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The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 24, 2020

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“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory.



“EMPUJADOS” A LA MISIÓN

Hay un personaje encantado en Las historias del Dr. Dolittle llamado “Pushmi-Pullyu” [equivalente a Mempujas-Tehalo]. Es una bestia con dos mitades idénticas, con una cabeza en cada extremo. Sea cual fuera la dirección en que camina la bestia, un extremo “empuja” y el otro “hala”. La fiesta de hoy refleja algo parecido en la vida de la Iglesia. En el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, es la Ascensión de Cristo la que llama al Espíritu Santo, quien a su vez envía o “empuja” a la Iglesia a realizar su misión. Tal es el mensaje que hoy oímos decir a los ángeles cuando dicen a los amigos de Jesús que no se queden mirando hacia las nubes, sino que se pongan en acción. Es el mensaje del mismo Jesús en el Evangelio según Mateo, cuando los envía a bautizar: “yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo” (Mateo 28:20). Y es este mensaje, con fe llena de confianza en Jesús que ha ascendido con gritos de gozo, el que “nos empuja” hacia nuestro destino final. La vida del discípulo fiel, enviado al mundo con su misión, es la que un día conocerá la misma gloria resucitada y ascendida. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Ascension of the Lord

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are. ©LPi

To help prevent the further spread of illness, Christ the King Catholic Church has taken the following steps:

- ♥ Bishop George Leo Thomas has made the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the public celebration of Mass across the Diocese of Las Vegas until further notice.

Although we will not be coming together at mass each weekend, you can watch our CTK televised mass which is posted to our website at 9:30 am. <https://ctklv.org/our-community/sunday-mass-online/>

- ♥ We are filming the daily masses on Facebook Live at 8:30 each morning (Monday through Saturday. Please join us by clicking this link ... <https://www.facebook.com/ctklv>
- ♥ The Parish Office will continue to be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am until noon.
- ♥ All children's faith formation classes/programs and youth and young adult ministries and gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- ♥ Adult faith formation programs, including RCIA, Welcome Home, and Baptism Preparation meetings have been suspended until further notice.
- ♥ All meetings and gatherings of parish organization and non-parish affiliated groups are suspended until further notice.
- ♥ Outreach is by appointment only. Please call the parish office during regular office hours. We will be servicing one (1) client at a time in adherence to the practice of social distancing, processing each client as quickly as possible.

We encourage everyone to consider making their weekly contributions through our online giving options which can easily be done on the church website: www.ctklv.org

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. May God bless you and keep you and all your loved ones healthy!
Fr. Shawn

GET READY FOR THE WHOOSH

Today we're celebrating Christ going home to Heaven. His mission on earth is accomplished. The angels are cheering at his return. The souls that were waiting for many years, since the beginning of human history, for Jesus to come and re-open the way to Heaven are celebrating too from their new and eternal home—the reason for the line in the Apostles' Creed "he descended into hell".

We are also thanking Jesus for the first thing that he did, and now continues to do, as soon as he got back to Heaven. Jesus is now at His Father's right hand forever, asking him to help us get to Heaven too, and everyone we love. Like Jesus promised at the Last Supper, he and the Father are sending the Holy Spirit to help us get home by bringing us grace. Christ has ascended and now the disciples are waiting for the "whoosh" of the Holy Spirit.

In today's First Reading the disciples are still confused and have doubts, even though they've seen that Jesus has risen from the dead. They were expecting, like all of Israel expected, one big whoosh right away: they thought the Kingdom of Heaven was coming right now. They were waiting for one last bang and for everyone to be in Heaven and evil to be ended.

They ask Jesus when it's going to happen. Jesus answers: wait for the Holy Spirit to come, and they still didn't get it, which is why the angels have to tell them to move on. When Jesus tells them it's not for them to know the times or seasons, he's teaching them what the whoosh of the Holy Spirit is like: unexpected and big. The disciples thought there'd be one big whoosh and everyone would be in Heaven. Jesus is telling them to hold on to and be ready for the whoosh.

In today's Second Reading St. Paul prays that we too receive this "whoosh" of the Holy Spirit when Christ arrives home. This "whoosh" will bestow on us wisdom and revelation, not just on the level of knowledge, but in our hearts as well. Paul describes well where Our Lord is headed today: to his Father's right

hand, where he'll be put in charge of all things and be above all other powers.

It also says he's being given to us, the Church, as head over all things.

