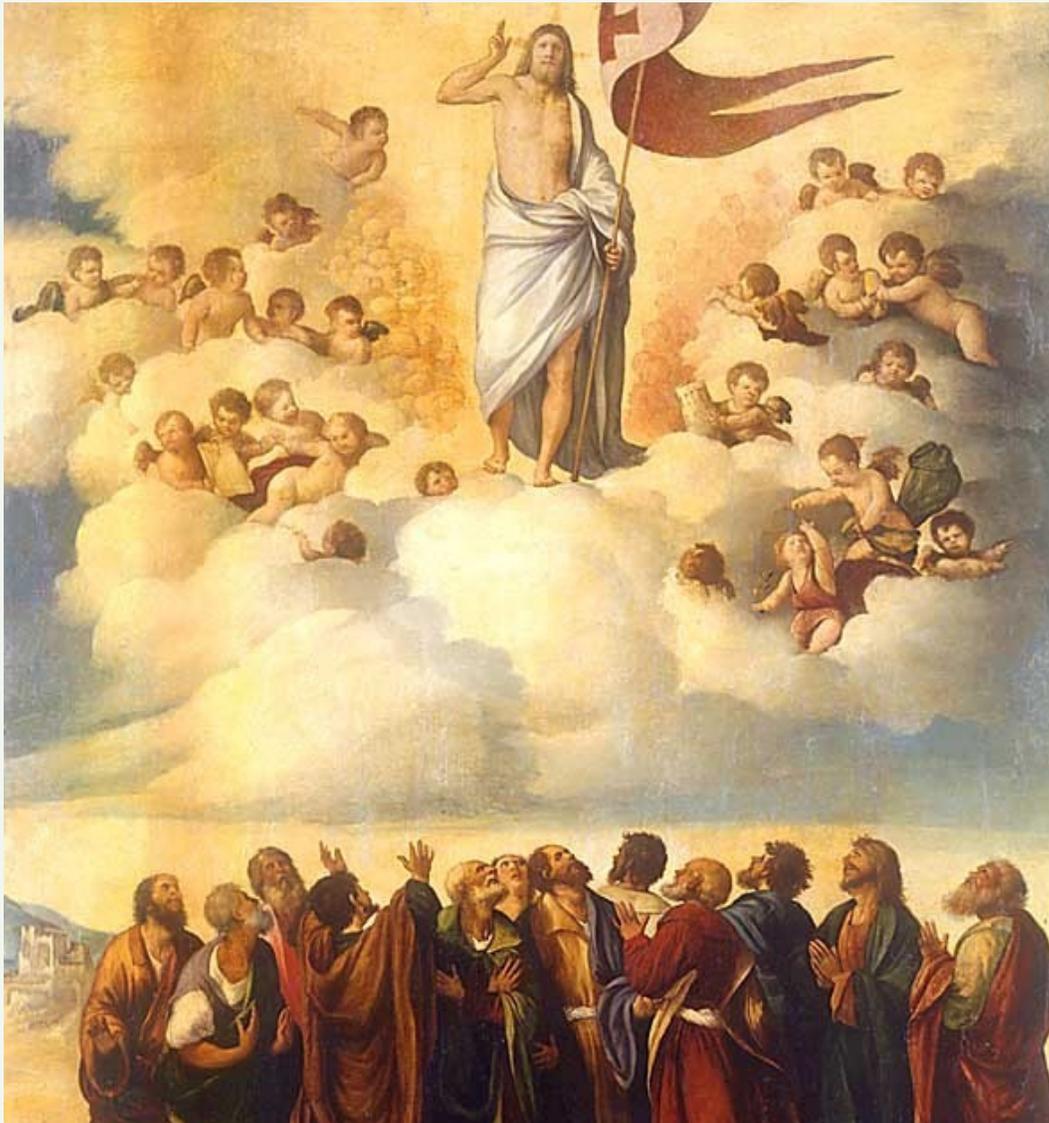


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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

MAY 29 , 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Ascension

Pietro Perugino, 1510

*“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.”*

Jn 17:20-26

## SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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P: 617-523-2110

### Mass Schedule

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| Saturday | 5:00 PM            |
| Sunday   | 9:00 AM            |
|          | 10:30 AM (Italian) |
|          | 12:00 Noon         |
| Mon-Fri  | 8:15 AM            |
|          | 12:05 PM           |

