



ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS TODAY

The "Ascension" of Jesus is what we call the event that took place 40 days after Easter. Jesus went up to Heaven in the view of his disciples. We now await His return at the end of time when he will come again.



Read the Gospel and Color



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What happened on Pentecost Sunday?

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What is the Ascension of Jesus?

DURING THE WEEK

Learn this phrase from the Apostle's Creed; "He Ascended into Heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father, from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead."

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Q. 414. After Christ had remained forty days on earth, whither did He go?

A. After forty days Christ ascended into heaven, and the day on which he ascended into heaven is called Ascension Day.

Q. 415. Where did the ascension of Our Lord take place?

A. Christ ascended into heaven from Mount Olivet, the place made sacred by His agony on the night before His death.

Q. 416. Who were present at the ascension and who ascended with Christ?

A. From various parts of Scripture we may conclude there were about 125 persons -- though traditions tell us there was a greater number -- present at the Ascension. They were the Apostles, the Disciples, the pious women and others who had followed Our Blessed Lord. The souls of the just who were waiting in Limbo for the redemption ascended with Christ.

Q. 417. Why is the paschal candle which is lighted on Easter morning extinguished at the Mass on Ascension Day?

A. The paschal candle which is lighted on Easter morning signifies Christ's visible presence on earth, and it is extinguished on Ascension Day to show that He, having fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Himself and having accomplished the work of redemption, has transferred the visible care of His Church to His Apostles and returned in His body to heaven.