

## Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.



Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

Answers to Psalm 47 Cross-Word:  
Down: 1 high, 2 awesome, 4 to, 5 trumpet, 7 earth, 9 sing.  
Across: 2 all, 3 great, 6 over, 8 most, 10 praise, 11 king.

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## 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?



Answers to True or False:  
1.True 2.False 3.False 4.True  
5.True 6.False 7.True

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### Looking to Pentecost:

During the period between the Feast of the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday, 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."

Suffering continues to surround us – divisions among nations, races, even families – it is hard to have hope that we can live in real unity, even in the Church, among the Baptized.

But we must remember that Christ's Spirit conquers the world's fear. Christ's love, made real and concrete in self-giving human love, drives out despair. He has won, He continues to win, and in the end He will reign in victory. Now is the time to hang on, and celebrate!

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)



# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 12TH MAY, 2024 - YEAR B

### Spreading the Good News.

In today's first reading, Luke gives the surprising news that the story did not end with the empty tomb or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

Indeed, His ascension and intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Ascension is the feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, 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-kings takes His place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

Our readings today describe the task of the Church as it journeys through history towards the final Kingdom, bringing the 'Good News to all creation'. Its life together - in the power of the Resurrection - should be a living sign, confirming the message it brings. 'Charity, selflessness, gentleness and patience' should be an expression of the 'unity of the Spirit', the unity which only God can give, the unity of the 'one Body' of Christ, the unity of those who know that they are called together by the 'one God who is Father of all'.

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

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### 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.4:1-13

#### Gospel

Mk.16:15-20



### 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

Variable





## Mother's Day

Some special day to honor mothers and mothering is a part of every major tradition, culture and nation. That is because we know instinctively the wonder, miracle and gift of mothers and mothering. They carry us in their wombs, the first home of the whole human race. They offer us to the family, and the whole world. They gave us life and birthed us into the network of relationships which gives that life meaning, the family.

They taught and nurtured us on the way, by offering wisdom, example and practical experience. They picked us up when we fell and unconditionally loved us even when we strayed. There is no one like a mother, no substitute for her place, no equal to her love and placement in our own formation. Mothering is an ongoing relationship of love and care. That is why, the more ancient roots of the celebration called it mothering Sunday. In much of Europe, mothering Sunday is still celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. People not only honor their mothers but return to visit their mother Church that day.

In Ethiopia and some other Eastern orthodox churches, the celebration of mother's day is tied to the celebration of St Mary's birthday, which is kept on May 1, and honors the Mother of the Lord and all Mothers who participate in the mystery and beauty of mothering.

For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive, cherish them today. Hug and kiss them. Honor them. Thank them. For those whose mothers have gone home to the Lord, remember them.

For all who bear the name Christian, the name of our eternal family, let us also honor the Mother of the Lord today. Her maternal care for Jesus still embraces all those who are joined to Him, as members of His Body, by that great new birth of Baptism.

Finally, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes, and our hearts, to come to more fully understand the great mystery and gift of the Church as our Mother. Let us live our lives as Christians, by living in the heart of Mother Church, for the sake of the world into which we are sent to bear the Good News.

(excerpt: catholic.org)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### THE SICK

Patsy Crafton  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Teresa Huntley  
Marie Joseph

#### DECEASED

Ira Martial  
Anne Charles  
Steje Alexander  
Shirley Jn. Baptiste  
Augustus Laurencin

### WEEKDAY READINGS



#### MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8  
Jn.16:29-33



#### TUESDAY

Acts 1:15-17,20-26  
Jn.15:9-17



#### 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

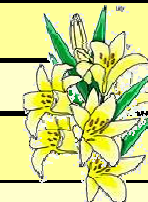


### MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET

CLERGY / RELIGIOUS

INTENTIONS



### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sat May 11 - 6:00 p.m.

Sing praises to God,  
sing praises;  
Sing praises to our King,  
sing praises.

**Sp. Int:** The George family  
Ike Blanchard & family  
**Thks:** Algitha Richelieu & family

Sun May 12 - 7:30 a.m.

**MISSA PRO POPULO**

10:00 a.m.

**B'day:** Dylan St. Omer, Aviane Auguste  
Felicia Hyacinth, Marvan Pilgrim

Grande Riviere - 7:30 a.m.

**Guid:** Christian McConnell  
**Thks:** Catherine Augustine & family

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

**Wedd Ann:** Brenda & John Cherubin

(Psalm 47:6)

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon May 13 - 6:00 a.m.

*Our Lady of Fatima*

Rev. David Popo  
Rev. Herald Wilson  
Rev. Gerard Calderon

**Thks:** Ronald Glace  
**Guid:** Tru Imbert  
**Holy Spirit:** Kaelan Haywood

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Philip Hippolyte  
Mary LaFeuillee, Roger Thornhill

Tue May 14 - 6:00 a.m.

*St. Mathias, Apostle*

Rev. Peter Fevrier  
Sr. Margaret Maynard  
Sr. Marie Therese Clement

**Dc'd:** Dorothy Daniel  
Charmaine Blanchard- Johnson  
Josephine & Epiphane Verdant

Wed May 15 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Joseph Akande  
Fr. Ignatius Cetoute  
Fr. Cleophus Joseph

**Dc'd:** James & Paulina Prudent  
Leonty David, Rose Ann Raymond

12:30 p.m.

**Guid:** Carlisle Thomas  
Amaya & Zaine Hyacinthe

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

**Parishioners**

Thu May 16 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Athanase Joseph  
Fr. Celestine Nwakwuo  
Fr. Philomin Zacharias

**Dc'd:** Mary Agatha Ambrose

12:30 p.m.

**Our Lady of Good Success:**  
Kaelan Haywood  
**Thks:** Myrtle Wilson, Zane Ives

Fri May 17 - 6:00 a.m.

Msgr. Michel Francis  
Fr. Stephen Quinlan  
Fr. Arthur Zalewski

**Thks:** Tyrone Chong & family  
Cyrillia & Althea Palton

12:30 p.m.

**Dc'd:** Marie Lake

Sat May 18 - 6:30 a.m.

*Mass at the Shrine*

Fr. Vinoth Santhappan

**Dc'd:** Keith Frederick