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:15-5 PM

and upon request

## SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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### Mass Schedule

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Saturday  | 4:00 PM  |
| Sunday    | 11:00 AM |
| Thurs-Fri | 7:30 AM  |

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

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Rev. Father Robert Caprio, OFM

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Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

## SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

### SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

**7:50 AM Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated every  
weekday followed by 8:15 AM mass**

**Mon - Fri** 7:50 AM Liturgy of the Hours

8:15 AM Mass

11:30 AM Rosary

12:05 Mass

**Monday** 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Tuesday** 12:30 PM St Anthony Novena

**Wednesday** 12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph

1st Wed of every month

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

**Thursday** Pure in Heart Young Adults

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

**Friday** 12:30-3:30 PM Adoration

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



# SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

## Mass Intentions May 29 - June 4

### May 29 - Sunday

**9:00am** - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family & Varano Family; Jan Nix, Sandra Ricci; Laurie Amsaldi-Atkinson; Salvatore & Michelina Torra; deceased members of the D'Amore; Tizzano & Fiore family; Ann Marie Mottola; Debbie Gallagher; Megan Concannon

**10:30am** - Christopher Iannella

**12:00pm** - All souls of Elda Federico family; Jesus "Butch" Maddela; For the heavenly birthday of Rick Anzilotti; Bart & Ernie Albano; The Lupo Family; Deceased Members of the North End Post 144 "Veterans of Foreign Wars"

### May 30 - Monday

**8:15am** - Pasquale Varone

**12:05pm** - Deceased members Of the North End Post 144 "Veterans of Foreign Wars"

### May 31 - Tuesday

**8:15am** - Intention - Mary J (Carroll) Toomey - From Anthony C.

**12:05pm** - Bridget Williams

### June 1 - Wednesday

**8:15am** - For the recovery of Janine Martignetti

**12:05pm** - Clementine & Francesco Federico

### June 2 - Thursday

**8:15am** - Megan Concannon

**12:05pm** - Intentions of Joseph V. Federico

### June 3 - Friday

**8:15am** - For The sick & the poor

**12:05pm** - Intentions of Anna Keane

### June 4 - Saturday

**5:00pm** - Filomena & Alfredo Frasca; Pasquale Pezzano; Albina "Tina" Giardiello



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 29 - June 4 at Saint Leonard Church for Phyllis Rugnetta



# MEDITATIONS

## UNITY AND PERFECTION IN CHRIST

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one...” John 17:20–22

What an amazing prayer! Don’t miss the meaning of this prayer. This is Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer that He prayed just before He was arrested. This prayer concludes the Last Supper at which Jesus instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. It is truly His Eucharistic prayer that culminates in the offering of His life on the Cross. This prayer is not only a prayer; it is also a teaching about the life that we are invited to share in with our Lord.

Note that in the passage quoted above, Jesus prayed not only for the disciples, “but also for those who will believe in me through their word.” In other words, Jesus was praying for you and for everyone who would hear and respond to the Gospel. And His prayer was that you share in the perfect union that Jesus shares with the Father. He prayed that all may be one in the same way that He and the Father are one. Again, this is an amazing prayer!

