

THE ASCENSION of the LORD May 16, 2021



From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop

(Sermo de Ascensione Domini, Mai 98, 1-2: PLS 2, 494-495)

No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven

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. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food.

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

RESPONSORY

Acts 1:3, 9, 4

During the forty days after his passion,
he appeared to them and spoke with them about the
kingdom of God.

– As they watched, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight, alleluia.

While he was with them,
he told them not to leave Jerusalem,
but to wait there for the fulfillment of the Father's promise.

– As they watched, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight, alleluia.

BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Bible Studies Virtual Meetings:

1. Letter to the Hebrews - Saturday at 10:00am
2. Gospel according to Matthew – Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
3. Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life -
Saturdays at 10:30 am
4. Bible Timeline - Saturdays at 10:30 am
5. An Introduction to the Theology of the Body -
Saturdays at 11: 00am
6. St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians - Saturdays at 11am



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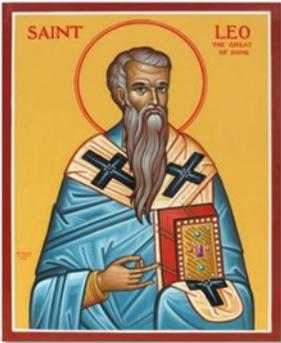
Reflections on 1 John 4:11-18

Having the gift of the Holy Spirit is the sure sign of being in communion with God. Since the Holy Spirit is the love of the Father and of the Son, his presence in the soul in grace is necessarily something dynamic, that is, it moves the person to keep all the commandments, particularly that of brotherly love. This interior impulse shows that the third Person of the Blessed Trinity is at work within us; it is a sign of union with God. The Holy Spirit's action on the soul is a marvelous and deep mystery. This breathing of the Holy Spirit in the soul - whereby God transforms it into himself, is so sublime, so delicate and profound, a delight to the soul that it cannot be described by mortal tongue, nor can human understanding, as such, attain to any conception of it. (St. John of the Cross, "Spiritual Canticle", stanza 39).

From a sermon by Saint Leo the Great, Pope

(Sermo 2 de Ascensione 1-4: PL 54,397-399)

Our faith is increased by the Lord's ascension



At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord's resurrection which was the cause of our joy; our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men's sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.

For such is the power of great minds, such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight. Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible.

And so our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravaging beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, tender girls as well as boys, have given their life's blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick and raised the dead.

Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord's passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had terrified them before. They were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as he sat at the right hand of his Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.

The truth is that the Son of Man was revealed as Son of God in a more perfect and transcendent way once he had entered into his Father's glory; he now began to be indescribably more present in his divinity to those from whom he was further removed in his humanity. A more mature faith enabled their minds to stretch upward to the Son in his equality with the Father; it no longer needed contact with Christ's tangible body, in which as man he is inferior to the Father. For while his glorified body retained the same nature, the faith of those who believed in him was now summoned to heights where, as the Father's equal, the only-begotten Son is reached not by physical handling but by spiritual discernment.

RESPONSORY

Hebrews 8:1; 10:22, 23

We have such a high priest
who sits at the right hand of the throne of majesty in heaven.
– Let us approach him in true sincerity and full of faith,
with our hearts cleansed and freed from an evil conscience,
alleluia.

Let us stand firm in the profession of our hope,
for he who made the promise is faithful.
– Let us approach him in true sincerity and full of faith,
with our hearts cleansed and freed from an evil
conscience, alleluia.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

The **Feast of the Ascension** commemorate Jesus' bodily ascent into heaven after His resurrection. Having completed his earthly mission, Jesus returned to heaven and His Father with His eternal body. In this way, He opens the gates of heaven for all of us. Thus, the Feast of the Ascension is, for all Christians, a symbol of hope, because it reminds us that Christ sits at His Father's right hand, interceding on our behalf. As members of Christ's risen body, we await the day when we will be able to enjoy eternal happiness by His side.

Stewardship Reflection:

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God" - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.





The Lord Worked With Them — We Do Not Evangelize Alone

Before I went to seminary and even now, there was a hesitancy in me when people ask me about my faith. While I am getting more comfortable talking about my faith to people who ask, there is one area that I still find difficult which is actively spreading the faith, traditionally called “evangelization.” I do not think I am alone in this. I think most of us find it difficult to evangelize, even before the pandemic. So, when we hear in this week’s Gospel Jesus’ command to “go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation” we might feel a little nervous.

