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May 23 to 29, 2022

Week 21

Monday to Sunday



May 23, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Acts 16:11-15

... The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul was saying.

Monday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 15:26—16:4a

"... You also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 149:1-6, 9

Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Reflection Guide Question

Have you been with Jesus from the beginning of your life as a Christian? Why or why not?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, renew your promise to remain with Jesus and to testify about Him in your own way.

May 24, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Acts 16:22-34

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ... "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved."

Tuesday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 16:5-11

"Because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8

*When I called,
You answered me;
You built up strength
within me.*

Reflection Guide Question

What did Jesus say that filled His disciples' hearts with grief? What did He promise to them afterwards?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, think of ways by which you can help someone in your life who is suffering from grief.

May 25, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

*(Paul said) ...
"What therefore you
unknowingly worship,
I proclaim to you."*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14

*Praise the name
of the Lord, for
His name alone
is exalted.*

Wednesday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

*Saint Bede the Venerable,
Saint Gregory VII,
Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*

Gospel Reading
John 16:12-15

"I have much more
to say to you,
more than you can
now bear."

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time you became overwhelmed because you cannot yet fully understand something?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer and surrender to Jesus something in your life you find difficult to understand.

Saint of the Week

Saint Gregory VII



Saint Gregory VII was baptized as "Hildebrand", a name which means "a bright flame".

When he was still a deacon, he was chosen Pope in 1073 by "popular acclamation", bypassing the formal process of an election. However, due to his insistence that the law of the Church be followed, he went into hiding, and only accepted his position after the cardinals held a proper vote.

Saint Gregory VII's twelve-year term as pope is considered to be "one of the most consequential" in the history of the Roman Catholic Church because of the many reforms he initiated.



Saint Gregory VII's reforms, known collectively as the "Gregorian reform" movement, fought the many problems of the Church during the 10th and the early 11th centuries.

Saint Gregory VII fought the practice of "lay investiture", or the practice wherein powerful laymen such as kings appointed bishops and other clerics to their positions, even giving them their staff, mitre, and ring during the ceremony.

Saint Gregory VII also fought simony, or "the buying and selling of sacred offices and objects".

Reference: *Britannica* (2021), *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (1909)

May 26, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Acts 18:1-18

Crispus ... and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Thursday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

Saint Phillip Neri

Responsorial Psalm
Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel Reading
John 16: 16-20

"You shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus warn His disciples that "the world shall rejoice" while they wept? What did He urge them to do?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, offer to God a problem in your life that makes you feel sorrow, and ask Him to give you His joy.

May 27, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Acts 18:9-18

... The Lord said to (Paul) in a vision, "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 47:2-7

*Sing praise to God,
sing praise;
sing praise to our King,
sing praise.*

Friday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

*Saint Augustine of
Canterbury*

Gospel Reading
John 16:20-23

"You also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

Reflection Guide Question

How do we know for sure that, like the disciples, we will see Jesus again? What can we do to prepare?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, take a moment to think about what you can expect to experience when you finally see Jesus.

May 28, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Acts 18:23-28

When Priscilla and Aquila heard (Apollos), they took him aside and explained to him the Way of God more accurately.

Saturday of the
Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel Reading
John 16:23b-28

"The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but I will tell you clearly about the Father."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10

*God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon His holy throne.*

Reflection Guide Question

Why did Jesus speak "in figures" when He spoke about the Father?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask Jesus for guidance whenever you find it difficult to understand His words about the Father.

May 29, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Acts 1:1-11

"This Jesus, who has been taken up from you to heaven, will return the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord

Gospel Reading
Luke 24:46-53

As He blessed them,
He parted from them
and was taken up
to heaven.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9

*All you peoples,
clap your hands,
shout to God with
cries of gladness.*

Second Reading
Ephesians 1:17-23 or
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

*Christ did not enter into a
sanctuary made by hands,
a copy of the true one,
but heaven itself ...*

Reflection Guide Question

What is the personal
significance of the
ascension of Jesus
for you?

Word of the Week

ascension

/ə'sen(t)SH(ə)n/

noun

The term “ascension” refers to “the act of rising to an important position or a higher level”. In the context of the Roman Catholic Church, the term refers to the “the ascent of Christ into heaven on the fortieth day after the Resurrection”.

The term comes from the Latin intransitive verb “ascendere”, which means “to to ascend, to go up, to rise”, and from the noun “ascēnsiō”, or “ascēnsiōnem”.

ascēnsiō, ascēnsiōnem
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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, celebrated forty days after the Solemnity of Easter Sunday, is considered a “Holy Day of Obligation”. This means that all Catholics are obligated to attend Holy Mass on this day.

References: *Etymonline* (2022), *Britannica* (2022)

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Quotes of the Week

In the Creed we say that Jesus “ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father”. Jesus' earthly life culminated with the Ascension, when He passed from this world to the Father and was raised to sit on His right. What does this event mean? How does it affect our life? What does contemplating Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father mean?