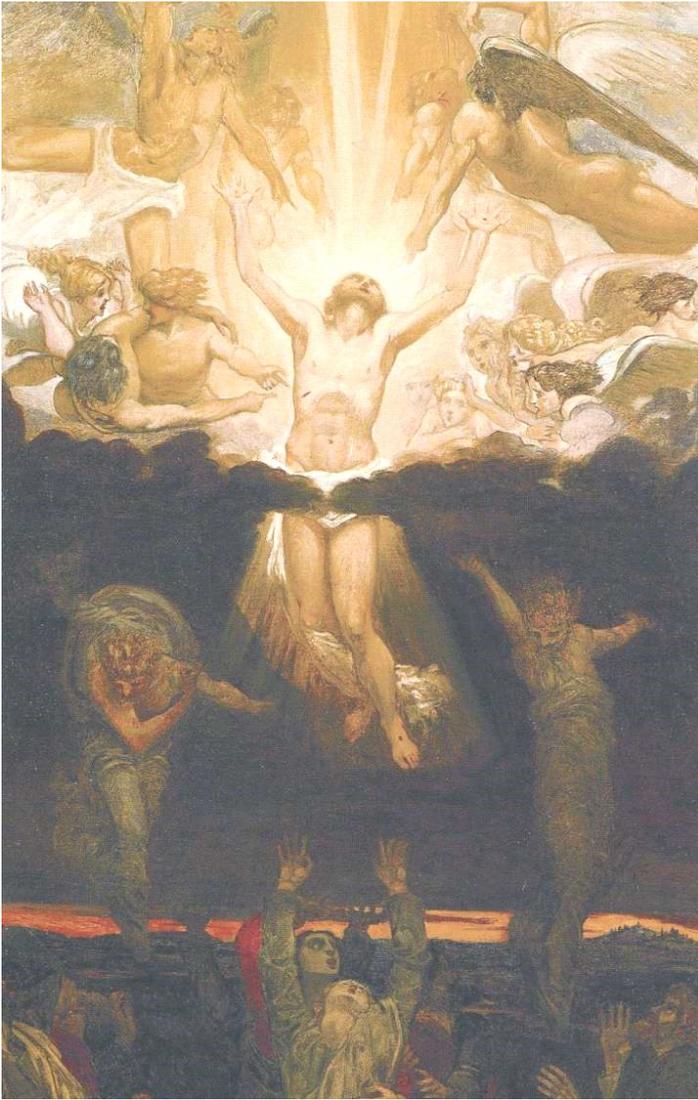
To begin, it is important to understand the concept of unity. Deep within each of us is a longing to be united to another. The draw to marriage, the love of a parent and child, the desire for friends, and the bonding together as a community all point to this desire. We want unity. We want to be one. Unfortunately, our natural ability to form a holy union with others was deeply wounded by Original Sin. For that reason, the most central mission of the Son of



God was not only to restore that which was lost, but to transform it into something even greater. Now, because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are not only able to live in peace with each other, we are also able to share in a new spiritual union with God Himself. This union goes to the heart and soul of who we are.

Look within you and try to discover the innate desire you have for communion with others. When properly understood, pondering this desire is very consoling and enticing. If you can separate selfishness, lust, and possessiveness from the equation, you are left with a very holy desire for union with others. Try to discover this desire within.

As you discover this desire that God placed within you, learn from Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer. Understand that this desire is only completely fulfilled by entering into the life and unity of the Most Holy Trinity. We are called to share in God’s very life. When that happens, we also share in a perfect and holy union with one another. In this life, a holy marriage is an earthly prefiguration of that union that is to come. In Heaven, the divine marriage to which we are called will enable us to fulfill every human desire we have.



Reflect, today, upon the draw you have within you to live in union with others. As you ponder this desire, know that it can only be fulfilled by accepting the invitation from the Most Holy Trinity to share in Their divine life. Prayerfully read Jesus' prayer to the Father and know that He was praying this for you. Join with Him in this prayer and make it your own so that your every human desire will begin to be fulfilled in God.

Most Holy Trinity, You have invited me to share in Your glorious life. You invite me to share in the unity that You share. Please purify me of every selfish desire and fill me with a desire only for You. May this union with You perfectly fulfill me and enable me to obtain true unity with others. Jesus, I trust in You.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

All masses are transmitted on our Facebook page "St Leonard's Parish, North End, Boston"



Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



## ST LEONARD PARISH MAY OFFERTORY

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|---------|----------|
| Week 1: | \$ 3,711 |
| Week 2: | \$ 3,240 |
| Week 3: | \$ 2,167 |
| Week 4: | \$ 2,425 |

May Monthly Budget: \$ 12,151

St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM

Schedule subject to change

## Attention Volunteers



\*This course is required for all volunteers at St. Leonard's Parish. You only need to take it once.

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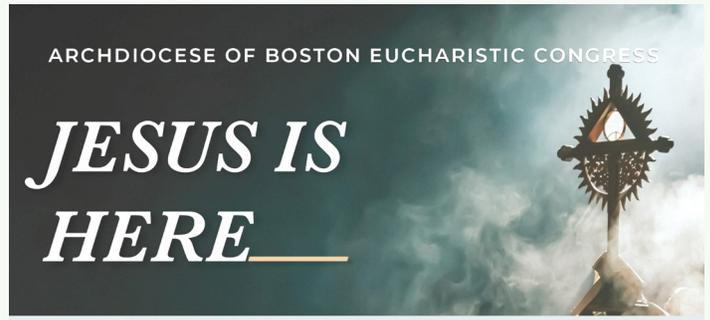
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### Celebration of the Transitus

Sunday, June 12, 2022

8:00 pm

Join the parish family of Saint Leonard's as we commemorate the final moments of Saint Anthony's earthly life. The celebration of the Transitus is a moving tribute to Saint Anthony's time on earth and encounter with sister death.

