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The Ascension of the Lord | MAY 29, 2022

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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: May we worship, praise, adore, and bear authentic Christian with our lives here on earth so that we will be united with Jesus in Heaven.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: The response to the Psalm for today from Psalm 47 describes Jesus as seated upon a throne after he had ascended into Heaven: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpet for the Lord." In the First Reading, the account of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus is described by St. Luke who after telling us of the things Jesus did after his Resurrection goes on to describe the how Jesus was taken up into Heaven in the presence of the Apostle (Cf. Acts 1: 9-12). Another affirmation of the Resurrection, Ascension and especially the glory of the Lord Jesus after he was lifted up into Heaven is presented in the Second Reading (Cf. Ephesians 1: 19-23). In today's Gospel, the Evangelist Luke after referring to the death of Jesus, his rising from the dead, his preaching of repentance, and the command to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the Holy Spirit goes on describe the account of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven and the reaction of the Apostles (Cf. Luke 24: 50-53).

Jesus who is Risen and Ascended into Heaven is Gloriously Seated in Heaven: Jesus the incarnate Son of God (God who took human form), who after His Resurrection and showing himself to his Apostles, ascended to Heaven for our glory and for our salvation. The glorious Ascension of Jesus adds meaning and color to every area of the human life because like Jesus's birth, life, death, and resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus adds wonder and joy to every area of the human life. Although Jesus returned to Heaven after his earthly work in the flesh was done, he still carries on his mission on earth. By His solemn Ascension into Heaven Jesus began his mission of establishing the Kingdom of God from Heaven. While in Heaven, Jesus comes into our lives fulfilling His mission in and through his Apostles, as well as all of us. Jesus is not therefore gone; rather, Jesus is now present to each and every person who turns to him and surrenders their life to Him and his mission. From Heaven, Jesus is able to be present to all and is able to live in us and he invites us to live in Him.

Jesus Ascended into Heaven, but He is Still with us Always: Even though our limited perception of Jesus may not allow us to understand and find Jesus to be physically present with us, nevertheless Jesus is fully present with us participating in every moment of our lives. Jesus is not God with us temporarily, but eternally. Although Jesus ascended into Heaven, He is still present with us because of the following three reasons. First, Jesus despite his Ascension is still present with us because he is Spirit and he told us: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 20). Second, Jesus who physically returned to Heaven is still spiritually present with us because Jesus is proclaimed as the beginning and end of all things: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22: 13). This means that Jesus always existed and always will exist. It is therefore right for us to believe that Jesus who is God incarnate is always present with us today since he is the Alpha and the omega. Third, Jesus who Ascended into Heaven is still with us because Jesus is God with us who lives forever: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28: 20; Hebrews 13: 5). Jesus before returning to the Father promised to remain with us forever through the Holy Spirit: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever" (John 14: 16).

We will Be United with Jesus who Has Ascended into Heaven: Jesus made it abundantly clear that he is going to prepare a place and he will return to take us there (Cf. John 14: 2-3). By returning to heaven, Jesus accomplished what is good for us because he abides in the presence of God "on our behalf." As we mark the feast of the Heavenly reign of Christ, we who are his disciples live in joyful hope that we will be raised and be united with Jesus who is now seated in glory at the right hand of God. Hence, the Ascension of Jesus adds meaning to our Christian lives and makes us confident that we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous one praying for us. Jesus does not only intercede for us while in Heaven, but in our trials in this life, Jesus is able to help us overcome our weakness. The return of Jesus in the flesh to Heaven is also an assurance to us that even though we will have to physically die and be buried, we who die and are buried will be raised from the dead like Christ and like him proceed to heaven to be with him: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where [I] am going you know the way" (John 14: 2-4). As we go on living, our duty now is to wait actively, hopefully and expectantly to be united with Jesus in the glory of Heaven. We actively wait to be united with Jesus in Heaven by doing something worthy of our salvation. We also wait for our reunification with Jesus in Heaven with hearts full of hope, expecting that on the last day God will fulfill his promise that where he is we also will be.

Closing Prayer: May the presence of Jesus with us now help us. May God grant us the grace to be able to make it to Heaven where Christ has gone before us so that we will live with Jesus forever.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.." (Rev. 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	97,910.20	117,211.68	22,887.90	36,827.60
Actual Year-to-Date:	83,188.19	124,275.33	25,236.42	35,140.63
Date: May 22, 2022:	1,300.05	1,631.00	715.00	472.85
Other Collections:	141.00	125.00	-	169.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

Saturday, May 28, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Special Intention for Jackie Price)

Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Barbara Donajkowski)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Bill Manczak)

Monday, May 30, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Raphael Cemetery
(For All Veterans)

* Both parish offices will be closed on Monday,
May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, June 1, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (Antonija Ovcjak)9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, June 2, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Bettie Klemmer) 5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, June 3, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Julius Schepke)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, June 4, 2022

No Mass Today

Saturday, June 5, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Tim Byce)

Sunday, June 6, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Al Vichunas)11:00am Mass at St. Anne (For All High School/College Graduates)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Dennis & Nancy Smith who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

BAKE SALE: St. Raphael will be having a bake sale next Saturday May 28th. Please plan on baking and or buying one of the delicious bake goods. Proceeds help pay for the refreshments after mass.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!: Next weekend, June 6th, is Graduation Weekend, please join us after the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses to celebrate our graduates with refreshments in the parish halls.

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES: Please RSVP with the Parish office to attend the Graduation Masses (9 am, St. Catherine and 11 am, St. Anne) on June 5th. Let us join in praying for all of our 2022 graduates.

ST. ANNE'S ~ Volunteer Cleaners needed for the months of August - December!

MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

ACTS 1:1-11, LK 24:46-53

MONDAY:

ACTS 19:1-8, JN 16:29-33

TUESDAY:

ZEP 3:14-18A, LK 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 20:28-38, JN 17:11B-19

THURSDAY:

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11, JN 17:20-26

FRIDAY:

ACTS 25:13B-21, JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY:

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31, JN 21:20-25

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Peter Eke

Monday:

Rev. James Fitzpatrick

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Wednesday:

Rev. James Gardiner

Thursday:

Rev. Donald Geyman

Friday:

Rev. Joseph Graff

Saturday:

Pope Francis

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DIOCESE OF GAYLORD TORNADO RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION: MAY 28-29 AND JUNE 4-5

In continued response to the devastating May 20 tornado that impacted the Gaylord community, all parishes of the Diocese of Gaylord will be taking up a special emergency collection on May 28-29 to provide aid and support to those in need.

There will also be a Basket Collection next weekend, June 4-5th There will be baskets located at each of the entrances of all 4 parishes so that you may drop your donation in the basket either on your way into or out of the church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

On November 3, 4, 5, and 6, 2022, the Knights of Columbus will hold a bottle and can drive to benefit the Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. So that everyone can start donating their bottles and cans right away, the following Knights have volunteered to collect them now until November if you do not want to store them. Please call one of them and they will be happy to pick them up.

Jim Youngblood - 989-335-3588 Chris Gauthier - 989-471-2429 Greg Szydlo - 989-736-3916 Gerald Labaza - 989-724-5682 Bob Sierota - 863-558-1872 Gerald Boerner - 517-449-7352

Thank you in advance for your support.

Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2022

The 2022 Catholic Services Appeal, "Finding God in All Things," is off to a great start in our parish. Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2022 CSA. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, it is not too late to help us meet and even exceed our target. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church by giving today.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022



GRADUATION CELEBRATION | JUNE 6TH:

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