



The Feast of Ascension Year C 2025

Dear beloved Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate that day when Jesus Christ, having risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples with his gift of peace and his command to preach to all the nations, ascended to heaven to be with the Father forever. The portion of his mission which required his physical presence here on earth had ended, but the mission was far from over. It was entrusted first to his disciples, then in turn to every baptized Christian.

Since Saint Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles as well as his Gospel, and today's readings include the last two paragraphs of his Gospel and the first two paragraphs of Acts, we get to hear consecutive passages from scripture. In both, Jesus calls upon his disciples to be witnesses on his behalf all over the earth. But he does not leave them orphans. He will remain with them through the power of the Holy Spirit, who will come upon them before they depart from Jerusalem. Let us pray today for the faith, the courage and the wisdom to carry on Christ's mission in our world today.

And speaking of the mission. . .

We continue to make impressive progress on the Bishops Annual Appeal 2025 campaign. We were able to reach our target in a very timely manner of three weeks.

You might remember that last year, from what we received back from the diocese, we focused on the Church and our Mary Garden. This year, the dollar amount over and above our goal will go towards some improvements in our St. Ambrose Parish Activity building (exterior painting, signage and new windows).

We are so impressed by the powerful family Spirit of St. Ambrose parishioners! If we continue to work together in this generous way, the Spirit of Jesus will make our parish shine and become more and more truly the best home for all of us.

May God bless you all! Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike

