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## Ascension vs. Assumption: What is the difference?



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*The words "ascension" and "assumption" may appear to describe similar actions, but there is a major difference between the two.*

In the Catholic Church there are two feasts, one called the "**Ascension of Jesus**" and the other called the "**Assumption of the Virgin Mary.**" While both these words indicate going up into heaven, in reality there exists a **major difference.**

### **Ascension of Jesus**

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* gives a succinct definition of this first event.

The elevation of Christ into heaven **by His own power** in presence of His disciples the fortieth day after His Resurrection.

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The key phrase in this definition is **"by His own power."**

Jesus is God, and that means when he returned to Heaven, he did so through his own abilities and not by any outside force. He was the cause of his ascension, proving again that he is God.

### Assumption of the Virgin Mary

On the other hand, the assumption of the Virgin Mary is quite different. She was **taken up** to Heaven **by God's power and not her own**. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives a brief description.

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, **was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord** as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians

She was *not* the being that raised herself to Heaven. God Himself raised her to be with Him.

It is an important difference, as it recognizes the nature of each individual: Jesus is God and Mary is not.

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 16, Vigil for The Ascension of the Lord**  
4:00 p.m. Kevin and Cassandra Birchfield Family (liv)

**Sunday, May 17, The Ascension of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Joan Cary (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Ann McNamara (liv)

**Monday, May 18, Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Austin and Jessica Getgen Family (liv)

**Tuesday, May 19, Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Hugh Dyer (dec)

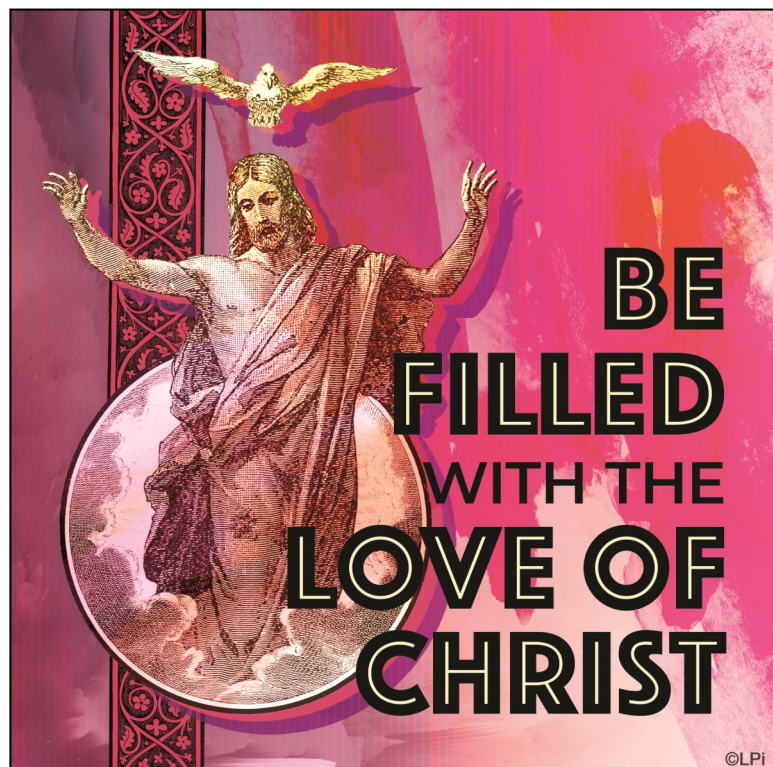
**Wednesday, May 20, Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, May 21, Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Joan Cary (dec)

**Friday, May 22, Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter**  
8:00 a.m. Marilyn Schuberth (dec)

**Saturday, May 23, Vigil for Pentecost**  
4:00 p.m. Paula Cavezzi (dec)

**Sunday, May 24, Pentecost**  
8:00 a.m. Jacqueline Lenard (dec)  
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners  
11:30 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)





May 17, 2026

## The Ascension of the Lord

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Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Mt 28:16-20

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

This year, I cannot help but notice how kingdom-centric the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension are. In our first reading, Jesus appears to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and speaks to them about the kingdom of God. Our psalm beckons us to rejoice that God is mounting his throne – another kingdom image! Our second reading tells us that God has given Christ authority over “every principality, power, and dominion” – a clear sign that he is the one reigning over all. These references seem to be telling us that today’s feast is Jesus’ “coronation day” – the day he takes his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. From the moment Jesus ascends to heaven, he is reigning. What a consoling thought for us, who may at times find ourselves discouraged by our lives or the state of affairs around us. We have hope because we know that despite appearances to the contrary, Jesus reigns, and it is only a matter of time until the Father puts all things beneath Christ’s feet.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” It’s a tall order – bringing every nation under the reign of Christ. But we needn’t be intimidated. The Ascension offers us hope, for – as the *Catechism* reminds us – “Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” (667) Jesus ascended into heaven and now is constantly interceding for us before the Father, constantly pouring out his Spirit on us! In all our efforts to evangelize, we have that constant support and grace being sent our way to equip us for this work.

