

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



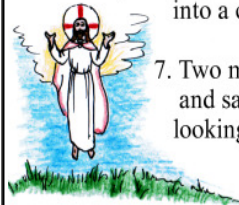
He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.

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True or False about... The Ascension

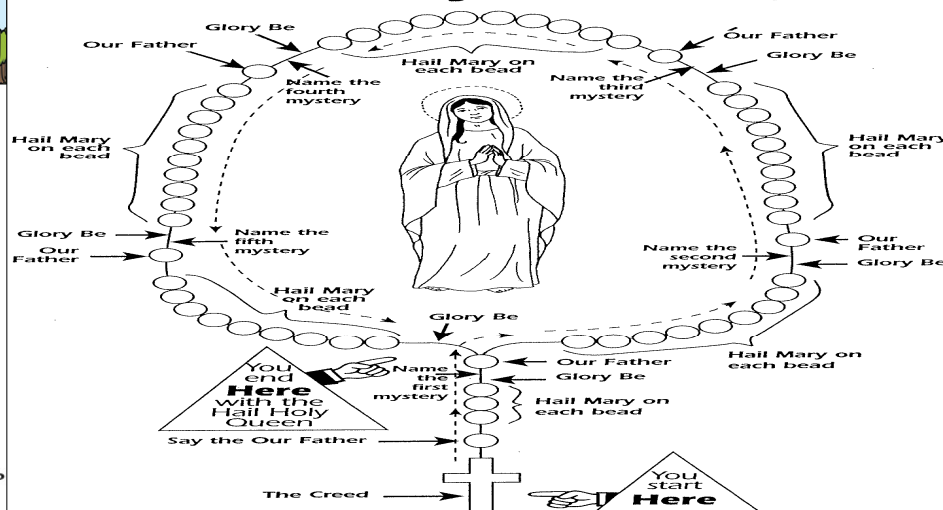
How well do you know the story of the Ascension?
See if you know which of these are true
and which are false:

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

How to Say the Rosary



Honour Mary
by Praying
the Rosary
During the Month
of May



St. Joseph the Worker Parish
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
6.00 - 6.45p.m.
&
by appointment

ASCENSION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 24TH MAY 2020 - YEAR

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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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

12:30 & 6:00 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./7:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

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



Gros Islet/Monchy

10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

7:00 a.m.



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.

(excerpt: onlineministries.creighton.edu)

PLEASE PRAY FOR	
THE SICK	
Martha Mason Iris Macauldy Priscillia Henry Luvina Joseph Nellie Hall Mary Sonson	
DECEASED	
Marie M. Lake Akim Hippolyte Diana Charles Joseph Jameson	
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		WHAT'S HAPPENING
GROS ISLET	INTENTIONS	<p>Weekend Masses in the Parish commence as follows:</p> <p>Gros Islet: Sat May 30 - 6:00 pm Sun. May 31 - 7:30 & 10 am</p> <p>Monchy: Sun May 31- 10:00 am</p> <p>Grande Riviere: Sun May 31 - 7:30 am</p> <p>You will need a ticket to enter for Masses as seat numbers are limited. Please come in to the Office to collect your ticket for the Pentecost Masses from Monday May 25th to Friday May 29th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm</p> <div><p>GOD GOES UP</p><p>WITH SHOUTS OF JOY</p><p>PSALM 46:2</p></div>
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD -YEAR A		
Sun May 24 <i>(Live-streamed)</i>	MISSA PRO POPULO	
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon May 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Sp Int: Perlin Verdant B'day: Sebastiaan Bent Shaquille Jn Marie Healing: Francis Gonzague	
Tue May 26 - 6:00 a.m. <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	Dc'd: Mary Charles Alvina George	
Wed May 27 - 6:00 a.m.	B'day: Kenzo Samuel Marie & Olivia Louis	
Thu May 28 - 6:00 a.m.	Thks: Richard Palton & family Healing: Michael & Anton Robinson	
Fri May 29 - 6:00 a.m.	Dc'd: Holy Souls, Jerome & Mary Popo	
Sat May 30 - 6:30 a.m.	B'day: Isaac Sidoine Thks: Lucretia James & family	
St. Philip Neri- Feast Day May 26th		
<p>St. Philip was born in Florence, Italy in 1515. In 1533, after a dramatic personal experience of God, Philip went to Rome, where he lived in poverty. Ordained in 1551, he went to live with a community of priests whom he organized into the Congregation of the Oratory. Characterized by his informality, the Congregation did not require members to take vows, but only to adhere to the gospel. “If you want to be obeyed,” quipped Philip, “don’t make commandments.” Officially recognized in 1575, the Oratory spread throughout the world and attracted members such as John Henry Newman. They held conferences that gathered people for evenings of study and prayer.</p> <p>For forty-five years he evangelized thousands of people in Rome, from the poor to popes. Philip won their hearts with his kindness and jovial sense of humour. He became known as the “Second Apostle of Rome” because his ministry promoted a general return to Christian living. Philip Neri was a mystic-in-action. He reported that once at prayer in 1544 he saw a globe of fire enter his mouth and set his heart aflame which permanently afflicted him. The saint did his best to hide his mystical phenomena, but sometimes his ecstasies at Mass lasted so long that the acolytes could leave for an hour’s break.</p> <p>Philip Neri died on May 25, 1595, active till the end and celebrated as the most popular person in Rome. He is the patron saint of joy and humour.</p> <p><i>(excerpt: Voices of the Saints. Bert Ghezzi)</i></p>		