

Reflections on Jesus' Ascension

On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice both in Jesus' victory over sin and death and in the glorious life that he has secured for us. We pray that we would experience the new life that is ours in Christ.

As Christians, our hope is secure because it rests in Jesus' death and resurrection. Because Jesus has overcome sin forever, we can live in freedom and peace, no matter what situations we may face. We have been reconciled to God. We are no longer strangers. Every day, we can live in confidence, knowing that our God is with us to strengthen and comfort us.

Our hope is also founded in the inheritance Jesus won for us—none other than being with our Father forever, knowing him intimately, in all his splendor and beauty. In his ascension, Jesus has opened the door for us. Though we are sinners, we have been forgiven and redeemed. We are now fully loved and accepted as God's children, and we will live with him forever.

As we live every day in the hope of our eternal inheritance, however, we can begin to taste these blessings here and now. This is part of the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe." Before he returned to his Father, Jesus promised his disciples that anyone who believed in him would be able to cast out demons, heal the sick, and perform signs and wonders in his name (Mark 16:17-18). How? By the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is in our hearts, inviting us to yield to him and empowering us to live in the victory of the resurrection. No challenge is too great for a child of God!

Points for Meditation:

- ◆As the disciples watched Jesus being lifted up to heaven, do you think that they would have been tempted to feel abandoned and panicked about their risen Lord leaving the earth? Think of a time in your life when you felt as if Jesus had abandoned you. How can Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8) bring you comfort at such a time?
- ◆Exercise your hope today by calling to mind Jesus' death and resurrection and the salvation he won for you on the cross. How can you more fully place your hope and confidence in these truths?
- ◆Have you "tasted" the blessings here and now of your eternal inheritance? Ask God for a powerful outpouring of his Spirit so that he can manifest his power in your life.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we rejoice today in your ascension to the Father's right hand. Thank you, Lord, for offering us a share in your heavenly life. By your Spirit, help us to lay hold of our inheritance in you—the hope, the glory, and the power that are the right of every child of God. Source: *The Word Among Us* – www.wau.org

A Note from the Parish Office

The Parish Office Will Be CLOSED On
Monday, May 22, 2023 for Victoria Day



We wish you a Safe and Blessed Long Weekend!

Seven Newly Ordained Priests

On May 13, 2023

**His Grace Francis Leo Ordained
Seven Transitional Deacons to the Priesthood**

We Extend Our
Congratulations & Prayers
as they become the newest
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Fridays 6pm to 7pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:
Wednesdays after Masses
Our Lady of Velankanni Novena:
Saturdays at 730am Mass
St. Anthony of Padua Novena:
Tuesdays after 7pm Mass

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The Catechism Corner



Q: *In what way is the faith of the Church one alone?*

A: The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless professes with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore, we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed. CCCB 172-175, 182

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- ♦ Visit the Taj Mahal in Agra
- ♦ Pray by the relics of St. Francis Xavier (Goa)
- ♦ See the beauty of the Santa Cruz Cathedral & *many other churches*
- ♦ Visit the Tomb of St. Alphonsa (India’s first saint)
- ♦ Visit Our Lady of Velankanni (optional extended tour)
- ♦ Enjoy the Alleppey boat cruise (one of NY Times Must Go Places)
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- ♦ Be thrilled by the Elephant Safari (Munnar) & Desert Safari (Dubai)
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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 22, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Leslie & Glynis Fernandes
 7pm Thanksgiving Gayle Fernando

Tuesday May 23, 2023

8am †Francis & Mary D’Souza
 7pm †Theresa Cherickal

Wednesday May 24, 2023

8am †Judith Vienna Reyes
 7pm Thanksgiving Noel Dsouza
 Special intent. Elizabeth Tam
 †Deceased members of San Gabriel Family
 †Anthony Gnanamuthu
 †Chito Navarro
 †Charito Lopez
 †Carmel Benn
 †Maria Elena Soon
 †Paul Tan Kheng Hing
 †David Jacobe Jr.

Thursday May 25, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Lenie Azurin
 7pm †Noel Cordeiro

Friday May 26, 2023

8am Thanksgiving Loretta
 7pm Thanksgiving Favours received
 †Felipe Paculaba
 †Esperanza Ollada Laranjo

Saturday May 27, 2023

730am Thanksgiving Ferdie & Cora Montes
 5pm †Rosalina Ong

Sunday May 28, 2023

730am †Charles & Philomena Pinto
 9am †Orlando & Albertina Vieira
 1030am Thanksgiving Kenneth Moreira
 12pm Pro Populo
 130pm Special Intention Kanika Sharma



Our Lord Jesus Christ
Ascended
 into heaven; let our hearts
Ascend with Him.
 -St. Augustine