# **Ascension Sunday**

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### **Gospel Reflection:**

The Ascension of our Lord is perhaps the most underrated feast in the calendar, and perhaps the least understood. Our Lord did not join Peter Pan second star to the right and straight on till morning. He did not ascend past

Jupiter, nor go swinging on stars. Rather, He entered into the eternal throne room of God. We know Moses built the tabernacle in the desert according to the pattern he saw in heaven, and Solomon built the Jerusalem Temple to the same pattern. These were images of heaven where God is worshiped by His angels. God's presence on mount Sinai, in the tabernacle, and in the Temple was experienced as a cloud of God's glory. Once a year, the high priest would enter and sprinkle the blood of the victim on the ark, God's throne, to atone for the people's sins. Now the prefigurement is fulfilled. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world: His Body is the victim. He is also the Priest, and today He brings His crucified body past the cloud into the true temple of heaven in order to present Himself before His Father. The sacrifice is perfect, and eternal. And the Father has given all things to Him. The pure, sweet, irony is that a human being has been given a place above the angels. The body of Christ has been exalted, and this is where he wants you to be with Him, sharing in His Glory. This is the hope to which we are called.

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### **Planted to Bear Fruit**

A Message from Father Kendrick

I am amazed by gardening. Throw a lifeless dry seed in the ground and soon enough this green thing breaks through the soil. It truly is remarkable. I looked at my garden the other day and was almost a little startled to see, among the unplanted weeds, the sprouts of what I planted. This is truly an image of the Resurrection.

Our Lord Himself said "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

I thought about how these little plants tell us about our current situation. This pandemic is like our being planted. There are sacrifices to be made and it may feel like being buried in the mud. The question is, will I bear fruit? Will I come out of this pandemic well rooted in Christ, drinking deeply of the Spirit, and energized by the glorious rays of Christ? I hope so.

But first I must let go of my own agenda and exclusively seek the will of our Father in heaven. It is He who provides the growth, and if we let

Him transform us, we will be surprised by what

He can do with a dried up lifeless seed.

### SUNDAY MASS LIVE STREAMED

May 24th at 11:00 am on YouTube

You can access it same way as the weekday masses: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8A-1koF5YCW 5tpwARMQlQ/videos

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Sun. May 24	For All Parishioners		Pierceland
Mon. May 25	+Clarence Welty	Bertha Hinger	Goodsoil
Tues. May 26	+Frank Muehlbauer	Phil Sopracolle	Pierceland
Wed. May 27	+Max Maier	Ada Setrakov	Loon Lake
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Fri. May 29	+Vail/Kryway Families Living and Deceased	Stephen/Jen Beler	Pierceland
Sat. May 30	+Paul Flottenmesch	Ken/Fran Schwark	Goodsoil
Sun. May 31	For All Parishioners		Loon Lake