LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 6 Easter Sunday

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)
† Andy Stachowicz – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown Monday, May 23, 2022 – Easter Weekday
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 – Easter Weekday
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – Easter Weekday
Thursday, May 26, 2022 – Solemnity – Ascension of the Lord
7:00 PM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)
† Connie Quilty – requested by Fr. Mariusz & Family
Friday, May 28, 2022 – Easter Weekday
Saturday, May 28, 2022 – Easter Weekday
Sunday, May 29, 2022 – 7 Easter Sunday
9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)
† Andy Stachowicz – requested by Leon Boyk

| 06/05/22 Su | 9:30 AM | † Helen & Thomas Misiewitz (remembering 64 th Wedding Anniversary) – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz |
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| 06/12/22 Su | 9:30 AM | OPEN |
| 06/16/22 Th | 9:30 AM | † Connie Quilty – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown |
| 06/19/22 Su | 9:30 AM | Father's Day – For All Fathers |
| 06/26/22 Su | 9:30 AM | † Connie Quilty – requsted by Leon Boyk |
| 07/03/22 Su | 9:30 AM | † Helen Gomula – requested by Bill Quilty |
| 07/10/22 Su | 9:30 AM | RESERVED |
| 07/17/22 Su | 9:30 AM | [†] Leon Boyk, Sr. (13 th Anniversary of Death) – requested by |
| | | Leon Boyk, Jr. & Family |
| 07/24/22 Su | 9:30 AM | [†] Lewis E. Woodland, Jr. (29th Anniversary of Death) – |
| | | requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz |
| 07/31/22 Su | 9:30 AM | † Connie Quilty – requsted by Robert Gomuła & Family |
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PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Anna Mendla, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Thomas Costello, Michał Mularczyk.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church.

The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members.

The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.



ASCENSION OF JESUS

The Bible Story of the *Ascension of Jesus*, found in the first chapter of Acts, describes the ascent of Christ from the Earth to the Heavenly realm. According to Acts, the ascension of Jesus takes place 40 days after the resurrection in the presence of his disciples. Christ is risen up after advising them to stay in Jerusalem until the arrival of the Holy Spirit. As he raises, a cloud obscures him from their view, and two men in white arrive to tell them that he will return "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." In Christian doctrine, the Ascension is correlated with the deification of Jesus, meaning that through his Ascension, Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

WHY IS THE ASCENSION OF JESUS SO IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS?

For many Christians and churches, Easter is the end of the celebrating. We tend to forget or just skim over the essential part of the story where Jesus ascended back into heaven. We might even hear that today is Ascension Day and think, "why does that matter for me at all?" or wonder what this day even means.

It's not enough to celebrate the Risen Lord on one spring Sunday and then forget about what comes next. The ascension is crucial, and it's life-changing and eternity-changing for us as believers. On the Ascension Day, may we reflect on how the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ changed the whole course of our lives and changed our world forever. May we celebrate that our Lord is reigning from heaven as the one true King, and may we rejoice that we have the Holy Spirit as our ever-present advocate. May we eagerly await His return and fervently share the Gospel until He does.

FIVE WAYS THE ASCENSION OF JESUS BENEFITS US:

It establishes Jesus as the reigning king over all powers in all ages. It gives us access to God's throne for mercy and grace. It provides an Advocate on earth whose presence is limitless. It gives us the spoils of Christ's victory-- gifted leaders and spiritual gifts. It keeps us longing for his return.

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6 Easter Sunday

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May 22, 2022