We get nervous or intimidated by “evangelization,” I think, for two main reasons: that we are not “professionals” and that our culture has relegated religion to a private affair. By not being experts, I mean that we often feel like since we are not priests, brothers, or sisters, we are not “professionals” so we might mess up in explaining the faith or that we do not have the all the answers. So, this fear of “messaging up” keeps us from evangelizing. As for the latter reason, making religion a private affair, I think the fact that many of us have felt the pain of not being able to go to Mass in person shows us that religion has a public element as well as private. But while Jesus commands us to “go into all the world” He does not tell us to do so alone. Later we hear “The Lord worked with them.” While we may have a fear, anxiety, or apprehension about evangelization, this line gives us assurance that when we go out, we go out with Jesus.

This changes everything. For most of us evangelization is all about doctrine, spreading the dogma, the tenets of the faith. That’s good, true, and necessary. But evangelization is so much more. It is about a person and what that person has done for me personally and for all of us as His beloved creation. Last week I wrote about “living in love” and connected here, evangelization flows from that life lived in love. Evangelization is all about telling people about the person you love. I think parents have no problem talking about their kids, girlfriends about their boyfriends, or people about their hobbies. And the reason is not because they are “professionals” or “experts” but because they love what they are talking about. And here’s the best part, the person we are talking about and want to share is with us working with us. Evangelization is us talking about what we love, acting like we are in love, and then letting the person we love do what only he can do. Conversion is God’s business, only He can move hearts. Our place is to be possible doorways that open up a path for God. We do not have to be experts to be doorways.

As a young adult, parents ask me what can they do to help their child come back to the faith. I always give the same answer: “That God loves your child more than you, and that He wants your child back in His arms even more than you do. So, I think the best way to help your child come back is to show actively by words and example the love that God has poured into you. Then to trust that God is working in their life somehow.” When children are younger, we can guide them more, but as they get older the journey of faith is something they have to walk themselves. What we do is show them the value of living a life of faith. Young adults want reasons for believing and if they do research, they can find it. And while they can read inspiring stories of faith, it is no replacement to actually seeing faith alive in a person’s life.

While we might not be “experts” in evangelization, we can all be doorways to God. If we show in our lives what our faith has done for us, that is, a life lived filled with faith, hope, love, peace, and joy, we will become without knowing it evangelizers. We will become “doorways” to God. One thing we can do to show others the love of God in our hearts is smile. While masks make this harder, we can still smile with our eyes. Eyes have been called the window to the soul, and if our eyes are filled with the love of the Lord then we look at others and smile with our eyes maybe that will be enough to spark something in a heart. We do not go alone. The Lord is with us.



Mary’s Invitation to Pray the Rosary

Every time Mary appeared to the children, she asked them to pray the rosary. Why? The rosary is incredibly powerful. It has the power to bring peace. The power to heal. The power to make a difference in your life, the lives of your loved ones, and in the world.

The rosary settles our hearts and minds. We live hectic lives in a chaotic world, a world troubled by war, violence, pandemic and brokenness. Amidst the chaos and confusion, our souls yearn for peace and clarity. How does the rosary bring us that serenity? The rosary puts things in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful. It teaches us to slow down, calm down, let go, offer our struggles to God, and listen. The rosary teaches us how to just be, and that is not a small or insignificant lesson. In some ways **it is the perfect prayer for busy people in a crazy, noisy, confused world.**

PRAYER CORNER



POETRY CORNER

Ascension Day Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!

Collect for The Ascension

Almighty and Eternal God, you call us together as the Ascension family and bind us in Christian love and witness. So focus our hearts and minds upon Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and guide us to know your Holy Spirit in the life of our parish, that we may realize that our similarities are greater than our differences. Help us to recognize your image in all people as we work together as one body in Christ to the glory of your Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Saviour and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labour diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work. Amen.

