

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD...

Happy Sunday to all!

As a Catholic Christian family, we joyfully celebrate this feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

Jesus, having completed his mission here on earth, returns to his rightful place at the right hand of the Father.

Each and every one of us surely remembers happy times in our lives, our achievements: acquiring a car, winning a soccer game, the birth of a child, etc.

But perhaps one of the greatest joys we can experience is when we complete a project or a stage in our lives, one in which we have invested effort, time, and dedication.

At this moment, I think of the day of my priestly ordination, an immense joy; but it was not only a personal triumph, it was the fulfillment of my parents' prayers, the dedication of my teachers, and the prayers of the entire Church.

Thus, Jesus, having completed his mission here on earth, which he accomplished... With his disciples, he now returns to our Heavenly Father.

This feast reminds us of four important points:

First, to nourish our hope and our faith: Jesus is with us every day until the end of the world.

Second, all power in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus; at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow.

Third, before departing, Jesus gives us a command: baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; in other words, to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection. It is to share the faith, the joy of knowing we are loved and accompanied by Jesus.

And finally, to become aware that we are called to be with Christ in eternity. Our ultimate goal is to return to the Father's house.

That is why we ask for the intercession of our Mother in Heaven, the Virgin Mary, so that, as witnesses of Christ, strengthened in faith and hope, we may share the faith we have freely received. Amen