



the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

# JESUS

17

MAY 2026

*was taken up into*  
**HEAVEN**





# 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2026

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord, celebrated 40 days after Easter, marks Jesus ascending body and soul into Heaven from the Mount of Olives. It signifies the end of his earthly ministry, his enthronement at God's right hand, and is considered a holy, often-overlooked event that Bridges his resurrection and Pentecost.

Here are little-known facts about the Ascension:



### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 5/18: Henry Lech  
Theodore Otero
- 5/19: Judy Ray
- 5/20: Caitlin Kingan
- 5/21: Dianne Bakarian  
Brad Mason  
Mike Martin  
Dan Herschberger  
Mason Brown
- 5/22: Dagen McVoy
- 5/23: Edwidge Burke  
Nancy Cravey  
Paul Wicks

**Physical Evidence:** Inside the Chapel of the Ascension in Jerusalem, a stone is believed to contain an imprint of Jesus' right footprint—the last place he stood on earth.

**A Shared Holy Site:** Although a Christian shrine, the site of the Ascension is currently under Islamic jurisdiction but remains open to all faiths.

**Symbolic "Agency":** In Jewish tradition, an agent who completes a mission returns to the sender; the Ascension fits this, with Jesus returning to the Father to report completion of his earthly mission.

**"Ascensiontide":** The 10-day period between the Ascension and Pentecost is known as Ascensiontide, a time historically marked by anticipation and prayer.

**Rare Mention:** Despite its significance, the actual event is narrated in only two places - the end of Luke and the beginning of Acts - totaling just seven verses in the Bible.

**Ancient Celebrations:** Historically, the day was marked by jubilant processions with torches, banners, and candles, with priests blessing fields and crops.

**The Second Footprint:** While one footprint is in the Chapel on the Mount of Olives, tradition holds that the rock containing the other footprint was removed centuries ago and is located in a mosque in Jerusalem.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offertory for **May 10, 2026**  
 In-Church Offering: \$8,164.00  
 Online Offering: \$4,920.75  
 Total Offertory: **\$13,084.75**

**2026 C.S.A. Campaign as of May 10, 2026**  
 Pledged: \$115,994  
 Given: **\$98,477**  
 Families Participating: **122**

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

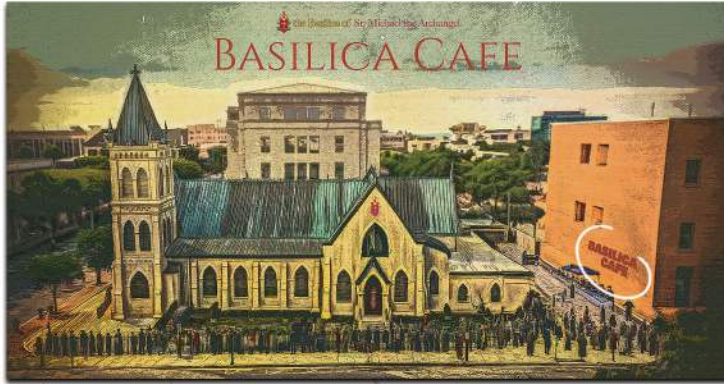
The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at [stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.



## BASILICA CAFE SERVES THE POOR JUNE 17TH AT 6:00 PM

Parking Lot Behind Basilica  
Volunteers Needed

(Grilled Meats Cooked On-site)

MENU:  
**HAMBURGERS**  
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**DESERTS**

Contact: Greg Stone - 850.512.0162  
Email: [gcwstone1@gmail.com](mailto:gcwstone1@gmail.com)

\*This will become a monthly Outreach for the Poor Ministry

## Catholic Communications Campaign

### 2024 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS: \$3,486,439

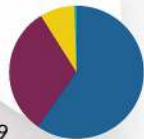
Media Evangelization*	\$2,085,641	59.82%
News and Information Services†	\$1,096,038	31.44%
Web-Based Communications Resources	\$293,663	8.42%
Building Media Capacity Grants	\$11,097	0.32%

### EXPENSES

USCCB Internal Grants†	93.17%
Promotion & Fundraising Expenses	6.09%
Program Costs	0.48%
Grants and Donations	0.27%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,731,462</b>

\* Includes funding for resource production and for distribution of print and electronic media from the USCCB.

† Includes funding to support Catholic News Services' coverage of Pope Leo XIV and his global ministry to share the mercy of God and the hope of the Gospel.



Liturgies & Mass Intentions for  
the **Week of MAY 17, 2026**

### 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(9 AM)

*Mae & Larry Myrick †*

(11 AM)

*For the People of the Basilica*

### MONDAY

*Emily Richardson*

### TUESDAY

*Anniversary of Dion and Trina Vigil*

### WEDNESDAY

*Arlene Zinkland †*

### THURSDAY

*Alvera Lostetter †*

### FRIDAY

*Angela Maria Rosasco †*

Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall



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