk 16:19, Lk 24:51 and Acts 1:1-11 (CCC 659-64).



The location of the Ascension was Mount Olivet, based on the return of the disciples “to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away” (Acts 1:12).

The Ascension was anticipated in the Old Testament by the bodily assumptions of **Enoch** (Gen 5:24) and **Elijah** (2 Kgs 2:11). The description of Christ as sitting “at the right hand” of the Father comes from Ps 110. The Greek verb used in the Septuagint to describe the ascension of Elijah, *analambanō*, “take up” (2 Kgs 2:11), is used for the Ascension of Christ in Mk 16:19; Acts 1:2, 11, 22; and 1 Tim 3:16.

The image of sitting at the right hand of the Father in Ps 110:1 is prominent in Mk 16:19 and Acts 2:33. It means that the Ascension culminates in the enthronement of the Messiah, which marks the historical beginning of the Messianic kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His domination is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.” Finding the literal fulfillment of Ps 110 in Jesus Christ (not David), Acts 2:33-35 stresses the link between the Ascension of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit: “being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this which you see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens; but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet.’”

The Gospel of John highlights the connection between the Ascension and the Incantation: “No one has ascended into Heaven but He who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man” (Jn 3:13, 6:62, 20:17; cf. Eph 4:8—10). Christ forecasts His return to the Father in John’s Gospel (Jn 6:62) when Christ asks the Jews: “Then what (if you were to see the Son of Man ascending where He was before?)” and declares it as a coming event (Jn 20:17), when the risen Christ speaks to Mary Magdalene; “Do not hold Me, for I have not

yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

The Ascension of Christ elsewhere in the New Testament affirms the place of Christ in glory, enthroned in power at the side of God the Father (Eph 1:20-21; Phil 2:9), speaking of the event both as fact (Eph 4:8-10; 1 Tim 3:16) and as having been achieved by Christ’s own will (Eph 4:10).

Hebrews refers to the Ascension when it says that Jesus “passed through the heavens” (Heb 4:14) and “entered ...into Heaven itself” (Heb 9:24). In Hebrews the Ascension of Christ brings Him into the heavenly phase of His priesthood, now that the earthly ministry has been accomplished. “Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent” (Heb 8:1-2). Returning to Psalm 110, Hebrews underlines the *royal* dignity of the Messiah (Ps 110:1) as well as the *priestly* dignity (Ps 110:4). Christ is enthroned as the Anointed One at the right hand of God in Heaven and ordained as an eternal priest. From there “He is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them” (cf. Heb 7:25, 8:1-2) (CCC 519, 662).

Like Christ Himself, the righteous will also be taken up “in the clouds” to be in Heaven forever (1 Thess 4:17). The Ascension of Christ is thus the model for the assumption of all the saints destined for glory. Catholic Bible Dictionary—Scott Hahn

The Gift Of His Leaving

The Ascension of the Glorified Christ and then the sending of the Holy Spirit allows each of us, as believers, to touch Christ, to see and know God and to be empowered to live His life. What a great gift He gave when He “left us,” so that He might fully dwell within us!

Ascension Prayer

Our Father, Teach us that clouds can be miracles too. When we face the darkening skies in our lives, remind us of the cloud that the Israelites followed in the wilderness, the cloud of Your glory that settled on the Tabernacle, the cloud upon which the Lord ascended in glory. Teach us to look up and hope, for each cloud may be the one behind which we find Jesus.