Saint Joseph Catholic Community
on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
JBM-HH Memorial Chapel ~ Fort Myer, Virginia
Saturday 1700 Vigil Mass | Sunday 0900 Mass
Noon Mass: Mon & Tues; Thurs & Fri
Reconciliation by appointment

May 29, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord (C)
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23 or Heb 9:24–28; 10:19–23
Lk 24:46–53

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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 honor 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.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ***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?***

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Welcome!

We serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of Catholics serving in the Armed Forces and their families, through religious services, education, and auxiliary programs at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Memorial Chapel.

Our Clergy and Pastoral Staff

Emergency Contact for a Catholic Chaplain: MP's 24/7 line (703) 588-2800/2801; Duty Chaplain (202) 236-4901

Senior Priest: CH (LTC) Alan Irizarry

Priest: CH (MAJ) David Kirk

Deacon: Rev Mr. Joe Pak, deacon@jbmhhmcc.com; (206) 549-6169

Catholic Coordinator: Vacant info@jbmhhmcc.com

Our Website | Our Facebook Page

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Adverse Weather | Closures: JBM-HH follows Office of Personnel Management (OPM) guidance - opm.gov; OPM information line (recorded message) (202) 606-1900.

Sacraments

Please email the Catholic Coordinator if you have questions or need more information.

Baptism – Celebrated by appointment only. New parents and godparents are required to receive baptism instruction.

Marriage – There are specific mandatory pre-marital requirements, and your circumstances may have additional prerequisites. Contact the Catholic Coordinator at least six months before your desired wedding date.

RCIA and **Adult Confirmation** – please contact either Deacon Pak or the Catholic Coordinator for more information on these programs.

Sacramental Jurisdiction – Military priests only have pastoral jurisdiction with respect to sacraments for active-duty military and their family members.

Sacramental Records – are housed by the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Copies can be requested through the AMS website: milarch.org/sacramental records

Stewardship

May 2022

	1 May: 145; $1,047
7 May: 73; Reg - $65; DO - $1,032.15	8 May: 141; Reg - $150; DO - $1,071
14 May: 57; $544	15 May: 133; $911
21 May: 75; $642	22 May: N/A; $857.25
28 May:	29 May:

Acts 20:35

Next Designated Offerings: 25 & 26 June – Peter's Pence Collection; 6 & 7 August - AMS

Digital Giving: Donations to the Catholic CTOF fund can be made through Army Chapel Tithes and Offering Fund - OR – click on the "Digital Giving" button on our website

DIGITAL GIVING

Mail-in Giving: Checks (no cash) can be mailed to the Fund Office. Make checks payable to CTOF and write "Catholic" in the memo section. Mail checks to:

Fund Manager
Memorial Chapel
101 McNair Rd, Building 480
Fort Myer, VA 22211

Fund Office Points of Contact:

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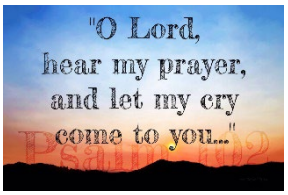
Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and the military chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for those in our community who are ill; and for our deceased…



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Calendar

This weekend, 28 & 29 May: The Ascension

Mon, 30 May: Memorial Day

- Memorial Chapel closed, No Noon Mass

Sat & Sun, 4 & 5 June: Pentecost

Sat & Sun, 11 & 12 June: Most Holy Trinity

Tues, 14 June:

- 1800 Eucharistic Adoration

Fri, 17 June: Training Holiday

- No Noon Mass

Sat & Sun, 18 & 19 June: Corpus Christi

Sun, 19 June: Father's Day

Mon, 20 June: Juneteenth Federal Holiday

- No Noon Mass

Mon-Fri; 20-24 June: Vacation Bible School

- 9.30 am to 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

jbmhhmcc.com/calendar

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help provide administrative assistance until the FY23 Catholic Coordinator contract is filled. Additionally, we are looking for a volunteer who would like to help maintain the website (WordPress) and the community's Facebook page.

Please contact SFC Min or Father Alan for details.

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AMS Missionary Application is now Open!

The AMS is now considering applicants to serve as missionaries at various military installations. Missionaries will accompany military young adults and invite them to take on the mission to live out their baptismal call to discipleship and evangelization. Ideal candidates are those who have served active duty or have missionary experience. Commitment is two years, missionary training will be provided.

Job information:
www.catholicjobs.com/job/9352151934

If you know of anyone who is interested or you would like further information, please feel free to contact McKenzie Mauss at YAMissionary@milarch.org or (202) 719-3654.

On this Memorial Day, let us remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ~ John 15:13

Next Sunday's Readings

Solemnity of Pentecost

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration of the feast. In this reading, we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

This passage comes from chapter eight of Paul's letter to the Romans, which stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who inspires us to holiness eveyr day. Here, Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning, *life prone to sin*) and life in the Spirit.

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.

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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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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

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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