

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 13, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven . . . (Acts 1:11)

When we think of the ascension of Jesus, we often think about how marvelous it must have been to see him whisked away into the sky, heralded by angels and looked upon with awe by the apostles. We focus, in other words, on his act of ascending. But what is even more important is everything that happened after Jesus ascended. Let's take a look.

First, the ascended Lord took up his throne as King over all of creation. Paul tells us that Jesus is "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come" (Ephesians 1:21). Everything must submit to his gospel of mercy and redemption.

Second, Jesus "has passed through the heavens" as a "high priest" who has been "tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15-16). This means that we can now "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace" for all our needs (4:16). We don't have to be afraid of him.

Third, by ascending, Jesus opened the door for the Holy Spirit. Just before he left, he promised, "You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). He promised that "the love of God" would be "poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5).

Finally, Jesus' ascension creates a longing in us for him to come back. At the ascension, the angel promised, "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). It assures us that a time will come when sin, pain, and suffering will be no more. It promises us that Jesus will keep watch over us until that great and awesome day.

So rejoice today! Lift up your heart and lift up your eyes to Jesus, now enthroned in the heavens.

"Come, Lord Jesus, and fill me with your Spirit!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

– 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Happy Mother's Day

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

*Thank you, Lord,
for bringing my
children into my life.
Help me guide them
and teach through
example to lead lives
of wisdom and strong,
loving faith. Please let them
learn to serve you
always in thought and deed.
And remind me, Lord,
to always be there for my family
as you are always there for me.*



Amen.

Virtus Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school and staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session.

St. Eugene Church will hold a Virtus Certification session Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 PM. The session lasts 3 hours. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call 213.248.6423 to reserve a place.

Congratulations to:

Father Bernard Joseph Viagappan and Lauren Ashley Elizabeth Warner, on earning your Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Theology. We love you, Your Transfiguration family.

First Communion

Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 PM Mass

All are invited to celebrate this very special sacrament here at Transfiguration Church.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Mk 16:15-20
Monday	Acts 1:15-26, Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30-23:11, Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-31, Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1-34, Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 PM	May 12 Intention of Maurice Simon
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	May 13 Intention of all Parishioners Intention of all Mothers Soul of Edna Mae Brown
Monday 8:00 AM	May 14 Intention of all Mothers
Tuesday 8:00 AM	May 15 Intention of all Mothers
Wednesday 8:00 AM	May 16 Intention of all Mothers
Thursday 8:00 AM	May 17 Intention of all Mothers
Friday 8:00 AM	May 18 Intention of all Mothers
Saturday 5:15 PM	May 19 Intention of Cynthia Richardson
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	May 20 Intention of Robert Anthony Salle Intention of all Parishioners Intention of all Mothers

Weekly Offering for May 6, 2018

\$7,395.00 Tithe and Offering
65.00 Building Fund
66.00 "We Care"

Mother's Day Novena

In the month of May, there will be a special Novena of Masses for the intentions of mothers. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Mayerling Barnes, Joyce Barnett, Veronica Bearce, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Jo Ann Collins, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Doris Hill, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Gloria McClaurin, Joe McZeal, Vylrded Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Alice Williams, Cassandra Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.