*Salute the last, and everlasting day,
Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son,
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.*

*Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon;
Nor doth he by ascending show alone,
But first He, and He first enters the way.
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!
Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the
path!*

*Bright Torch, which shiniest, that I the way may see!
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath;
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,*

*Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise.
(John Donne)*

ASCENSION

Christ led his chosen from Jerusalem
To Olivet, and there he said to them:

*“All sovereignty in heaven and on earth
Is given unto me in exaltation.
Thus go and make disciples of each nation,
Baptizing them, through waters of rebirth,
In Father, Son, and Spirit, every one.
Admonish all and teach them to attend
To everything that you have been commanded.
Remember: I will never leave you stranded,
For I am always with you to the end.”*

He lifted up his hands in benediction,
And there before their eyes was raised in flight
Upon a cloud that stole him from their sight.
As they were gazing up in sad affliction,
Two angels dressed in white beside them pressed:
“O men of Galilee, forlorn eleven,
Why do you stand here, looking up, and yearn?
This Jesus who has left you will return
Just as you saw him going up to heaven.”
O Christ, have mercy on us standing here,
For we are orphans, Lord, till you appear!

Catholic Planet





What's happening in Saint Paul's Parish...

THIS WEEK

Tuesday St. John I, Pope and Martyr
 Thursday St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 Friday St. Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop
 St. Christopher Magallanes, Martyr
 Saturday St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

LIVESTREAM MASSES

WEDNESDAY: 8:00AM
 SUNDAY: 10:00AM

<https://stpaulparish.ca/livestream>



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Elaine Winkler, Christine Bay, Bertha Romero, Myrna Moffat, Peter Murtagh, Jaime Pestano. *(Please notify the parish office of any changes)*



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED IN OUR PARISH

Carmencita Codizal, Sam Greba, Robert Lee, Antony Ma



YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569

LIFE TEEN has gone virtual with weekly Zoom nights! Contact Jiggy for the link.

Keep checking our social media for updates!



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PROJECT ADVANCE 2021

Our Way Forward

Our annual archdiocesan appeal is here once more. There are many ways to give: complete the pledge form you receive in the mail; come to the parish office to make your donation; give online at <http://rcav.org/giving/>

PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

We are entering our last week of classes. Thank you students, parents, and teachers for your flexibility this year! Online registration for the 2021/22 school year will be available in June.

If you have any questions, please contact Clay Imoo (PREP Director) at clayimoo@shaw.ca.

SCHOOL CONNECTION



Keep collecting those pledges!! Our annual school Walkathon is taking place over the May long weekend, and our students will be walking with their own families. We hope that we can count on your support to raise funds to replace our aging Smartboards in each of the classrooms. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - please call the Convent at 604-275-2844.



ACCESS TO THE PARISH OFFICE

If you need something from the office such as Mass cards, paperwork signed, parish registration, etc., please email us at parish.stpaulr@rcav.org or call 604-277-3213. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Most requests can be accomplished remotely. The office staff is available and willing to assist you but as per COVID-19 protocol, we want to limit our in-person contact. A mask is mandatory when visiting the office.

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By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to carry your parish during this difficult time.

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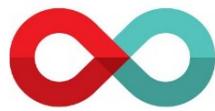
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If you have questions regarding the process, or would like to make changes to your gift, please contact the Archdiocese of Vancouver Development Office at 604-683-0281 (ext. 50323).



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Membership Drive: Now through June 30, join Knights of Columbus for free online at <http://bit.ly/KofC2021> and use promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

Blood Donor Clinic in the Parish Centre



Friday, May 21

12:00 to 6:45pm

Book your appointment to Give Life!

Call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283)

Catholic Street Missionaries One-Day Training and Outreach for Young Adults



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We love meeting new people, making new friends, sharing our love for God, praying for His presence and guidance, and going out bringing His hope and love to the homeless, the addicted, and the prostituted. Young adults are invited to spend a day with us reaching out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver **Sunday, May 23** from 10:30am - 4:30pm. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Conference - Give glory to the king of kings and celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi as the universal Body of Christ with Catholics across the world. Discover new depths and insights on the Church's teaching of the Holy Eucharist and what this central doctrine of our faith means for how we live our everyday life. Join us on **Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6** online. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events





What's happening in the Archdiocese...

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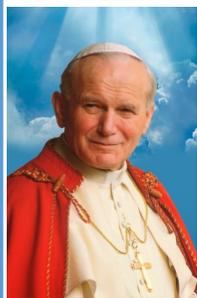
<https://beholdvancouver.org/>

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<https://weareproclaim.com/>

Ecumenical Faith Break - Together in the Spirit

Join us on Tuesday, May 18 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Join us for an evening of community, conversation, and reflection. The gifts of the Spirit in relation to the gifts we are to one another as Christians of various denominations. Bishop Gregory Mohr (ELCIC) and Archbishop Miller (RCAV) will be giving their reflection. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events



