

# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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**WELCOME!**

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

### TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am  
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment  
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (MAY 21 – MAY 22)

Donation	\$5,461.15
Donation Online	\$1580.00
Maintenance Fund	\$55.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$7,096.15

**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL  
\$24,876, Gifts Received \$5,840.50**

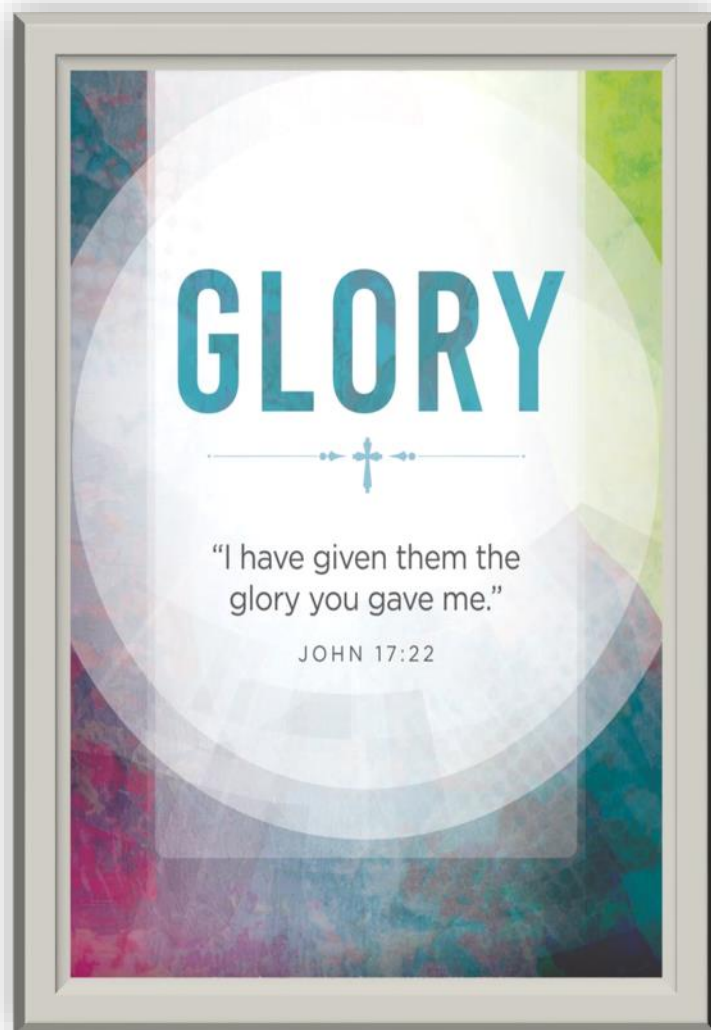
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# The Ascension of the Lord

Homily by Father Peter Doan

One day a man opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend and asked him, "Did you read the paper? They say I died." His friend replied, "Yes, I saw it!" but now tell me, "Where are you calling from?"

Where is Jesus who rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples? Our belief is that Jesus Christ, after his resurrection, stayed on earth for forty days to demonstrate to His followers that He is truly alive, and to teach them and prepare them for the task of spreading the good news, has ascended into heaven, the event we celebrate today.

The Ascension must always remain a mystery, for it attempts to put into words what is beyond words and to describe what is beyond description. To unbelievers this event might be a joke but to us, the believers, is essential to our faith in Jesus our Lord. St. Thomas Aquinas explains that it was inappropriate for Christ to remain on earth after the Resurrection, whereas it was appropriate that He should ascend into heaven, because, although his risen body was already a glorified one, it now receives an increase in glory due to the dignity of the place to which it ascends (*Summa theologiae*, 3, 57,1).

What did this event mean to the disciples?

1. It was an ending. The days when their faith was faith in a flesh and blood person and depended on his flesh and blood presence was over. Now they were linked to someone who was forever independent of space and time.
2. Equally it was a beginning. The disciples did not leave the scene heartbroken; they left it with great joy, because now they knew that they had a Master from whom nothing could separate them any more. Like Saint Paul said in his letter to the Roman that nothing – nothing in life or death – can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rm 8:38-39).
3. Further, the ascension gave the disciples the certainty that they had a friend, not only on earth, but in heaven. Surely it is the most precious thing of all to know that in heaven there the Jesus was on earth for 33 years awaits us. To die is not to go out into the dark; it is to go Him. Our life on earth, which we love, is not definitive.

So the disciples went back to Jerusalem, and they were continually in the Temple praising God. Luke's gospel ends where it began – in the house of God. Luke begins his gospel with the event the angel of the Lord visited Zakaria in the temple. It happened definitely not by accident.

What does the feast of Ascension mean to us? On most days when we wake up, we think of the immediate things we have to do – the chores and demands of everyday life. We react to whatever is in front of us. All this is good but sometimes the deeper questions of life press upon us. Who am I? Who did God create me to be? What does my life mean? Where is my life headed? In order to answer these questions, we need to go to a higher place, to climb and to allow God to help us see the bigger picture.

This is why Jesus often brought his disciples to the top of a mountain to teach them something important. We see it on the Mount of the Beatitudes, on Mount Tabor at the Transfiguration, on the Hill of Calvary and here now on the hill of Bethany outside Jerusalem where he ascended into heaven. Jesus has been raised up by the Father into glory and he desires to take us with him. Brothers and sisters, this is our life, this is our calling and our destiny. Let us never forget the destiny of our pilgrimage and live every aspect of our lives in the light of that.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not the toned, beautiful white man we see in much of our art. Jesus was wounded, hurt, and scarred. His body told the story of his life from his birth in a manger until his death on the cross. And this wounded body was holy enough to enter heaven. And we believe that one day our wounded, hurt and scarred bodies will enter into heaven to enjoy the happiness that Jesus has prepared for us there.

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."  
(Acts 7:56)

## PSALM:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)  
Or Alleluia.

## SECOND READING:

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon."  
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:20)

## GOSPEL:

That they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.  
(Jn 17:23)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

- Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord;  
St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day
- Monday: Memorial Day
- Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Justin, Martyr
- Thursday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Friday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr



## Saint of the Week

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.