

The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2010 ~ Cycle C

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Great feast that Easter is, one day (even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord—the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: “Christ’s ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord.

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Join Us In Worship

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Second time: Diana George and Charles Peri.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children of our parish who are receiving First Holy Communion today! May your lives always be blessed by the Lord Jesus who is there for you in the Holy Eucharist every time you come to Mass.



ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar Flowers have been donated this weekend by the Delos Reyes Family in honor of the First Communion of their son, Rey Genesis.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, May 15	5:00 p.m.	+John Martin
Sun, May 16	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Frances Phelan
	9:00 a.m.	+Marcia Hall
	11:30 a.m.	For the People of SSH
Mon, May 17	7:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Caalaman Family
Tue, May 18	7:00 a.m. . . .	+Rev. Msgr. E. Melville Taylor (1997)
Wed, May 19	7:00 a.m.	+Robert Voelkel
Thu, May 20	7:00 a.m.	Intentions of Frances Phelan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 17 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 18 ~ Easter Weekday
St. John I, pope and martyr
Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 19 ~ Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 20 ~ Easter Weekday
St. Bernardine of Siena, priest
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 21 ~ Easter Weekday
St. Christopher Magallanes, priest and martyr,
and his companions, martyrs
Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 22 ~ Easter Weekday
St. Rita of Cascia, religious
Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 23 ~ Solemnity of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-20 or 14:15-16,23b-26

**Whole Community Catechesis
Questions for Faith Sharing**

Question for Adults

How often we stand looking up to the sky to find God. Name a time this past week when you saw God present in your life.

Question for Youth

The disciples were filled with joy even though Jesus was leaving them. Have you ever been joyful when you had to say goodbye to someone who was special to you? What was the source of that joy?

Question for Children

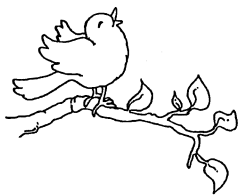
Jesus blessed the disciples and said He would be with them in a special way. Name a time when Jesus was with you in a special way.

Join Us In Service

POOR BOX FOR MAY: *Our poor box recipient for the month of May is the Julie Community Center. The Julie Community Center is a multi-purpose, non-profit community organization involved in advocacy, education, and organizing, with special dedication to the poor. The Center provides an after school program, youth enrichment and summer camp program for children ages 6-12. It also provides leadership workshops and public health projects for teens. Poor boxes are located at the main entrance of the church and in the Tower Room.*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY: Bill Gaver, Larry Preller, Gloria Marble, Patricia Rhinehart, Matthew Costello, Willy Wade, Randy Brenner, Sheila Shannon and Bob Welsh.

Join Us In Community



SPRING WELCOME RECEPTIONS follow all the Masses next weekend, May 22 and 23. Parishioners, new and old, visitors and guests are most welcome to stop in the undercroft following Masses next weekend for refreshments and fellowship. New members are especially encouraged to attend. This is the great feast of Pentecost so wear your spirit colors: red, yellow, orange, white. We hope to see everyone there!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! The Art at the Heart Group invites all artists to look forward to October and November 2010, the next exhibit at the Shrine. The fine art of all media by persons of all ages is most welcome! Registration forms will be available soon. Contact Sister Carol for information.

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE IN 2010 ELECTIONS: *You must be registered in order to vote in this fall's elections, which will include races for governor, U.S. House and Senate, and the Maryland General Assembly. Basic requirements include being an American citizen, a Maryland resident, and at least 18 years old by the next general election. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland's primary election is Tuesday, August 24. Visit www.elections.state.md.us or www.mdcathcon.org, or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.*

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME: Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all that are joining us for worship. If you are new to the area we invite you to register and make The Shrine of the Sacred Heart your parish. Call the office to register (410-466-6884, x10).

THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

Meeting Rooms: Gathering Rooms I, II, III (GRI, GRII, GRIII) and the Choir Room (CR) are located in the Undercroft of the Church. Taylor Conference Room (TCR) and Mullen Library (ML) are located in the Rectory. School Library (SL), Taylor Hall (TH) are in the school.

Monday, May 17

6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)
7PM Finance Cte Mtg (TCR)

Tuesday, May 18

6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)
7PM Social Justice & Outreach Cte Mtg (GRIII)
7:30PM Communion & Liberation (GRIII)

Wednesday, May 19

6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)
7PM SSHS HSA (TH)

Thursday, May 20

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)
6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)
7PM Choir (CR)
7PM Knights of Columbus (GRI)

Friday, May 21

8:30 Deacon's Emmaus Group (GRIII)
School May Fest
6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)

Saturday, May 22

Welcome Reception following 5PM Mass
6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)

Sunday, May 23

8:45AM Sunday's Child (Pre-K Classroom in School)
Welcome Reception following all Masses
6PM Flores de Mayo (Garden)