### Feast Day of Saint Anthony

Monday, June 13, 2022

8:15 am Mass

12:05 pm Mass

5:00 pm High Mass

6:00 pm Procession

The High Mass will be followed by a candle-lit procession through the streets of the North End. Led by the majestic wood-carved statue of Saint Anthony, the procession will include the Franciscan Friars, Devotees, and the Italian-American Band of Lawrence.

### Saint Anthony Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, June 18, 2022

6:00 pm

\$15 per person

Parish Hall

Join fellow parishioners of Saint Leonard's as we celebrate a traditional spaghetti dinner for the end of Saint Anthony's Feast Day celebrations.

## Theology of the Body

Retreat @St. Leonard's Parish, Boston

Friday, 6/10, 6 pm - 9:30 pm; Saturday, 6/11, 8 am - 1pm

For young adults (18-35) to dive deeper into the knowledge of who they were created to be. We will have speakers, food, Adoration, and time to socialize! If you are seeking spiritual growth, knowledge on how to glorify God through our bodies, and how to attain the greatest Theological virtue, charity, then this conference is for you!

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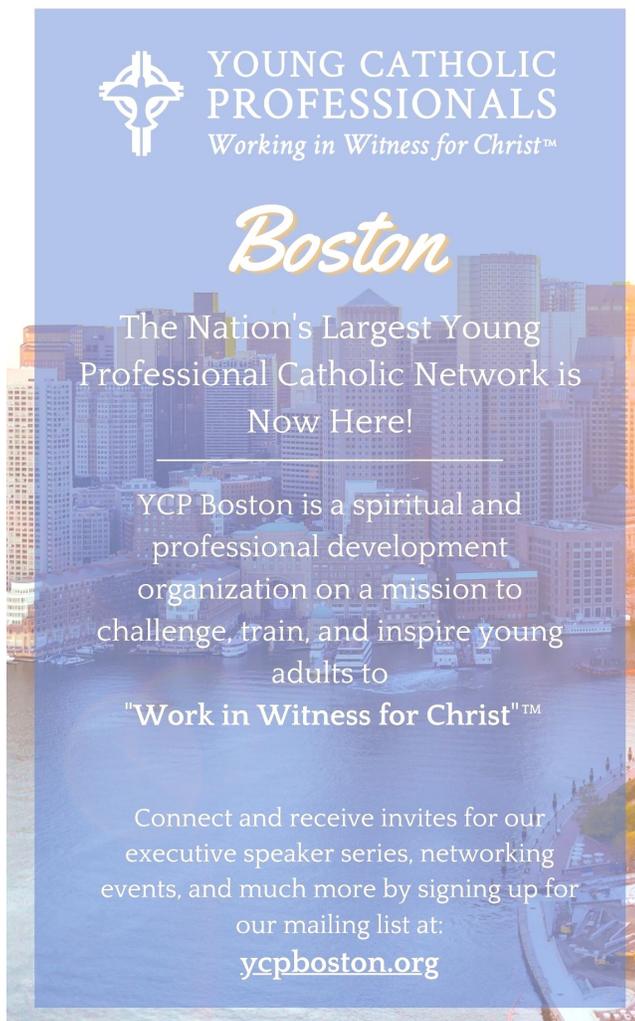
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Friday, June 17th, 2022 at 5:00pm  
Cathedral of the Holy Cross  
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## EVENING WITH MARY

Tuesdays & Saturday via Zoom call or Tuesdays In person, join us at St Leonard's Church from 5:00-7:15 PM in celebrating the Eucharist, reciting the rosary and at 6:40 PM a virtual meeting with Ivan, the visionary from Medjugorje. The evening concludes with a benediction after ten minutes of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Because the prayer service will be live streamed internationally, arrive before 5:00PM.