Into the Deep: Saint John Paul II: A Pope of Dialogue, a Pope of Unity

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will describe the major initiatives and contributions of Saint John Paul II to ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. Join us on Friday, May 28 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Redeeming Adversity - Healthy Relationship Series

Can today's struggle become tomorrow's blessing? Join Brett Powell in this online presentation on healthy relationships, followed by Q&A **Thursday, May 27** from 7:30 - 9:00pm. This event to open to all adults, whether single, dating or married. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events



60 Minutes of Prayers and Personal Reflections

Aquinas Institute sponsors a series of 60 Minutes of Prayers and Spiritual Reflections every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday weekly. These series started on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, 2020 with Deacon Dileep Athaide. Permission was given by Msgr. Gregory Smith, Episcopal Vicar, on behalf of Archbishop J. Michael Miller. To date, we have had 59 sessions and we have remaining 12 sessions that will end on May 22, 2021. Join us online on Thursdays from 9:00-10:00am on Zoom. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/



Year of the Family

On March 19, the church celebrates five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia on the beauty and joy of love in the family. Pope Francis announced that a special year dedicated to the family will launch on the same day, which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. "This special Year will be an opportunity to deepen further the content of the document Amoris laetitia, through proposals and pastoral tools. These will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey." Learn more and view resources at rcav.org/year-of-the-family

Listening to the Spirit through the People of God: Pope Francis' Vision of Synodality

Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer, offers an engaging talk on how Pope Francis is reviving synodality, a way of being church rooted in the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15, Gal 2) which involves listening to the Spirit through the People of God. Austen illuminates Pope Francis' vision for embedding communal discernment into the life and culture of the Church, not just for the benefit of the Church but for all of humanity. To celebrate Pentecost, St. Mark's Parish and Christian Life Community of the BC/Rockies Region are pleased to offer this talk to the public. After the talk, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the insights they gain and any invitations they sense in small group breakout rooms.

Join us on Saturday, May 22 from 9 - 11 a.m. online. The event is free. Donations to St Mark's Parish are requested. Registration deadline is May 20. On May 21 registered participants will receive the Zoom link and a short article to read in preparation for the talk. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events



Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, beginning Dec. 8, 2020 and ending Dec. 8, 2021, in honour of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The Pope established a Year of St. Joseph, who with the Canadian Martyrs is one of Canada's patron saints, so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." Visit rcav.org/

Feast of the Ascension May 13th or Sunday May 16th, 2021

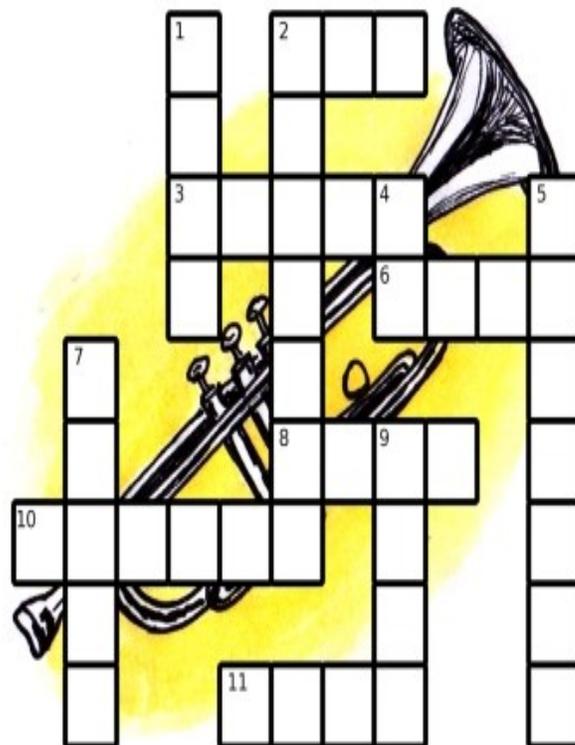
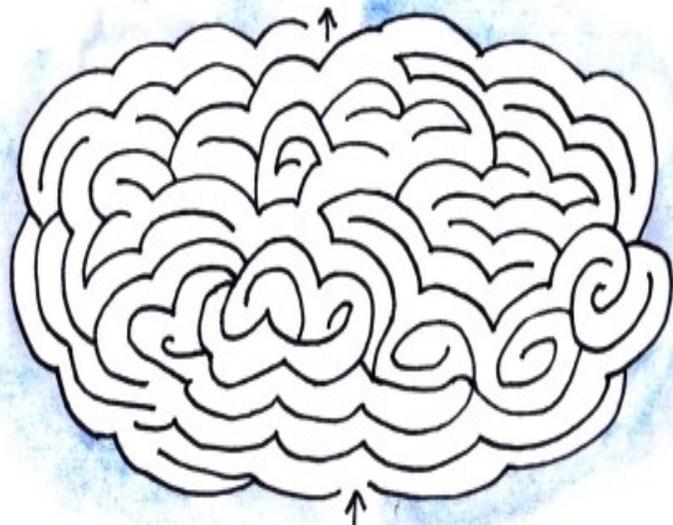
Psalm 47 Cross-Word

