

How Far Is Up?

It depends upon your understanding of **cosmology**, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24:51-52

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Pray the responsorial psalm today.*
- ✦ *At his ascension, Jesus said his followers would be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you one?*



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Every other Saturday Confessions - at
STM & SP 10:30-11:15

Sunday Mass - 8:30am

***Pastor of the Three Churches**

Fr. Thaddeus Tran

**** Events At Church****

Collection for St. Nicolas on Wheels
Catholic Charities



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

For All Three Churches

Emergency Number

779-248-2164

St. Thomas More Church

302 Chestnut St.

Dalzell, IL 61320

Phone: (815) 663-6201

Email: thomasmore32@gmail.com

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass -

Tues. & Fri. - 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass-5:00pm

Adoration Room

Open Monday-Sunday 9AM-6PM

**** Events At Church****

Collection for St. Nicolas on Wheels
Catholic Charities



St. Patrick Catholic Church

St. Patrick Church

(Office at Holy Trinity Church)

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL 61312

Phone: (815) 894-2006

Mail To: P.O. Box 159 Cherry 61317

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

***3 Churches Pastoral Assistant**

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****Office Hours****

Holy Trinity - Tues.-Fri. -

9am-1pm

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Daily Mass Intentions for Masses the Week of May 30, 2022

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5/31** 8:00AM **STM

6/1**5:30PM **HT (Rosary before mass)

6/2** 9:00AM **HT

6/3**8:00AM**STM

Offered For

† NO MASS

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Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of June 4-5, 2022

Saturday:

Sunday:

6/4** St. Thomas More 4:00PM

6/5**Holy Trinity, Cherry** 8:30AM

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5PM -

Offered For

† Dennis & Lori Domkuski

† Michael Campbell

† Mark Fiek

† For the Parishioners



Please contact the church office whenever a member of your family has become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home.

Growing Together in Faith

CCD Teachers Needed

2022-2023 Program

A great way to share your time and talent helping to volunteer to teach our youth in our parishes and community. Resources and lessons are available. Partner with a family member or friend. Those in need of community service hours are encouraged to volunteer. For more information contact the church office by phone @815-894-2006 or email juliehtc@outlook.com

Thank You so much!

What a great response to the furnace project donation letters. For those who have not had a chance to send in yet, we invite you to do so.

Donations may be marked and put in collection basket, mailed/dropped to HT P.O. Box 159, Cherry

Latest Offering's Weekend May 22nd

Holy Trinity -	\$772.00
St. Patrick -	\$449.00
St. Thomas More -	\$521.00



Ascension Sunday, May 29, 2022

There are two things to remember about this mystery. First, in a very real way, Jesus' ascension into heaven is the goal for each one of us. He goes before us, and we are to follow Him there. In the Ascension, the domain of God's glory is opened to us, and Jesus, in His glorified humanity, takes His rightful place at God's right hand. It is a privilege for all of us that one of our own, a man like us in all things but sin, has been so glorified. Not only that, he is calling us and interceding for us always so that we will one day join him. As the Catechism states:

"Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the 'Father's house,' to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us" (No. 661).

The second thing to remember about this mystery is that Jesus will come back. When that day comes, we should be ready. He has asked us to be his faithful disciples, living in a vital friendship with him. This is not magic, however. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit, whom each of us receives in baptism and confirmation. It also takes a lived relationship with God in prayer. Finally, Jesus expects us to be open, available and ready to cooperate with him in the mission he calls us to. Visit simplycatholic.com for more information.

Confessions

Please be reminded there will be no confessions during Fr. Thaddeus' trip to Florida. Father will hear confessions again on Sat. June 4th 10:30-11:15 at St. Thomas More Church in the hall.



Memorial Day Services Monday May 30, 2022

Services will be conducted by the Ladd American Legion in remembering our Veterans and loved ones.

8:45am—Holy Trinity Miners
Memorial Cemetery

9:45—St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery

11:15—Veterans Park in Dalzell



Bureau County Workcamp 2022

June 26 thru July 2, 2022

The work camp is intended to help those in need, the elderly and handicapped residents of Bureau County. The group helps with home repair and any other possible projects. Area churches of all faiths partner together for this community event. Anyone interested can help with repairs, donate snack, drink or lunch to working volunteers. To learn more information flyers are in back of the churches.

Dear Padre,

Why should I believe Jesus is God, the Messiah?

Jesus was a historical figure whose miracles and wise teachings were witnessed by other reliable historical figures—the apostles and other disciples. He demonstrated miraculous powers through physical healings, dislodging demons, and command over nature, such as walking on water and instantly calming a storm. Most importantly, reliable witnesses saw the risen Jesus in a glorified body after his death on the cross. Rather than deny the truth of what they saw and learned, they submitted to gruesome martyrdoms.

Our world needs a Messiah. Despite the philosophies humans have adopted throughout history, we find we are our own worst enemy. Our egoism and pride have led to conflict and inequalities, negligence and hurt. We try following worldly leaders who promise us more, but they can't rid us of the inner defect of our selfishness. Neither economic success nor military conquest bring lasting happiness. We long for more. We long to know the purpose of life, to live without dying. We long to know God.

Jesus is the Messiah we need. His teaching centers on God's love for us and the love among people as the binding force for human hearts. Jesus taught that God loves his creations so much that he forgives people even for the ultimate sin: crucifying Jesus. His plans for eternity are that we, too, shall have a resurrection in a perfected body.

The truths Jesus exemplified and taught resonate perfectly with the deepest desires of the human heart.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

What is the secret of a happy life? Recognizing Jesus, but Jesus as the living God, not as a statue. Because it is not important to know that Jesus was great in history....what matters is the place I give him in my life, the place I give to Jesus in my heart.

ANGELUS, JUNE 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or

Rom 12:9-16

Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday

JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

JUNE 2

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

JUNE 5

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26