



May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

.THE GIFT OF ENLIGHTENMENT

The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians as we pray, “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened.” People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today’s Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, “I can explain it to you, but I can’t make you believe. This is where faith comes in.” May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

.OUR FASCINATING FAITH

World Communications Day

In addition to the liturgical calendar, the Church designates various Sundays throughout the year as days to focus on particular subjects. Today is one such day.

World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television, and now, of course, the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message.

The worldwide observance of this day came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council, when the Church realized it must engage fully with the modern world. This realization is expressed in the opening statement of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* (The Church in the Modern World), which says: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anguishes of the followers of Christ as well.” In setting up this day, Pope Paul VI wanted to draw attention to the communications media and the enormous power they have for cultural transformation.

You can go online to discover the pope’s annual message for today: just search on “World Communications Day 2023.”

June 10th: Parish Mass and Picnic at Sunset Valley Farm. Starts at 4:00 pm with Mass at 4:30

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God ascends amid great cries of jubilation and trumpet blasts (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears should not be said by big mouths.

A workshop for the altar servers will be Wednesday May 31st after Mass .Pizza to follow.

Office will be closed May 29th for memorial day

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day

Monday: St. Rita of Cascia; Victoria Day (Canada)

Thursday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;

St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi; Shavuot (“Weeks”), the Jewish festival of the giving of the Law, begins at sunset;

Julian Calendar Ascension

Friday: St. Philip Neri

Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

MAY 21ST MINISTRIES

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER JESUS &MARINA

COUNTER MARY C& ANN F

MAY 28TH

LECTOR MARY C

SERVER BRIAN & JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

JUNE 4TH

LECTOR MARK

SERVER LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER MARY C & ANN F

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for the Church

We pray you, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ

have revealed your glory to all nations,

to preserve the works of your mercy,

that your Church, being spread through the whole world,

may continue with unchanging faith

in the confession of your name. Amen.

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