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead he went up a hill with His followers and disappeared through the clouds and went up into Heaven.



Jesus had promised to send a Comforter to them after He left them.

Can you find your way through the cloud maze?



Unscramble the words in CAPITAL letters. Then you can fit them into the puzzle. (A means across and D means down.)

LAL (2A) you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the Lord, the SOMT (8A) HHGI (1D), the EMOSAEW (2D), is the TREAG (3A) king VROE (6A) all the HTREA (7D). God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid UMPRET (5D) blasts. GISN (9D) praise OT (4D) God, sing praise; g SIEARP (10A) to our INKG (11A), sing praise.

Jesus has gone back into Heaven!

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He went with His followers to the top of a mountain, where he told them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then he went up through the clouds and returned to God the Father in Heaven.

But Jesus isn't gone forever! He is still with us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. He will also come again at the end of the world.

Sometimes someone that we love goes away from us too. Sometimes people move away, or we move away from our friends. Sometimes people that we love die.

But we know that we will see our friends again, and we will be with the people who died when we die and go to Heaven.

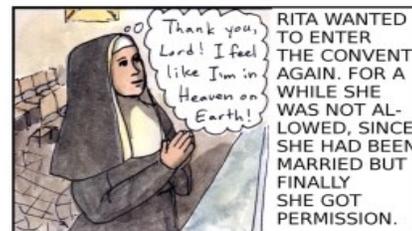
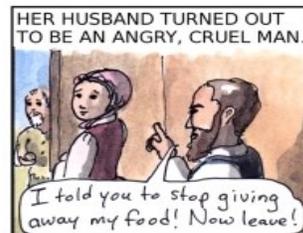


Today let us celebrate Jesus returning to the Father in Heaven, and remember that we hope to join them some day!

Answers to Psalm 47 Cross-Word:
Down: 1 high, 2 awesome, 4 to, 5 trumpet, 7 earth, 9 sing.
Across: 2 all, 3 great, 6 over, 8 most, 10 praise, 11 king.

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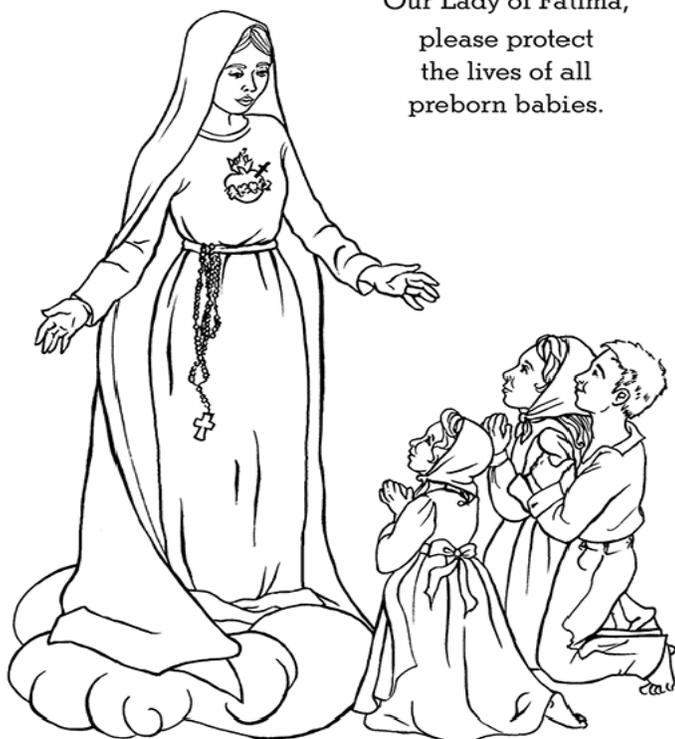
Saint Rita of Cascia May 22



