

Solemnity of The Ascension of The Lord – May 13, 2018

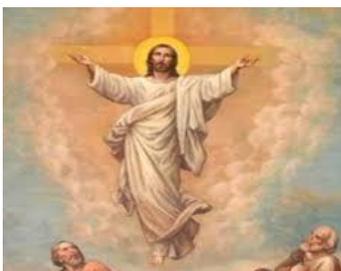
Before the very eyes of his closest followers, 40 days after His Resurrection, Jesus Christ **ascended body and soul into heaven ---in His own Power as God**. What exactly does this word "ascended" mean? Every year on August 15, we celebrate a **different** feast: Mary's **assumption** into heaven. The Catechism tells us: Mary was assumed into heaven - **was assumed**. There's a difference here: Christ **ascends**; Mary is **assumed**. Christ came for her.

Christ is **God**, the 2nd Person of the Holy Trinity in the flesh--he became man--meaning He who is uncreated took upon himself our weak human nature while remaining God. He is both fully God and fully man, a **mystery** so great that we cannot understand it completely. Mary is immaculate (free from sin), and she is also the Mother of Christ and therefore properly honored as the **Mother of God**. But still, she is **human only**; she does not possess the divine nature, as Christ Jesus does. This is why she could not **cause herself** to ascend into heaven, as Christ did. Instead, God had to **take her up** into heaven, and so we say that she was assumed.

Christ's ascension, in other words, reveals his **Divinity**, just as his resurrection did. Many people throughout salvation history have **been raised** or have raised others from the dead **with the help** of God's power. But only Christ rose from the dead **on his own**. As true God, he holds **power** over life and death; he is **omnipotent**, all-powerful, "**almighty**" as we say each week in the Creed. And as true man, Jesus used that omnipotence to **conquer death for our sake**, to win our salvation, to redeem us. By bringing redeemed human nature **up into heaven**, he showed that along with being all-powerful, he is also **all-good**, all-loving.

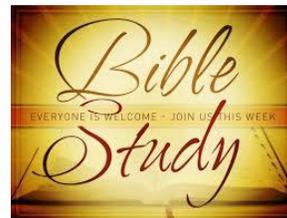
Christ's ascension, then, reminds us that there is **no limit** to the **confidence** we can have in our God, because there is **no limit** to his **power and goodness**.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



As we continue to celebrate our "New Birth" in the Lord on this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we remember today our mothers who gave us birth, and the women who helped to teach us and nurture us physically and spiritually in our childhood and beyond.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers.



Monday, May 14. "The Ascension & Pentecost bring a Bible and the CCC. 5:45pm in the Music Room.

Monday May 21st "Mary in Art" with Fr. Vincent DeRosa, STL priest of Washington and graduate of the North American College of Rome & Santa Croce Univ. in Rome (the theological univ. of Opus Dei in Rome). Fr. DeRosa also studied at Mount St. Mary's and is a graduate of GW University and a native of Long Island NY. He is currently Pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in SE Washington. 5:45pm in the Music Room





Mass Intentions

May 12 - 19, 2018

Sat. 5/12	8:00am	Miles Xavier Willis (thanksgiving)
	5:30pm	Thanksgiving to God (all parishioners)
Sun. 5/13	8:00am	All mothers. Living/deceased
	10:00am	All mothers. Living/deceased
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 5/14	Noon	All mothers. Living/deceased
Tue. 5/15	Noon	Rohini Perera
Wed. 5/16	Noon	+John H. Daughtry, III
*Thu. 5/17	Noon	No Mass
Fri. 5/18	Noon	Juanita Williams (birthday)
Sat. 5/19	8:00am	Thanksgiving to God (all parishioners)
	5:30pm	All mothers. Living/deceased)

Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ann Butler, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Maria Cruz, *Maurice & Flora Detiege *Isel Fitzgerald, *Dion A. Fortune, *Linda Foster, *Charlie Gick, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Francis Howard, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Geraldine Jones, *Odile Kalla, *Michael Kelly, *Busara Keneddy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Edith Mebane, *Maria Magdalena Medrano, *Agnes Moore, *Robert Myers. *Iris Newman, *D. Cynhia Peters, *Willie Poole, Jr., *James Pope, *Margaret Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Bonafacio Selayo *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Alice Smith, *Bernadette Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Louise Sweatt, *Emily Towles, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams, *Florentina Zoretta.



Nine Masses are being offered for all our Mothers Living and Deceased this month. A Memorial Prayer book is available in the Main Church for you to inscribe their name for remembrance.

Bus trip to see the play "Jesus" Regrettable, the June 9th. Knights of Columbus bus trip to the biblical play "Jesus" has been cancelled and it is being rescheduled. We do not have a new date yet. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

5/6/18

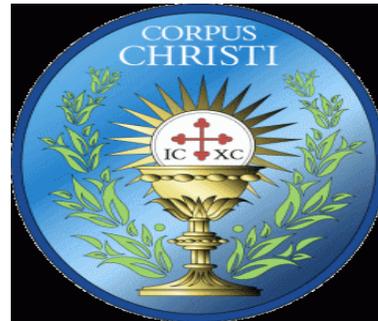
Attendance: 425 souls

Offerings & Tithes: \$9,980

Spanish Mass: \$523

Utility fund: \$165

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the Annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday June 17, 2018 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the rectory at 202-726-6263 or use the sign-up forms located at both entrances to the church to register.



To celebrate the glory of Christ present in the Eucharist and to bring his love into our suffering Brightwood neighborhood, there will be a joyful procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi Sunday,

June 3rd, 2018, immediately following the 10:00am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to come out and celebrate Jesus as we march with him in our streets. Please pray and sacrifice for this effort.



Upcoming Days of Grace!

May 20: 1st Communion Mass at 10 am followed by a Reception at the Lounge. Special thanks to Sodality for this reception.

June 2: Confirmation – Basilica at 2:00 pm

June 2: Ordination of Father Patrick Hake.

June 3: Corpus Christi Sunday.

June 9: Ordination of Deacon Ebuka Mbnude