THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
CONTINUALLY PRAISING GOD

In both the first reading and the Gospel we are told about Christ’s glorious ascension into heaven. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ has been seated at God’s right hand in heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today’s readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message is urgent. We are to be his witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: “[W]ith great joy . . . they were continually in the temple praising God” (Luke 24:53).

How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a “Spirit of wisdom and revelation” in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered.
The Ascension of the Lord
May 8, 2016
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
— Psalm 47:6

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 mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.
Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

Please note the change in Mass Schedule beginning Sunday May 15, 2016:

Saturdays:
8:00 a.m.
3:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sundays:
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Latin Mass 12:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 30 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Bertha Alvarez.

Prayers for Priests - Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

Resurrection Prayer Line Ministry
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.
This week's Sanctuary Candle:

In loving memory of

Frank Perciasepe

by Anna & Peter

RESURRECTION CALENDAR

ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30am.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168

Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass

Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Men's Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the
8:00a.m. Mass, church

Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel

RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883

Rel. Ed., September - May

Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237

Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.

Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m.,
chapel

Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May , 9-11 a.m.

St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month,
7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email,
svdp@resurrectionch.org

Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

WEEKLY OFFERING

May 1, 2016

Reg. Offertory: $21,522.51

Catholic Education: $4,899.00

Latin Mass: $404.00

SVDP: $570.00

Jubilee Year of Mercy

May 8, 2016

The Ascension of the Lord

As the liturgical year—and this Jubilee Year of Mercy—unfold, we reflect on what Jesus’ ascension meant for the first disciples and means now for us. Stay in Jerusalem, Jesus had instructed, awaiting “the promise of the Father. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:4–5, 8). Despite Jesus’ absence, they wait “with great joy . . . continually in the temple praising God” (Luke 24:52–53). But as we join them, waiting and worshiping, the enduring challenge—theirs and ours—is delivered by “two men in white” (Acts 1:10). In every age, disciples must stop looking at the sky, head down the mountain, and go back into the world, “commissioned,” says Pope Francis, “to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel,” inviting everyone to find “in our parishes, communities, associations and movements . . . wherever there are Christians . . . an oasis of mercy” (Misericordiae Vultus, 12).

Altar Flowers

This Week:

In honor of

All Mothers of the Parish,
Living and Deceased
The Ascension of Christ and His Glorified Existence
by Fr. William G. Most

Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. During this period between his Resurrection and Ascension, He actually gave the primacy He had promised to Peter, as we read in John 21. The many events between His resurrection and ascension preclude the theory that He ascended on Easter. His ascension does not mean that heaven is somewhere up in space. This was a way of making clear that He was leaving the present mode of existence. St. Paul in Colossians 3:1 urges us to live our lives now as if we had already died, had risen, and had ascended with Him. In a mystical sense we have done that, in that our Head has done that. In the physical sense it is still in the future.

He ascended to receive the glory due to Him as conqueror of sin and death (Philippians 2:8-11); to be our Mediator and advocate with the Father (Hebrews 9:24); to send the Holy Spirit as He had promised at the Last Supper (John 16:7); and to prepare a place for us as He also promised (John 14:2).

Now He is seated at the Father’s right hand, which means that, as He said, “all power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). He always had that power as God, but now He exercises it as man, as King of the Universe, with His Mother beside Him as Queen of the Universe.

As God He is everywhere, but not as man, though He is present on earth most widely in the Holy Eucharist, even as man.

Besides this real bodily presence in the Eucharist, Christ is present on earth in other, lesser ways. Vatican II explained the various forms of presence, in the Constitution on the Liturgy, # 7: “Christ is always present to His Church, especially in liturgical actions. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass in the person of the priest; ‘He is the same one, now offering by the ministry of priests, who then offered Himself on the Cross [citing the Council of Trent].’ But He is most greatly present under the Eucharistic species. He is present by His power in the Sacraments, so that when anyone baptizes, Christ Himself baptizes. He is present in His word, for He speaks when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, finally, when the Church prays and sings the Psalms, He who promised ‘Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst’”(Matthew 18:20).

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PART FOUR: The Apostles’ Creed VI-VII
Sixth Article: “He ascended into heaven; He sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty”. By Rev. William G. Most. (c) Copyright 1990 by William G. Most

Catholic Communications Campaign
A letter from Bishop Dewane -

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All still recall the historic visit of Pope Francis to the United States last September. It was an honor to welcome His Holiness to our country and listen to his words of love for us. The Catholic Bishops of the United States wanted to be sure that everyone joined in the excitement of the visit, and they called on the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) to make that possible.

The CCC enabled thousands of Catholics to participate in the Papal events remotely. CCC funds enabled live streaming of the events; empowered Catholic News Service coverage by a team of reporters, editors, photographers, and videographers; and facilitated coverage of the events, reaching people from all over the globe. This visit truly had unprecedented reach in sharing the Gospel and it reflects the ongoing impact of the CCC in helping to evangelize and engage people in their faith. Such efforts would not be possible without your support.

Your contributions to the CCC continue the work of communicating the Gospel message in our country. This collection will be held in the Diocese of Venice on May 7 & 8, 2016. Please remember 50% of all funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Venice to support our local communication and evangelization efforts which include the weekly broadcast of the televised Mass.

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Florida
**Motherhood**

Mothers are a gift from God. God knew what He was doing when He created women with the ability to nurture life. Mother's Day honors all our mothers and their enormous sacrifices. Mother's Day encompasses more than just the honoring of those who have borne children. It is the celebration of motherhood---the divine nature of women. May we all feel a deeper appreciation for the great blessing of motherhood, not just when we celebrate Mother's Day, but everyday!

Today’s culture undermines both motherhood and the God-given gift and blessing of children. May we help the next generation reclaim and respect this incredible gift of MOTHERHOOD!

**A Mother’s Day Prayer**

I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother.
I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it is ok to cry and that I should always tell the truth.
Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her.
Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.
Bless her this day with your love. Amen.
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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Check-in Time 6:30 pm
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$10 – Includes registration and light refreshments
Rose will be available for book signing and questions after the talk.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
dioceseofsarasota.org/divorce-support
Please register at least 2 weeks in advance.

CONTACT:
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Are you:
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ROSE SWET is an author and recognized authority on the pastor issues of surviving relationships, divorce, healing, renovations, and marriage. She is a frequent guest on national radio and television and is a keynote speaker who has given hundreds of presentations, including at the 2012 World Meeting of Families. rose@swet.com

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