

The Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Happy Resurrection! Grace and peace be with you. Our Easter Psalm 118:24: “This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”; comes into reality in a special way this day. The Catholic Church is divided around the world. Many Churches are celebrating the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Most (as we) are celebrating Ascension Sunday. We are also celebrating children receiving their salvation for the very first time in Holy Communion. All this while we continue to celebrate our Savior, who, “transformed tragedy into Triumph” in this Resurrection season.

Ascension Thursday, traditionally in our institutional Church comes forty days after the Resurrection. Pentecost follows ten days post that certain Thursday. It all makes perfect liturgical and pastoral sense. Forty days in the desert, Jesus did to mirror the early Old Testament Israelites. They spent forty years in the desert wandering until ready to be delivered. Jesus post Resurrection deliberately “wandered” testifying by His very physical presence that God’s Promise is kept. The Church originally made this feast a Holy day of obligation. Observance of the holy day was horrendous. One of the factors for the change was, to ensure the faithful follow the journey of our Salvation. Pastorally, many will agree with the change. Systematically, some will argue that it is at best improper. No matter when the institutional Church celebrates it, the fact is that Christ completed His mission physically on Earth.

On this day, “The Ascension of the Lord”, the Church celebrates that the One who emptied the Tomb has walked among us according to plan. He now prepares to physically depart. Although He ascends to His proper place, Jesus promises that He will remain in the Advocate. Wow! What a Mighty God we serve. This is why we should still be euphoric, because the elaborate plan of salvation continues to unfold.

Today at both Masses there is physical manifestations of the Promise Keeper continuing His journey with us. Nine children will receive the Lord for the very first time in Holy Communion. Everyone remembers their First Holy Communion. It is a special moment on the Christian journey. I do not think we ever fully understand what we receive in Our Savior in His Eucharistic presence. Our preparation, reception, and our resolution would be so different, if we really could fathom microcosmically, what we receive in the Eucharist. Our “divine nine” that will take the next sacrament of initiation will be given the gift and responsibility of continuing the mission while on the journey. The journey of being a witness following their name Christian [like Christ]. A Christian’s mission is to share “the Good News” so that others can come to the “table of plenty.” Our prayer for them and us must be that they will receive Jesus worthily and often!

No matter what you call this day? It is the day that the Lord has made! We can rejoice for ourselves specially the divine nine who receive our Hope for the first time. All of us by participation at His Altar, receive the Promise, the Sacrifice, and the Victory. Now we can wait in good courage for the Advocate and participate in transforming Tragedy into Triumph!

Always in Christ,
Fr. Bozeman

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Tenci Bowden, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Kelli Louie, Vylfred Manor, Cheryl Santa Marina, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Clara Radcliff, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Rochelle Williams, Peggy Wilson and Michele Yerima.

Transfiguration Media Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to join our Media Ministry to assist with our live-streaming. Please contact the church office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Stewardship

“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 joyfully share your witness with others.

Help Needed

A parishioner is in need of home care assistance. Please call 213.819.1077 if you are interested.

Weekly Offering for May 9, 2021

\$5,499.00 Tithe and Offering



Court 220 Mother's Day

Transfiguration Court 220 is hosting a virtual Mother's Day See's Candy Yumraiser April 22, 2021 thru Friday, May 14, 2021. Please visit our shop by clicking on this link, [Court 220 Mother's Day Yumraiser](#), to see all the delicious chocolate and other candy treats or gift card you can order to surprise and honor the special mothers in your life for Mother's Day. Our virtual contactless Yum-Raiser begins today thru Friday, May 14, 2021. All orders are shipped directly to the address you designate. Thank you for your support showering love this Mother's Day.

Did you know?

What you need to know about poison

It's a great time to review your safety measures for medicines, cleaning supplies, and other potentially dangerous items in your home. Store these items up high, out of your child's reach, or locked in a childproof place. Parents should keep the number for the Poison Control hotline handy: 1.800.222.1222. Experts can give you immediate information about how to treat your child and what signs to watch for. They can tell you if you need to head to the emergency room or if you can take steps at home. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "What you need to know about poison" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know