

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf.

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit". The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE'

Please pray for the souls Lina Trichilo, Vincenzo Sconza, José Moniz, Matteo Gabriele whose funerals were celebrated during this past week in our Church.

FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday mass and Holy Hour June 3 at 7 PM. Confessions will be heard as well. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**SPRING 2023 CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2023 Spring Confirmation will take place on Monday June 6, 2022 from 4:00PM – 7:00PM. The registration forms will be distributed to the students in the schools this coming week. For those in the Other Schools who will be in grade 7 in September 2022 you may pick up and fill out the registration forms that day.

FUNERAL HELP

We are looking for adult servers to help serve at funerals. If you are interested in helping out please call the office 416-787-0369 or email parish@stcharlesborromeo.ca. We are also looking for altar Servers for all Sunday Masses (Saturday Vigil).

DAYS OF PRAISE

Please pray every day for a Missionary of the Precious Blood

Missionaries of the Atlantic Province are in ministries of prayer, preaching, teaching, parish work and other apostolates, following their call to serve God's people. Please support them in prayer each day, lifting them up for God's blessing.

Prayer suggestion: O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

June Prayer List

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| 1. Pray for vocations | 17. Fr. Ron Mahon |
| 2. Fr. Jim Reposkey | 18. Fr. Michael Mateyk |
| 3. Fr. Mario Cafarelli | 19. Fr. William |
| 4. USC members | Mnyagatwa |
| 5. Br. Anthony Canterucci | 20. Fr. Peter Nobili |
| 6. Fr. Rene Cerecedo | 21. Fr. Lui Santi |
| 7. Fr. John Colacino | 22. Fr. German Santiago |
| 8. Fr. Samuel D'Angelo | 23. Fr. Phil Smith |
| 9. Fr. Brendan Doherty | 24. Fr. Ron Wiecek |
| 10. Fr. Jeff Finley | 25. Fr. Jerome Holga |
| 11. Fr. Patrick Gilmurray | 26. Fr. Gary Luiz |
| 12. Fr. Joseph Grasso | 27. Fr. Dominic Jung |
| 13. Fr. Gregorio Cortes | 28. Friends & benefactors |
| 14. Fr. Josephat Msuya | of CPPS |
| 15. Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla | 29. Fr. Alarey Abella |
| 16. Living & deceased | 30. Canadidates in |
| CPPS members | formation |

ASCENSIONE DEL SIGNORE

Sono le ultime battute della vita terrena di Gesù. È importante cogliere i valori e le indicazioni dell'Ascensione. Gesù Cristo è venuto sulla terra per poi tornare al cielo ma non da solo: gli uomini sono con lui. Divenne uomo perché l'uomo diventasse Dio, entrasse a prender parte in pieno della vita divina. L'Ascensione indica la traiettoria di ogni vita umana, Fu visto salire: verso dove? La meta non è un punto particolare dell'universo: è Dio.

Luca è autore degli Atti degli Apostoli e del terzo Vangelo; quindi sono sue la prima e la terza lettura. Merita l'appellativo di evangelista dell'Ascensione: ne ha parlato più di tutti gli altri. Gli apostoli, rimasti incantati a guardare verso il cielo, dicono a noi che mentre viviamo e godiamo la vita terrena non dobbiamo perdere di vista il cielo.

La grandiosa visione della seconda lettura descrive l'ingresso di Gesù, vero e definitivo sommo sacerdote, nel cielo, al cospetto di Dio dove intercede in favore dei credenti, dopo aver cancellato con la sua morte il gravame del peccato.

Per Matteo l'Ascensione avviene in Galilea, per Luca fuori di Betania: questa differenza indica l'importanza relativa degli elementi descrittivi. Il punto centrale della narrazione consiste nel fatto che Gesù è accolto nel seno del Padre, primogenito dei fratelli che siamo noi.

Masses of the Week**SATURDAY, MAY 28**

2:00 PM First Holy Communion Sts. Cosmas & Damian School

5:00PM Calogero Magno

SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

9:30AM Healing of Mary Bertão, For the Souls of Angel, Fedencia & Evangeline Lauroza

11:00AM Defunti Famiglia Roperti, Domenico Dinatolo, Concetta Marcello, Anna, Domenica, Caterina e Giuseppina Pezzo

12:30PM Luis Pontes

MONDAY, MAY 30

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM For the Healing of Irene Grace Nacelo

TUESDAY, MAY 31

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Caterina Nocera

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Domenica Abate

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 AM Anna e Luigi Iannacci

12:05PM Mass Association

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 – First Friday

8:00 AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Mass Association

7:00PM Holy Hour & Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

5:00PM Mass Association