

The Ascension of the Lord—Solemnity

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own. The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission through life, His learned knowledge continued to grow until it was perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. But that was not all. Today we commemorate the fact that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to do so given her sinless state.

The final stage of the salvation of humanity will take place when Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead. At that time, every human body will rise, will endure the final purification and transformation, and will share in the new and resurrected state in which the faithful will be able to stand, body and soul, before the Most Holy Trinity and experience the fullness of the Beatific Vision forever. What Jesus has already accomplished in His human form is what we look forward to in hope at the end of time.

The Feast of the Ascension was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times. Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Gregory of Nyssa, and Saint Augustine all attest to this fact. When the Council of Nicaea set the date for the celebration of the Resurrection in 325, it chose to keep Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox in spring. This decision also set the day for the Ascension being forty days after Easter, on a Thursday. Today, many ecclesiastical provinces transfer the Thursday celebration to the following Sunday to provide for a wider celebration.

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Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

May 12, 2024

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Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Sunday Mass: 10:30 am

12:30 pm English Mass

Daily Mass During Lent:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Low Mass @ 7:00 am

Wednesdays & Fridays—Sung Mass @ 10:15 am

Saturdays—Low Mass @ 7:00 am

Reconciliation: Sundays at 10:00 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony:

The family should be registered and active at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office:

Please email or leave voice message.

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to our parish

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Friday, May 17 @ 5:00-7:30 PM

Women's Adoration & Fellowship

- St. Charles Parish, Spokane

Wholeheartedly dedicated to proclaiming the love and mercy of Jesus and equipping women to fearlessly do the same.

Sunday, May 19 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

Taize Evening Hour of Prayer

-Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Join us for our last

Evening Hour of Prayer before summer.

May 24 - 26, 2024

Come & See Weekend

Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church

Open to young women ages 18-34 who believe God may be calling them to Consecrated Life (the life of a religious sister). To learn more, contact Sister Mary Eucharista @ 509-385-7271

Wednesday, June 5 @ 7:00 PM

Young Adult First Wednesday Adoration

- St. Francis Xavier Parish, Spokane, WA

Thursday, June 6 @ 7:00-8:00 PM

Holy Hour for Vocations

-Bishop White Seminary, Spokane, WA

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY

12	Sunday	Pro Populo
13	Monday	
14	Tuesday	
15	Wednesday	
16	Thursday	
17	Friday	
18	Saturday	
19	Sunday	Pro Populo

*St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!*

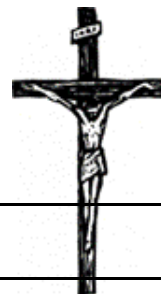
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Though every aspect of Christ's life is shrouded in mysteries which will only be fully understood by the faithful when they stand before Him and behold the Beatific Vision, today we especially ponder this beautiful and profound mystery of our faith. As we celebrate the Ascension, try to prayerfully meditate upon the perfect unity of Jesus' human and divine natures. Ponder further the truth that because the Son of God is both God and man, and He beholds His Father and the Holy Spirit as both God and man, He invites each of us to begin to share in that glorious vision. Only after we fully die in and with Him and rise to new life in and with Him will we be able to know Him clearly and share in His glorious resurrected and ascended life. Until that moment comes, it's important to ponder that which is incomprehensible. We must know that we do not know, believe what is beyond belief, hope in that which is more than we can understand. God is a mystery; the Ascension is a mystery—but they are mysteries that must be penetrated by prayer. Do so today as we commemorate this holy culmination of the earthly life and mission of Christ.

Prayer: *My Ascended Lord, forty days after You rose from the dead You ascended to the right hand of the Father in Heaven, taking up Your throne from which You pour forth both judgment and mercy. As we honor this great mystery of Your divine and human life, I beg for mercy upon me and upon the whole world. Free us from all sin, and open the floodgates of Your mercy so that all people will share one day, body and soul, in the glory of Your Beatific Vision. Jesus, I trust in You....*



Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day.

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

During Lent: Low Mass Saturdays @ 7:00 am

Sundays @ 10:30 am - confession @ 10:00 am

12:30 pm

Daily Mass Schedule During Lent:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays – Low Mass @ 7:00 am

Wednesdays & Fridays—Sung Mass @ 10:15 am



Homeschool End of Year Showcase! & Potluck

Friday, May 24 @ 9:30 PM @ St. Anne's Parish

All are Welcome! Please Join Us!!

St. Anne Parish & Hall

All Diocesan Priests, including Father Ishida will be on Retreat May 13-17

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen

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Binding Prayer for Fair and Moral Elections by Father Chad Ripperger
By the Power of the Precious Blood, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind any spirit that interferes with fair and moral elections in the United States, to go to the foot of the Cross and receive their sentence. Amen

TO -THE- HEIGHTS

DIocese OF SPOKANE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

AUGUST 11-16, 2024

01 LOCATION
Shoshone Mountain Retreat
29216 Coeur d'Alene River Rd.
Wallace, Idaho 83873

02 REGISTRATION
For current 6th-8th grade students.
Registration Opens via Eventbrite on
May 1, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

03 COST
Total cost is \$400. A \$50 deposit will be
collected via Eventbrite (scan QR code). The
remaining balance will be payable to the
Diocese of Spokane by August 1, 2024

04 ACTIVITIES
Prayers, sacraments, camp fire, singing, archery,
zip lining rock climbing, hiking, swimming, slip 'n
slide, giant swing, holy mass, high ropes,
adoration, catechesis and more

Questions?
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Quote:

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? 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.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ~[Acts 6:1–12](#)

Reflection:

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts ([Mark 16:19–20](#); [Luke 24:50–53](#); [Acts 1:6–12](#)). It is also alluded to in various other passages ([John 6:62](#); [Ephesians 4:7–10](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [1 Peter 3:21–22](#)).