

The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

First reading: Acts 1, 1-11

Second reading: 1 P 1, 17-23

Resp. 47: „ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”

Gospel: Mt 28, 16-20

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension. Before leaving the earth, Christ the Lord said to the Apostles: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." When we speak of God, we often mention that He dwells in heaven. Heaven is not only the place where God, angels, and saints live, but also a state of great happiness. It is incomparable to any other happiness on earth. Today we commemorate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus, who, after thirty years of life, sat down at the right hand of God as God and Man. Jesus showed us that man can attain heaven, that it is within his reach. Let us pray today that we may be ever closer to heaven.

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

Today, the second collection will be collected for the Holy Father's pastoral purposes. The envelopes are included in the annual sets. Next Sunday, a second collection will be collected for the Renovation Fund.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 24, is the Solemnity of Pentecost, also known as Pentecost. It is also worth remembering that this Sunday marks the end of the Easter season and that it is the last moment to fulfill the Church's commandment of confession and Easter Communion.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA

At the initiative of Pope Benedict XVI, this coming Sunday we also pray for the Church in China. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI issued an Apostolic Letter in which he wrote that May 24 should be dedicated to remembrance and prayer for the Church in that country. We often forget that in many places around the world the Church is persecuted, that many Christians suffer and even give their lives for their faith in Christ. Let us offer the gift of prayer and daily remembrance for our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith; let us pray to God that they too may enjoy the Easter joy of Christ's Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass, five children, and during the 1:00 p.m. Mass, five children from our parish will also receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. First Holy Communion is a very important moment in the life of every child and their loved ones. Therefore, we wish all the children who received Christ for the first time today

to always walk with Him throughout their lives, and we entrust them to Mary, praying for the graces they need.

God bless Mrs. Teresa Berezowski and Sister Weronika for preparing the children, their commitment, and their witness of faith. We sincerely thank all who contributed in any way to preparing for this celebration.

We invite all parents with children in their First Communion attire, relatives, and friends to join us in celebrating the Eucharist during White Week – a week of joy and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. We invite you from Monday to Friday at 7:00 p.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI

The celebration of Corpus Christi will take place this year on Sunday, June 7. Due to the procession to the four altars, there will be no 1:00 PM Mass on this day. We ask the groups responsible to prepare the altars.

WEEKDAY MASSES

For the foreseeable future, weekday Masses, Monday through Friday, will be celebrated only in the evenings at 7:00 PM. On Saturdays, Masses are celebrated at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We invite you to May devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother every day at 6:30 PM. Let us participate in this prayerful adoration of the Mother of our Lord and ours.

MAY DEVOTIONS

We invite you to May devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary every day at 6:30 PM. Join us in this prayerful adoration of the Mother of our Lord and ours.

POLISH ALTAR IN MIDLAND

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs and the 70th anniversary of Polish pilgrimages to Midland. Fifty-three years ago, in 1973, the Polish Altar was built thanks to donations from the Polish community. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, the altar had to be dismantled, and we are in the process of building a new Polish altar. The altar will be completed for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will take place on Sunday, August 9th, and will be blessed by Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda, President of the Polish Episcopal Conference. The project cost \$65,000. We thank everyone who donated to the construction of the new Polish altar.

SHARE LIFE



This year's Archdiocese of Toronto ShareLife fundraising campaign is underway. Our parish has been committed to raising \$18,500 for ShareLife this year. To date, we have raised \$11,565. The final ShareLife collection will take place on Sunday, May 31st. ShareLife is celebrating 50 years of charitable giving this year. As always, let's support ShareLife and be generous.

THANKS & GRATITUDE

We thank Marian Turczyński, the electrician, who is working tirelessly to complete the replacement of old electrical wiring in the parish premises. We sincerely thank Marian for the enormous amount of work he puts into caring for our parish. We also thank Edward Milewski, Stanisław Roszak, Józef Stepień, and others for their extensive and frequent assistance.

PILGRIMAGE

Polimex invites you to a pilgrimage and trip to Sicily from September 24 to October 4. For more information, please contact Polimex offices.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Władysława & Tadeusz Idzik x2 – daughters & son
For + Krystyna Idzik – K.S.M. Idzik
In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary – K.S.M. Idzik
For God's blessing, care of the blessed Virgin Mary & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Karolina & her family - grandmother
For God's blessing, care of the blessed Virgin Mary, faith & baptism for grandchildren
In thanksgiving for the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our life – Malgosia & Bogdan Hyrniak
For + Józef Hirniak – brother with family
For God's blessing, care of the blessed Virgin Mary & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Krzysztof Hirniak – parents
For God's blessing, care of the blessed Virgin Mary & guardian angels for Malgosia, Bogdan & Krzysztof Hirniak – own
For God's blessing & care of the Virgin Mary for Ewa Hirniak - children
For + Jan Ryłski & deceased from the Ryłski family
For deceased from the Jaszcz & Szymanek families
In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Magda with family and sons Jakub & Patryk – mother
For souls in purgatory
For deceased relatives & friends
For + Józef Malinowski
For solving a difficult case

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

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Sunday, May 17

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 First Holy Communion
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 First Holy Communion
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Józef Moroz - wife

MONDAY, May 18

8:00 There is no Mass
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Józef & Stanisława Majewski, Zbigniew & Aurelia – daughter & sister

TUESDAY, May 19

8:00 There is no Mass
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Stanisław Kozacz & deceased from the Kozacz & Buldys families – sister with family

WEDNESDAY, May 20

8:00 There is no Mass
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 Multiple intentions Mass

THURSDAY, May 21

8:00 There is no Mass
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Józef Bogdanowski, Jan & Anna Zuziak and Regina & Marcin Firlejczyk - family

FRIDAY, May 22

8:00 There is no Mass
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Urszula Klimczak (3rd anniversary) – brother with family

SATURDAY, May 23

8:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for grandchildren & their parents – J.K. Armatys
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Leokadia & Stanisław Duplaga – daughters Irena & Maria

Pentecost

Sunday, May 24

8:00 For + Anna & Ludwik Magda - son
9:30 For + Stanisław Kedzior & deceased from the Kedzior & Zabkiewicz families - family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For Mirosław Pietka – wife with family
18:30 Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
19:00 For + Stanisław & Katarzyna Jankowski and Antoni & Barbara Pierog – W.W. Jankowski