



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 29, 2022

## The Ascension of the Lord

### How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from Star Trek. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up? In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved hon-

or and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification. Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is.

This is reason to rejoice.

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Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict Honaunau

7:00 a.m. Tuesday,

Thursday & Friday

St. John the Baptist

Wednesday 7:00 a.m.

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#### For Reflection

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☞ *Pray the responsorial psalm today.*

☞ *At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?*

#### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading:** “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? [Acts 1:1-11](#)

**Psalm:** **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.** [Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#)

**Second Reading:** May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened... [Eph 1:17-23](#)

**Gospel:** “...stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” [Lk 24:46-53](#)

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

**BULLETIN:** Articles and photos (with caption) for the bulletin must be *emailed* to [st.benedict@rcchawaii.org](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) Submission deadline: **TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

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## HOSPITALITY



### ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

#### UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

**\*IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL OR HAVE OUTWARD SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME! \***

Masks are now optional.

Safe distance is no longer required in Church or in meeting places. Food can be shared only if served by designated persons wearing masks or if individually pre-packaged.

Exposed (close contact) to COVID-19 is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (regardless of mask use).

#### SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Please contact the office for most current guidelines.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

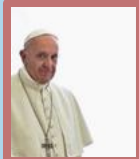
#### Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

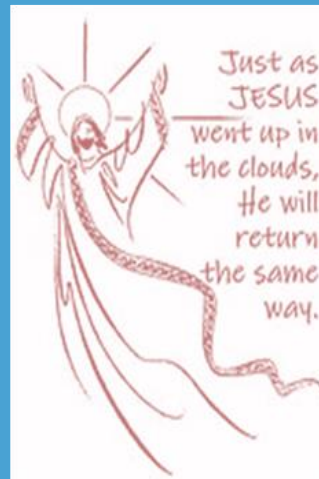
#### **A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020



## Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



**Giver of Life, help us to see your life at work in our lives. Keep us from clinging to what is today, that we might receive the gifts of life that await us tomorrow. Amen.**

**" If Christ is not to remain in the clouds, then the Gospel needs to grow little feet."**

**-Blessed Rutilio Grande, SJ-**

(Executed for his faith 3-12-1977 in El Salvador, Beatified with two companion martyrs 1-22-2022.)

### SAINT OF THE WEEK—FEAST DAY JUNE 3 MARTYRS OF UGANDA (CHARLES LWANGA)



Canonized October 18, 1964 by Pope Paul VI

Charles Lwanga was born in Uganda in mid-18th century. All young men and boys were forced to work for the evil King Mwanga, who treated all people badly, especially the boys who worked for him. The Society of Missionaries of Africa were working in Uganda and Charles and his friends learned about Christianity from them. They learned about Jesus and asked to be baptized. At that time there were only a few hundred Christians in Uganda. Charles also worked to protect his friends from the wicked king. The king became very angry and ordered Charles and friends imprisoned in 1886. The king forced them to walk 37 miles to the place where they were burned to death. Charles Lwanga and his friends were martyred for their faith.

PRAYER

**DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**



"Let us entrust to her intercession the daily prayer for peace, especially in places where the senseless logic of violence is most ferocious; so that all people may be convinced that in this world we must help each other, as brothers and sisters, to build the civilization of love."  
- Pope Benedict XVI

*Pray the Rosary Daily*



**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Think, O' God, of our loved ones who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard if it be Your will.

We therefore pray that You bless our families and friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name.

Amen.

**FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH,  
KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Declan Garner, Emily Griego, Jeanette Laris, Finnan Sambursky, Gwen McKinney, Rafael Ramirez, Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Mary Bunao, Tamayo Hanato, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles & DeeDee Tripoli, Linda Adkins, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs. \* Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

*An Act of Spiritual  
Communion*

*My Jesus,  
I believe that  
You are present  
in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.*

*I love you  
above all things,  
and I desire  
to receive You  
into my soul.*

*Since I cannot  
at this moment  
receive You  
sacramentally,  
come at least  
spiritually into  
my heart.*

*I embrace You  
as if You were  
already there  
and unite myself  
wholly to You.*

*Never permit me  
to be separated  
from You.*

*Amen.*

*Thank God...  
for the gift of Jesus  
in the Eucharist!*

**CALENDAR**

**Monday** MAY 30 Easter  
Weekday Acts 19:1–8 Jn  
16:29–33

**Tuesday** MAY 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56

**Wednesday** JUNE 1 St. Justin, Martyr Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19

**Thursday** JUNE 2 Easter  
Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26

**Friday** JUNE 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19

**Saturday** JUNE 4 Easter  
Weekday Acts 28:16–20,  
30–31 Jn 21:20–25

**Sunday** JUNE 5 Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Rom 8:8–17 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26

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You can read the Bible, and should, but until you study it, it doesn't come alive for you and teach you a lasting lesson.





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[*Luke 24: 46-53*]

### Treasure Hunt

1. In *Luke 24:47*, **what** did Jesus tell His disciples to preach to all nations in His Name?
2. According to *Luke 24:49*, **how long** were the disciples to remain in Jerusalem?
3. **What happened** as Jesus raised His hands and blessed His disciples?
4. In response to the event the disciples witnessed, they paid h \_\_\_\_\_, then returned to Jerusalem with i \_\_\_\_\_, and continually p \_\_\_\_\_ God in the temple.
5. **What** did Jesus seek to accomplish in the 40 days between His Resurrection and Ascension?

#### Answers to last week's Treasure Sixth Sunday of Easter

1- He delivers the message of salvation in **both** a positive and negative way; 2- Advocate, teach, remind; 3- Jesus' peace is not a simple goodbye; it carries the promise of eternal life with Him and the Father; 4- He is going to the Father, one greater than Him; 5- believe.



"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth"  
-St. Augustine-

- *The Ascension of the Lord is transferred in most of the U.S. to Sunday, May 28, 2022.*

## Dear Padre,

### Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body. The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR  
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### SERVICE

#### ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The regular St. Benedict Food Pantry schedule continues to be the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9 am to 10 am.

**Next open on Friday, June 10, 2022.**

#### SHARE YOUR HARVEST WITH OUR VISITORS

If your harvest is bountiful, please bring a portion to St. Benedict Gift Shop where we offer it to visitors as part of their "aloha experience" at the Painted Church.

**SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE**  
Galatians 5:13