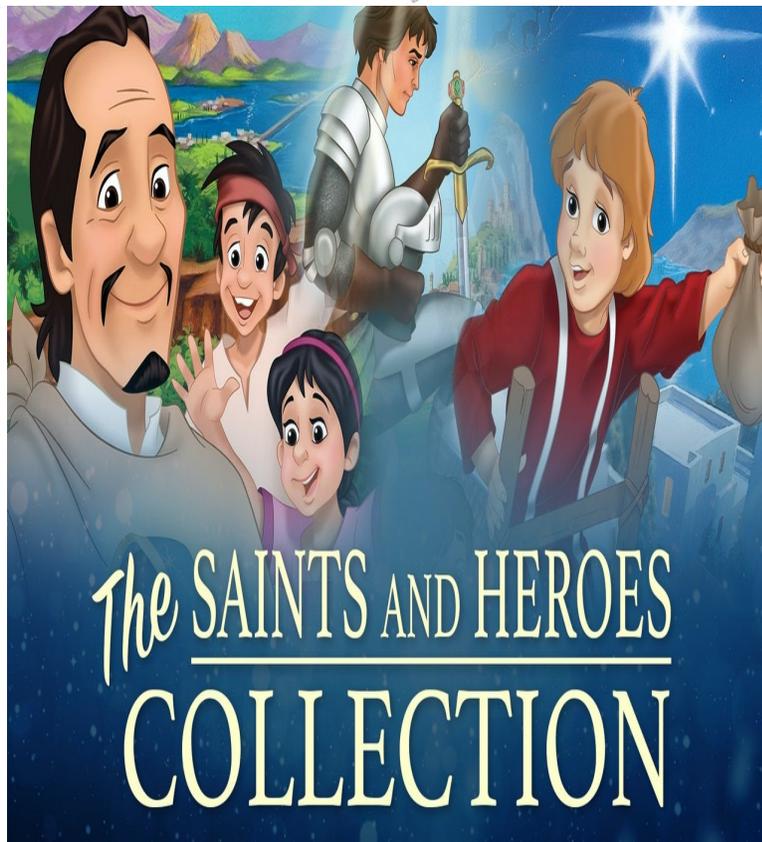
RITA WAS DEVOTED TO GOD- FIRST SHE BROUGHT HER HUSBAND AND SONS BACK TO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD, AND THEN SHE DEDICATED THE REST OF HER LIFE TO HIM IN THE CONVENT. RITA ASKED JESUS TO SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS WITH HER, SO HE GAVE HER A WOUND IN HER FOREHEAD FROM THE CROWN OF THORNS.

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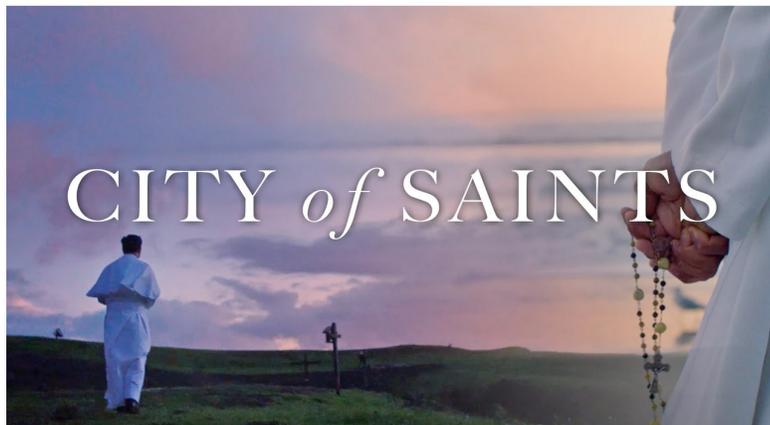
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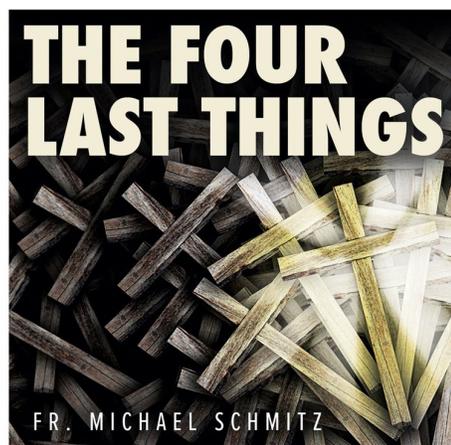
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