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We just celebrated Jesus' Ascension into Heaven to be at the right hand of the Father.

Why is the Ascension Important for us?

By Ascending into Heaven JESUS brings us into a deeper Union with Himself. Even though it appears Jesus is going away, in reality He will become more available to us by sending the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In Acts (1st Reading) Jesus is taken up into The Glory Cloud. The Ascension allows our lowly humanity to be raised up into the very Glory of God, to know and be intimate in the Life of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the Ascension, we are now connected to the inner life of the Triune God.

A NEW WAY OF "BEING WITH" AND EXPERIENCING GOD

The Incarnation and Ascension are Bookends.

The Incarnation revealed that God could become flesh and dwell among men. The Ascension revealed that man could be divinized and dwell eternally with God (CCC 1988, 2670).

The Ascension tells us it is not all about this world. Upon death we shall be raised up to a place where we will ultimately be completed in Jesus.

Earlier this week we read in John (chap. 10): "Jesus said to his disciples: 'A little while longer and you will no longer see me.'" Jesus says this more than once.

What does this "Little While" mean for us?

"This Little While Longer" is the period from the Ascension to the Second Coming of Jesus. The time of JESUS' Church gathering souls as His Instrument of Salvation, Reconciliation and Healing.

So Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit, which now makes Him present on every Altar, at every Mass, in every Tabernacle and Monstrance, and in every Catholic Church all over the world. Jesus is now present within us (Thy Kingdom Come)!

At Mass I watched people coming to receive the Eucharist and/or be blessed by the priest. How much more intimate can our Lord be? After the Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit, Jesus allows us to be Blessed by Him, to receive Him, and to adore Him in His "Real Presence."

Please attend Mass, receive our Lord in the Eucharist, and Adore and spend time with Him in our Chapel. You cannot get more intimate than this, all because Jesus ascended into Heaven. What a gift.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Vic Gournas