In today's Gospel Our Lord prepares the disciples, and us, for Pentecost. He may be ascending soon, but the Holy Spirit is coming in force. In the Gospel today, and for the rest of this week [or ten days], we're waiting for that first big whoosh of the Holy Spirit that came to the Church on Pentecost, which is what we'll celebrate on Pentecost Sunday.

Jesus tells the Apostles to go out and baptize the whole world. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit whooshed down on him. Whenever we receive the sacraments, whenever we pray, and whenever we love each other the same thing happens to us. The Holy Spirit also fulfills the promise Jesus made in the Gospel today: by the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine today in Mass will become the Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – and Jesus will stay with us in the Eucharist "until the end of the age" when he will return with the last big whoosh that will bring us all home to Heaven.

The two men dressed in white in today's First Reading are asking us the same thing today that they asked the Apostles, "why are you standing there?" Waiting for the whoosh doesn't mean standing around and doing nothing. The Apostles were active as they waited. They didn't know when the moment of grace, the whoosh, would come, but they knew they had to continue to do Our Lord's will. He promised them power when the Holy Spirit came, but they were already at work.

Sometimes we don't want to do anything until we perceive a whoosh: a boost of grace, some insight into Our Lord's will. We must remember that, in faith, we know the floodgate of grace is open and we are being soaked in it. He's given us the sacraments, the Scriptures, and the help of the Church. We have plenty of grace to get to work.

Until we meet again my friends,
Fr. Shawn

Parish Information

Book of Prayers: You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Book of Prayers, located as you enter the church.

Mass Intention: The suggested free will offering of each Mass intention is \$10 and will come with a card that has the name of your loved one and the date of the Mass. One intention per Mass is accepted unless two people share the same last name, husband and wife or father or mother, for example. For more information please come to the office to make your requests or call (702) 871-1904

Flowers Remembrance: The fresh flower arrangement at the altar are donated in remembrance of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers, the offering is \$100. Your special intention will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at (702) 871-1904 for details.

Prayer List: If you would like to add a name to our Prayer List, contact the parish office at (702) 871-1904 with the name of the person and how long you would like the person to remain on the list. If it is for an indefinite amount of time, please notify the parish office when you would like the name removed. Please note this list may not be in every bulletin.

Anointing of the Sick: If you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital please call (702) 871-1904 and listen to the prompts. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses. **If you are calling after hours please call (702) 871-1904 and push #4.**

Holy Communion for the Sick: If you are home-bound, please call the front office at (702) 871-1904 to coordinate a visit with an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion (you may have to provide them with the number of the parish).

Funerals: In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Fr. Shawn or a member of our staff who will talk to you directly as soon as possible at (702) 871-1904. Please be aware that a Catholic Mass can only be celebrated within a Church and not at a mortuary.

Confession: Confessions are every Saturday from 8:45 until 9:30am or if the line is finished (whichever comes first) or by appointment. Confessions in Spanish depends on the priest.

Baptism: Please contact parish at 702 871-1904, at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents and Godparents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

Marriage: Contact the parish office 8-12 months in advance. Call Deacon Jacob for details of the 6-month preparation program. For annulments also call Deacon Jacob Favela - (702) 871-1904

Other Sacramental questions:

First Communion • Reconciliation • Confirmation
Please call our Faith Formation Department
Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in earning more about the Catholic faith.
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center Room 5.
Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

Welcome Home

A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away or for adults who need to be confirmed. Fr. Shawn will be teaching this class. Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

Other Information

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada (702) 385-2662
Emergency Assistance (702) 383-2291
Catholic Charities Adoption (702) 385-3351

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Javier & Maria Lopez (702) 243-5934

GriefSHARE - Help and healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you ~ griefshare.org

Ministry to Homebound

Mel Kleinschmit (702) 871-1904

HELP & HEALING

Al-Anon - Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Room 2

Hospital Ministry (702) 871-1904

Inch for Life - Help available for unwanted pregnancies
Pro Life Office (702) 212-6472

Knights of Columbus - Al Wagner (702) 800-5965

Manna Cupboard Food Pantry (702) 871-1904

Marriage Encounter - Tom & Vickie (702) 379-2395

Project Rachel - Post Abortion Ministry (702) 737-1672

Retrouvaille - Help for troubled marriages (702) 812-8873

Social Concerns Board - Deals with parish outreach and social justice issues (702) 871-1904

Small Church Communities - Beth (702) 871-1904

Spiritual Direction - Jane Fransioli, BA.

Please call parish office to schedule an appointment with Jane (702) 871-1904

Southern Nevada Resource Center - Pro-Life counseling & ministry to the unwed mother (702) 366-1247

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Digna Gáelas (702) 742-3733



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