

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original *Dr. Dolittle Tales* called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

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Last Week’s Collection	\$4,411.00	\$2,933.00
Number of Families contributing	156	126
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (18 Weeks)	\$65,347.00	\$64,408.00
Received to Date	\$68,817.00	\$52,524.00
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$3,470.00)	\$11,884.00

LADES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$524.00	\$7,572.00

Forty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$320.00	\$39,541.00

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

POOR BOX totaled \$29.00.

BAA totaled \$70.00.

43 **CHILDREN** contributed \$310.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Steve Jobs, a billionaire passed away at the age of 56 of pancreatic cancer. These are his last words:

“I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. However, aside from work, I have little joy. At this moment, lying on the sick bed, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death. You can employ someone to drive a car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you. Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost: LIFE.

As we grow older, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch; they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 handbag; the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drive a \$150,000 car \$30,000 car; the road and distance are the same, and we get to the same destination. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 square feet; loneliness is the same. Our true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.”

As Jesus taught us true happiness comes from love of God and love of neighbor. Hence, make our life really valuable and happy by believing in God and live for others.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Daughters of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 80th Birthday;
2. the Brothers of Jim Carroll in loving memory of him on his 80th Birthday;
3. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Hughie Nicholas Sherlock and Chelsea Riley.

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED this Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

7 QUICK HAPPINESS TIPS

1. Don’t listen to gossip.
2. Ignore what people say about you.
3. Design your own life.
4. Look for the good in every situation.
5. Develop an attitude of gratitude.
6. Laugh more.
7. Once it’s past, let it go.

NEVER GIVE UP

When life is *DIFFICULT* and everything turns *BAD*, always remember that “even a turtle can *FINISH* a race as long as it *NEVER GIVES UP*.”

HAVE FAITH

Nothing makes a new day more beautiful and promising than:
having the **RIGHT HEART**,
the **RIGHT SPIRIT**,
the **RIGHT MIND**,
and the **RIGHT STRENGTH**.

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, the Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member in thanks to the Holy Spirit for a special intention; and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, "For heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
Friday: St. Paul VI

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: *Funeral.*
Tuesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Thursday: In honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention.
Friday: In thanks to St. Expedite.

I'D LIKE TO SHARE

*I'd like to share my joy with you,
And also share my pain;
I'd like to share a sunny day,
And also one of rain.*

*I'd like to spend an afternoon,
And chat with you awhile;
I'd like to hear about your cares,
And see your gentle smile.*

*I'd like to help you write a verse,
Or sing a happy song.
I'd like to journey to a star,
And have you come along.*

*There are so many very things,
I'd like to do with you,
So let's join forces, you and I,
And see what we can do!*

READERS

Sat. May 23rd, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. May 24th, 10:00 A.M. Mary Cat & Rose Marie
Sat. May 30th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley
Sun. May 31st, 10:00 A.M. Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Rita Weaver
Wednesday	-	Ivana
Thursday	-	Marilyn
Friday	-	Annette

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Kim Gallon
Tuesday	Rose Melissa
Wednesday	Rosie Cat
Thursday	P.A.'s Ann Marie
Friday	Bridget Rita

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	May 23rd
Front	Mary Margaret
Right	Cathy Pole
Left	Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

May 24th	May 31st
Rose Marie	Rose Marie
Mary Cat	Mary Cat

FIVE UNDENIABLE FACTS OF LIFE

1. *Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So, when they grow up, they will know the value of things, not the price.*
2. *Best awarded words in London: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise, you eat your medicines as your food."*
3. *The ones who love you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.*
4. *There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.*
5. *You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!*

HAPPINESS

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, or worn. It is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

THANK YOU GOD

*Dear God, I know that I am not perfect,
I know sometimes I forget to pray,
I know I have questioned my faith,
I know sometimes I lose my temper,
But thank you for loving me unconditionally
and giving me another day to start over again.
Amen.*