### **REFLECT**

Oftentimes, we think of the Ascension as Jesus leaving us after the end of his earthly ministry. But Jesus promises that he does not leave us, but rather, that he is always with us, “until the end of the age.” Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways that, having taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, Jesus is now ever-more present, pouring out his grace and his Spirit upon us at every moment.



## Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

### Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

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## Everyday Stewardship

I don't think I am giving away anything to say that Knights of Columbus are supposed to always carry with them a rosary. Even before I became a Knight, often I would carry a rosary with me. Like most good habits, at times I would slowly become oblivious and forget to have it with me. Many weeks and months of carrying it in my pocket would give way to a couple weeks of wondering where it went. To stick with any practice you have to be intentional and mindful of what you are doing.

A good prayer life requires commitment. Carrying a rosary isn't really prayer, because the prayers are not being said. However, a rosary or other religious article does serve as a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong. A prayer life should not be one where we simply seek to recite words, but one where we walk in the presence of God at all times. Prayer is about presence.

An everyday steward will find success in cultivating a prayer life by inviting God into all aspects and moments of the day. Recited prayer throughout the day serves as the formal ritual part of our relationship with God. In all relationships we have standard things we say to each other about love, our needs, and our hopes for that person. It is what takes place between the words that sometimes makes the difference.

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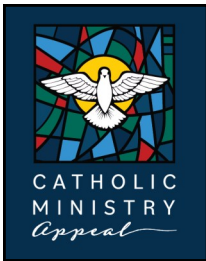
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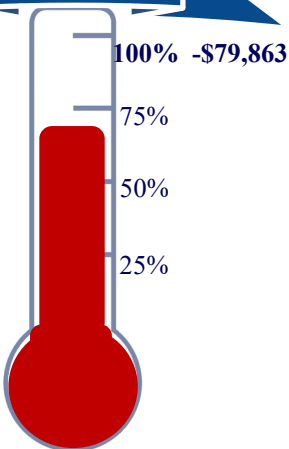
Offertory	\$ 6,684
Other Donations	\$ 215
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 62
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 50
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 2,331

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2026 GOAL



\$53,592 Paid 67% as of May 8, 2026

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# ARE YOU Ready? for Pentecost 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word pentekoste, meaning fifteenth and is celebrated 50 days after Easter. This feast marks the end of the Easter season and the official beginning of our Church.

Pentecost is the day on which the apostles received the gift of Holy Spirit: God's own Divine Life.

It is a time for renewal, spiritual transformation and empowerment, therefore, it is essential that we approach this Sacred Feast with reverence, openness and expectant faith.

Join us as we prepare our hearts to receive the fullness of the Holy SPIRIT on

**Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center**

We will be sharing why and how Pentecost matters in 2026 and the immeasurable impact the Holy Spirit can make in our lives today.

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<b>Saturday, May 16</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Confessions	CR
<b>Sunday, May 17</b>		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am	Masses	CYH
<b>Monday, May 18</b>		
6:30 pm	"Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting	CYH
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm	Preparing for Pentecost Night	PC
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>		
Adoration		
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Holy Hour	CH
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>		
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR
<b>Saturday, May 23</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Confessions	CR
<b>Sunday, May 24</b>		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am	Masses	CYH
<b>Monday, May 25 ~Memorial Day</b>		
The office will be closed		
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>		
10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm	Preparing for Pentecost Night	PC
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>		
Adoration		
5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Holy Hour	CH
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>		
4:00 pm	SVDP Meeting	
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR
<b>Friday, May 29</b>		
BT Social Group Coffee Meeting after 8:00 am Mass @ Rose's at St. Pete Athletic		
<b>Saturday, May 30</b>		
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	Confessions	CR
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>		
Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am	Masses	CYH
Faith Community Nursing BP Screenings offered		
BT Social Group, Birthday Box Assembly		

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
 PL= Parking Lot



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Rev. Wayne C. Genereux

### Clergy Assistance

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 Fr. Randall Roberts, OFM  
 Fr. Anthony Fortunato, OdeM  
 Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM  
 Fr. Victor Bartolotta  
 Fr. Eric Peters

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

### Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

### Parish Office

Monday–Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm  
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### Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

### Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

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