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## 13-TUESDAY SAINT ANTHONY'S NOVENA

Join the parish family of Saint Leonard's on the solemn commemoration of Blessed Anthony of Padua through the 13-Tuesday Novena. The novena will take place every Tuesday following the 12:05 pm Mass for 13 weeks leading up to Saint Anthony's Feast Day celebrated on Monday, June 13th, 2022.



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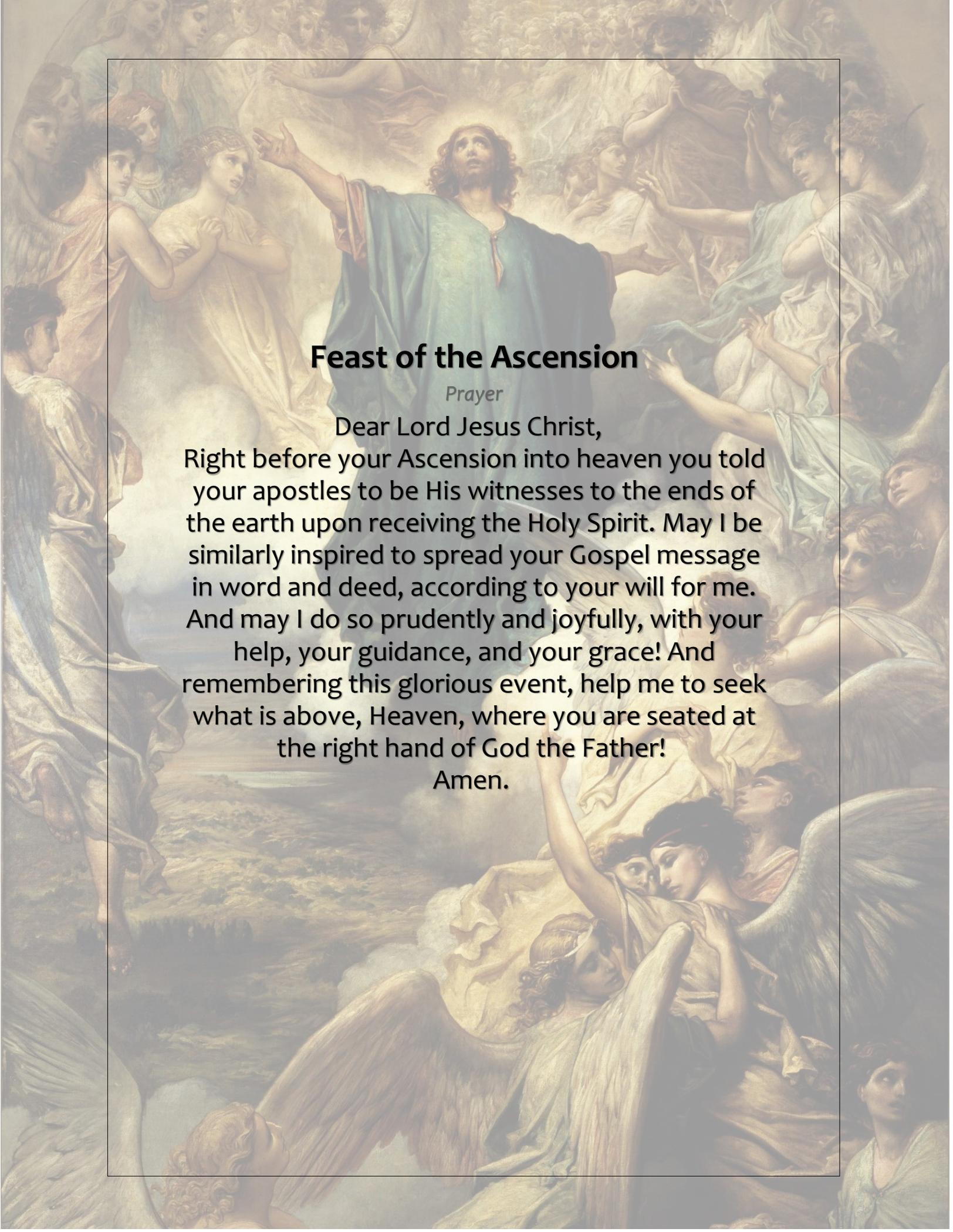
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*Prayer*

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Right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. And may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!  
Amen.