

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*

— Mark 16:16

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASCENSION

The theological unity, or perhaps even the temporal experience of the early community, made it seem that Jesus' resurrection and his ascension were inseparable aspects of a single mystery. Only in the later writings of Luke and John has further theological reflection helped the Christian community to distinguish different dimensions of the mystery. Liturgical tradition has followed the forty-day chronology formulated by Luke. We would miss the point, however, if we were to demand a precise historical chronology of events such as the Resurrection-Ascension that are primarily spiritual in nature and that clearly surpass the bounds of time and space as we know them.

What is important for us to grasp is the significance of the Ascension. For Luke, it is the decisive turning point that marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the disciples' Spirit-led ministry and thus the ministry of the whole church down to our own day.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — This Jesus will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (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 Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,132.00	\$1,749.00
Number of Families contributing	56	47
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$59,478.00	\$60,480.00
Received to Date	\$51,498.00	\$41,478.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,980.00	\$19,002.00

## LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$152.00	\$3,772.00

Fourteen ladies made a contribution last week.

## PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$150.00	\$74,337.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

## BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

**POOR BOX** totaled \$231.00.

5 **CHILDREN** contributed \$49.00.

**BAA** totaled \$30.00.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

One Sunday evening, when Gavin Peacock was 18, his mother said she was going to church, and he went with her. Son of an accomplished London soccer player Keith and having turned a professional soccer player at the age of 16, Gavin was already turned a star himself at that very young age. After the service the minister invited Gavin to the small youth group at the minister's house. Gavin immediately noticed a difference between the other youngsters and himself: "I pulled up in a nice car, I had that bit of money in my pocket, the career, I was in the 'in-crowd', they weren't. And yet when they spoke about Jesus Christ, when they prayed, there was a joy that they had, and a reality that they had that I didn't." Over the next few weeks, Gavin heard the good news about Jesus, recognized his sinfulness and received Jesus Christ as his Savior. With his new-found faith, he continued with his career, no longer idolizing soccer, but putting God at the center.

In 2006 Gavin felt a call to preach, which he calls a "joyful compulsion", and trained for Christian ministry. He and his family moved to Calgary in Canada where he is known more for his faith than his footballing past. He serves as a pastor at Calvary Grace Church. Drawing comparisons between soccer and faith, Gavin says: "I've played in front of 100,000 people at Wembley, and in front of millions on TV, in the biggest of stadiums, and against some of the great players. But nothing quite compares to going up there on a Sunday, whether it's 25 people or 2,500 people, and preaching God's Word. Because eternity and heaven and hell hang in the balance and you're dealing with people's souls; there's no greater privilege."

## FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### 2021-2022 REGISTRATION

Early Registration ends on May 31<sup>st</sup> - \$275

Regular Registration begins June 1<sup>st</sup> - \$375

Financial Aid Applications are available and must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>

State sponsored 4K scholarships available

In South Carolina, Kindergarten is a compulsory grade for children who are 5 years old on/before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year. OLP will not be allowing any 5-year-old to remain in/or enroll in 4K.

Contact the School Office for more details at 803-279-8396 ext. 100.

\*\*\*August 16, 2021 School Start Date\*\*\*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** The second collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

**MAY PROCESSION** The Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will be next Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## NEW CHAPTER

Don't allow yourself to wake up with yesterday's issues, troubling your mind. Refuse to live backwards, see everyday as a **NEW CHAPTER**.

**VIRTUAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
FOR WOMEN AND TEENAGE GIRLS**

The Irish Apostolate USA is thrilled to offer two virtual educational opportunities for St. Edward's women and teens. For more information on our 4 year Catholic High School program for girls or High School equivalency diploma program for women and teens 17+, please contact Sr. Marie Prefontaine, SNDdeN – [coordinator@usairish.org](mailto:coordinator@usairish.org) or 617-470-1172.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE**

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.  
**EVENING PRAYER** Monday thru Thursday 3:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of the Blessed Mother; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite for a favor received; a member for a donation in thanks to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, the Infant of Prague and St. Expedite for a favor received; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

**Boy:** The principal is so dumb!

**Girl:** Do you know who I am?

**Boy:** No...

**Girl:** I am the principal's daughter!

**Boy:** Do you know who I am?

**Girl:** No...

**Boy:** Good! \*Walks away

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord;  
World Communications Day;

**Tuesday:** St. John I

**Thursday:** St. Bernardine of Siena;  
Julian Calendar Ascension

**Friday:** St. Christopher Magellanes and Companions

**Saturday:** St. Rita of Cascia; Vigil of Pentecost

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For Alisha Ann Riley on her Birthday.

**Tuesday:** For a special intention.

**Wednesday:** In thanks to the Infant Jesus for the sick and the Holy Souls.

**Thursday:** In thanks to Saint Paul II.

**Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Little Bibbie on her Birthday; for Matt Edward on his Birthday; and in honor of the Holy Souls and Precious Blood.

**HE ANSWERS EVERY PRAYER**

*Give your thoughts to Jesus,  
He will give you peace,  
Calming every worry,  
And with His grace release.*

*The strength to overcome  
All problems you must bear.  
With love and understanding,  
He answers every prayer.*

*Colette Fedor*

**READERS**

**Sat., May 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Christina & Natalie

**Sun. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Rose Marie

**Sat., May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Dayna & Leah

**Sun. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**  
Jimmy Joseph & Jersey

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	-	Taneil
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Fallon
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Julie
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Dayna
<b>Friday</b>	-	Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	-	Cathy Pole
<b>Tuesday</b>	-	Kim Gallon
<b>Wednesday</b>	-	Rosie Cat
<b>Thursday</b>	-	Mary Cat
<b>Friday</b>	-	Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon
	<b>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

**LIFE IS PRECIOUS**

Be grateful for every second of everyday that you get to spend with the people you love. Life is so very precious.

**WALK IN FAITH**

**Having God in your boat doesn't mean that you'll not face any storm. But it means that no storm can sink your boat! Walk in faith and you'll never walk alone.**

**CHURCH SIGNS & SAYINGS – PRAYERS**

- God's answers are wiser than our prayers!
- 7 days without Prayer makes one WEAK!
- Church sign – Our Church is Prayer Conditioned!
- A family altar can alter a family!
- No problem is too great to place in God's hands.
- P.U.S.H. = Pray Until Something Happens!
- Prayer – the ultimate wireless connection!
- God answers all knee mail.
- Can't sleep? Don't count sheep - talk to the shepherd!
- Faith is the postage stamp on our prayers.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**PRAYER FOR A FRIEND**

*I will pray for you, my friend. I will name you in my heart before God and ask all His blessings be upon you. I will think of you at the close of each day and pray that God's peace be with you. I will ache for you in your sorrows and disasters and rejoice with you in your joys and triumphs. I will love and care for you as I love and care for myself. Amen.*