Let us start from the moment when Jesus decided to make His last pilgrimage to Jerusalem. While He was “going up” to the Holy City, where His own “exodus” from





this life was to occur, Jesus already saw the destination, heaven, but He knew well that the way which would lead Him to the glory of the Father passed through the Cross, through obedience to the divine design of love for mankind. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “the lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces His lifting up by His Ascension into heaven” (n. 662).

We, too, should be clear in our Christian life that entering the glory of God demands daily fidelity to His will, even when it demands sacrifice and sometimes requires us to change our plans. The Ascension of Jesus actually happened on the



Mount of Olives, close to the place where He had withdrawn to pray before the Passion in order to remain in deep union with the Father. Once again, we see that prayer gives us the grace to be faithful to God's plan. ...

The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that He is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as He was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life, we are never alone. We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us.

We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily, and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us. Many thanks.

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: *Catechesis on the Creed—The Ascension of Jesus* (2013)





In the providence of God—in the eternal design of the Father—the hour had come for Christ to go away. He would leave His Apostles behind, with His Mother Mary, but only after He had given them His instructions. The Apostles now had a mission to perform according to the instructions that Jesus left, and these instructions were in turn the faithful expression of the Father's will. ...



After having undergone the humiliation of His passion and death, Jesus took His place at the right-hand of God. He took His place with His eternal Father. But He also entered heaven as our Head. ... For all eternity Christ takes His place as the firstborn among many brethren. Our nature is with God in Christ. As man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with Father. At the same time, from His throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness.



Because of Christ's merits, because of His intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in him. The Church may indeed experience difficulties, the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right-hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ's victory is ours. ... The efficacy of Christ's Ascension touches all us in the concrete reality of our daily lives. Because of this mystery, it is the vocation of the whole Church to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. ...

Be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ's victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. ... Renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that He can come back again and take us to Himself.

—*Saint John Paul II*

Reference: *Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord—Homily of John Paul II (1973)*



Prayer of the Week

Jesus, King of glory, You led Your disciples to as far as Bethany and ascended into heaven in their sight, have mercy. ... Jesus, You ascended far above all heavens, that You might fill all things and be head over all things for the good of Your Church, have mercy. Jesus, You ascended to Your Father and our Father, to Your God and our God, have mercy. Jesus, You



are at the right hand of God, exalted far above all rule, authority, power and dominion, and above every name that is given, have mercy.

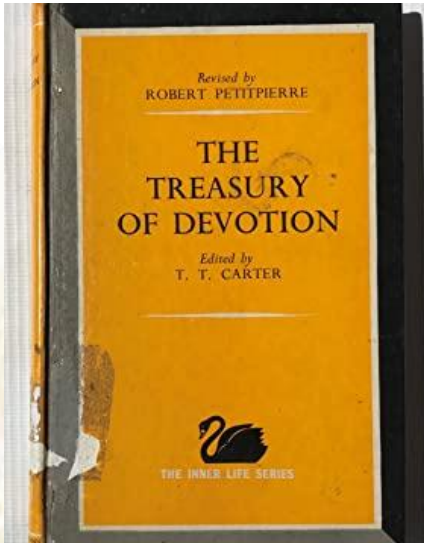
Jesus, at Your name every knee must bow, have mercy. Jesus, You are seated in glory at the right hand of the Father, have mercy. Jesus, to You all power is given in heaven and in earth, have mercy. Jesus, in Your sacred humanity You are crowned with glory and honor at the right hand of



the Majesty on high, have mercy. Jesus, You must reign until You have put all enemies under Your feet and Your kingdom shall have no end, have mercy. ...

Jesus, You have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers, have mercy. Jesus, our High Priest forever, the Mediator of the new covenant, You have entered into the true Holy of Holies, heaven itself, for us, have mercy. ... Jesus, You have gone up to heaven, and yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are really present with us in the Sacrament of the Altar, have mercy. ... Jesus, You have gone to prepare a place for us, have mercy.





Jesus, You will come again in glory to judge the world, have mercy. ... Jesus, You will receive Your own to Yourself, that they may be with You where You are to behold Your glory, have mercy.

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension, good Lord, deliver us. By Your all powerful intercession, good Lord, deliver us. By Your triumphant majesty and power, good Lord, deliver us.

—*T. T. Carter (1869)*

Reference: *The Treasury of Devotion: A Manual of Prayer for General and Daily Use (1869)*

Game of the Week

Shuffled Letters Puzzle

*The letters of each word in the Bible quotes below have been shuffled.
Rearrange the letters to reveal the quotes.*

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YB YM AFTHER.

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OUTWITH EM OUY ANC OD NTINGHO.

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MARINE NI YM LEVO.

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Last Week's Game

Caesar Shift Cipher Puzzle

The message below from Our Lady of Fatima has been encoded using a "Caesar shift cipher".

In this case, each letter has been shifted 3 letters backward.

Solve the cipher to reveal the message.

MOXV QEB OLPXOV

PRAY THE ROSARY

BSBOV AXV QL

EVERY DAY TO

LYQXFK MBXZB CLO

OBTAIN PEACE FOR

QEB TLOIA XKA QEB

THE WORLD AND THE

BKA LC QEB TXO.

END OF THE WAR.



DICES,
let us pray.