

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**Faith.** *It is a short word that we simply take for granted, because we use it in many different ways on a daily basis. One of the best definitions of faith is contained in the Letter to the Hebrews: "...the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11:1). In light of this phrase, someone wrote the following reflection:*

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. It is often said that doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.

I have faith that my friend is my friend. It is possible that all his motives are ulterior. It is possible that what he is secretly drawn to is not me, but my wife or my money. But there's something about the way I feel when he's around, about the way he looks me in the eye, about the way we can talk to each other without pretense and be silent together without embarrassment, that makes me willing to put my life in his hands, as I do each time I call him friend.

I can't prove the friendship of my friend. When I experience it, I don't need to prove it. When I don't experience it, no proof will do. If I tried to put his friendship to the test somehow, the test itself would queer the friendship I was testing. So it is with the Goodness of God.

The five so-called proofs for the existence of God will never prove to the unfaithful that God exists. They are merely five ways of describing the existence of the God you have faith in already.

Almost nothing that makes any real difference can be proved. I can prove the law of gravity by dropping a shoe out the window. I can prove that the world is round if I'm clever at that sort of thing—that the radio works, that light travels faster than sound. I cannot prove that life is better than death or love better than hate. I cannot prove the greatness of the great or the beauty of the beautiful. I cannot even prove my own free will; maybe my most heroic act, my truest love, my deepest thought are all just subtler versions of what happens when the doctor taps my knee with his little rubber hammer and my foot jumps.

Faith can't prove a damned thing. Or a blessed thing either, because faith is engagement, which is more than knowledge. This is why our faith cannot be an escape from being faithful to the One who shared with us this wonderful gift.

*Fr. Slawek*

MAY 17, 2026

Attention All Parishioners.



Only animals that certified as a guide dog or a service dog are permitted in the Church. Their owners must carry proper certification on them.



All pets that do not fall under these guidelines are not permitted.

Please respect the Church and all Parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 19

9 a.m. + Repose of the soul of Roland Larochelle req. by George Larochelle

Wednesday, May 20

9 a.m. Intentions of thanksgiving.

Thursday, May 21

9 a.m.. Private Intentions.

Friday, May 22

9 a.m.

Saturday, May 23

4:30 p.m. Intentions of 65th wedding Ann. For Maria & Evarist D'Costa req. by family.

Sunday, May 24

9 a.m. Pentecost Sunday.

11 a.m. Pentecost Sunday.



Parish Summer Camp from 9 am to 3 pm.

DEADLINE: All forms and payment must be handed to Claudia Marzo NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2026

Maximum 60 children ages 4 – 13 years old per camp week

Cost \$100 per child • \$175 with 1 sibling

Summer Camp days – Week 1 - June 28– July 3

Summer Camp days – Week 2 - July 6– July 10

Summer Camp days – Week 3 - July 13– July 17

Registration forms available from Claudia Marzo



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU MOVED ALREADY?

Please contact the parish office so your records can be updated.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Spirit Conference

Holy Spirit Church

BUNDLE UP- JUNE 6-7, 2026

WE ONLY ACCEPT – All Clothing, All Footwear, All Bedding any condition. Drapery/Towels. NEW TOYS ONLY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



Holy Communion is available for home-bound registered parishioners at Holy Spirit Church. To receive the Eucharist in your home, contact the parish office and request a Home Visit Form and further information.



Children's Liturgy:

Every Sunday

9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses.

his is what God asks of you, only this... To act justly, To love tenderly, and To walk humbly with your God. micah 6:8



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Everyone welcome