



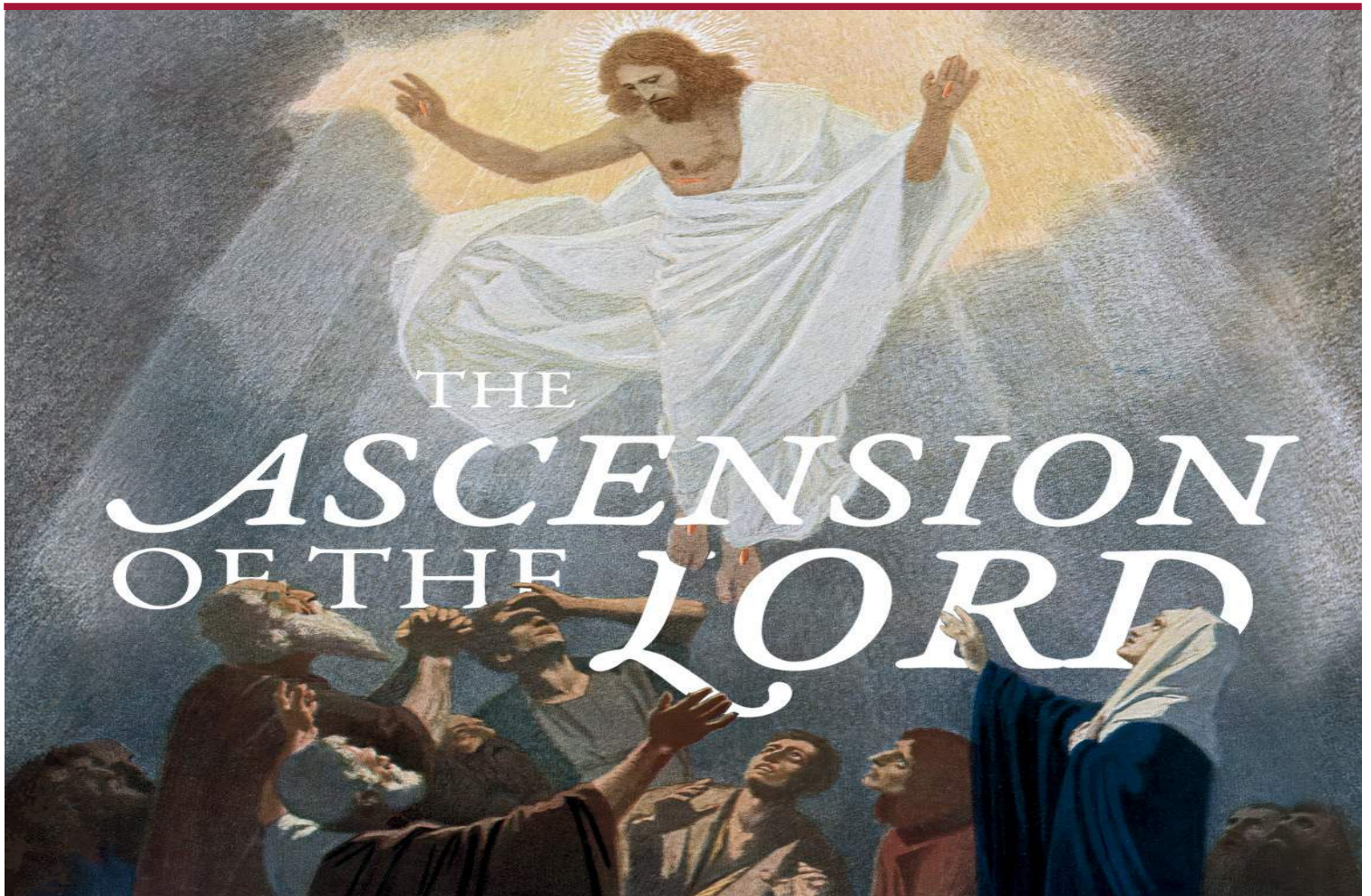
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MAY 17, 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR



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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Time	Language
6:15 am	English
8:00 am	English
5:30 pm	Español

SATURDAY

Time	Language
8:00 am	English
5:00 pm	English (<i>Saturday Vigil</i>)

SUNDAY

Time	Language
7:30 am	English
9:00 am	English
10:30 am	English
12:30 pm	Español
5:30 pm	English
7:00 pm	Italiano (<i>1st Sunday, Monthlily</i>)

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Priests are available to hear Confessions every Saturday morning, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the church or by private appointment.



CHURCH OF THE LITTLE FLOWER - REILLY PARISH CENTER

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
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To our newly Baptized,
welcome to the Catholic Church!

- Giancarlo Freire
- Damian Ambrose Pecha



Congratulations and
God's blessings to our
newly married couples:

- Mustapha Bouzid, Molly Katherine McVeigh
- Leslie Pantin/Gabriela Bolado
- Damian Cuesta/Alexandra Wallery



Rest in Peace.
Let us pray for our
recently deceased:

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least two (2) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/baptism for more information.
- Arreglos de bautizos se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con dos (2) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/baptism para mas información.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

- Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office at least six (6) months in advance. Visit cotlf.org/weddings for more information.
- Arreglos de bodas se deben hacer en la oficina por lo menos con seis (6) meses de anticipación. Visitar cotlf.org/weddings para mas información.

SIGNS OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

MAY 10TH

Attendance:	2,838
In-Church Collection:	\$ 11,718
Online Giving Offertory:	\$ 19,592
Drop-off/Mail-in Offering:	\$ 2,167
Children's Collection:	\$ 831
Devotional Candles:	\$ 612
Poor Box/Charities:	\$ 449
Mother's Day:	\$ 3,471

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Weekend Total: \$ 38,840

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 5:00 pm (Vigil) + Frank Fonseca
 7:30 am + Joan Tyne O'Rourke
 9:00 am Mother's Day Novena
 10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Blanca Gomez
 5:30 pm + Andrew Cabrera
 7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

Monday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of St. John I, Pope and Martyr

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH

Tuesday of Week VII of Easter

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am Martha and Jorge Luis Pollo's Wedding Anniversary
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH

Wednesday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Bernardina Abreu
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST

Thursday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am Adriano Garcia's Health
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

Friday of Week VII of Easter / Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

- 6:15 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 8:00 am + Maria Ruiz
 5:30 pm (Spanish) *Misa Comunitaria*

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

Saturday of Week VII of Easter

- 8:00 am + Manuel Carta

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

- 5:00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of the Murdock Family
 7:30 am Aiden Young's Birthday
 9:00 am Intentions of the Murdock Family
 10:30 am *Missa Pro Populo* - For All Members of Our Parish Family
 12:30 pm (Spanish) + Maria de los Angeles Jimenez
 5:30 pm + Rosa Diaz
 7:00 pm (Italian) Celebrated only on First Sundays, Monthly

SUNDAYS

- 11:30 am Carmel of Elijah (Cafeteria) - *Once Monthly*
 1:30 pm Homeless Ministry Service Outing (Varies) - *Once Monthly*

MONDAYS

- 10:00 am Seekers Bible Study (Morras Conf. Room & Zoom) - *Biweekly*
 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
 7:00 pm Talleres de Oracion y Vida (Chapel Conf. Room)
 7:30 pm Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio (Morras Conf. Room)
 7:30 pm Emaus de Hombres (Reilly Conf. Room)

TUESDAYS

- 7:45 am That Man is You Men's Group (Comber Hall)
 8:30 am Holy Face Devotion (Church)
 7:00 pm OCIA Adult Formation Classes (STS Cafeteria)
 7:30 pm Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary House)
 8:00 pm English Charismatic Prayer (Chapel Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAYS

- 4:00 & 6:30 pm Religious Education Classes (St. Theresa School)
 7:30 pm Women's Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
 8:00 pm Oración Carismática en Español (Morras Conf. Room)

THURSDAYS

- 7:45 am Walking with Purpose Women's Group (Comber Hall)
 6:00 pm Amor en Accion (Morras Conf. Room) - *Biweekly*
 7:00 pm Schola Cantorum / Parish Choir (STS Music Room)
 7:00 pm Scouts (Cafeteria)
 7:30 pm Men's English Emmaus (Reilly Conf. Room)
 8:00 pm Communion & Liberation (Chapel Conf. Room)

FRIDAYS

- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Reilly Conf. Room) - *3rd Friday*
 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (STS Cafeteria) - *2nd & 4th Friday*
 6:30 pm Singles Ministry (STS Cafeteria)
 8:00 pm Marriage Covenant (Zoom)

SATURDAYS

- 7:00 am First Saturday Devotion / Rosary (Church)
 9:00 am Baptism Preparation Classes (Reilly Parish Center)

OTHER MINISTRIES

- Grieving with Great Hope Bereavement Ministry
 Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, EMHCs, Lectors, Ushers)

Greyed out ministries are not currently meeting.
 Visit www.cotlf.org/ministries for more details about each group.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Ascension of the Lord - Year A, Missal Page 250-255

- Sunday Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20
 Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends:

As we gather to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, I wanted to share some news that we as a parish have been accustomed to receiving every two years. Next month, our parochial vicar, Fr. David Zallocco, will be transferred to St. Bonaventure Parish in Davie. This change will take place on June 15th. Fr. David arrived at Little Flower as a newly ordained priest, and you welcomed him with open arms, you hosted him in your homes for dinner, and more importantly, received from him the Bread of Eternal Life at the altar. We are grateful to Father for beginning the Mass in Italian here in our parish on First Sundays which will continue. As his brother priest and pastor, I am indebted to him for his hard work doing things that go unseen, especially caring for the sick of the parish. I mentioned this in Mass this past Monday which providentially was the anniversary of ordination that Father David and I share: "el sacerdote se gasta por su pueblo" which roughly translates to "the priest expends himself for his people." And Father David has done just that for the good people of Little Flower. We are going to miss him and his dedication to our parish and school, and pray for his new ministry as the parochial vicar at St. Bonaventure. His last weekend of Masses will be Father's Day weekend.

So, your next question is probably, "who is succeeding Father David?" We are getting another young, dynamic priest in Father Andrew Vitrano who is currently ministering in St. Louis Parish in Pinecrest. He was ordained 3 years ago and is a product of our local Catholic schools. He attended St. Mark's Catholic School and graduated from Archbishop McCarthy High School in Broward County. I ask you to please pray for both Father David and Father Andrew as they embark on their new pastoral assignments.

Since this is a time of transition for many priests throughout the Archdiocese, I ask you to please say the following prayer for your priests from our patroness. We need your prayers. We feel your prayers. And we thank you for your constant prayers.

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter
of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister
be their joy and consolation here
and in heaven their
beautiful and everlasting crown.

--St. Therese of Lisieux's Prayer for Priests

God bless you all,

Fr. Manny



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PARROCO

Mis Queridos Amigos:

Mientras nos reunimos para celebrar la Ascensión del Señor este fin de semana, quería compartir algunas noticias que como parroquia hemos estado acostumbrados a recibir cada dos años. El mes que viene, nuestro vicario parroquial, el padre David Zalocco, será trasladado a la parroquia de San Buenaventura en Davie. Este cambio tendrá lugar el 15 de junio. El padre David llegó a Little Flower como sacerdote recién ordenado, y lo recibiste con los brazos abiertos, lo recibiste en vuestras casas para cenar y, lo más importante aún, recibisteis de él el Pan de la Vida Eterna en el altar. Estamos agradecidos al padre por comenzar la misa en italiano aquí en nuestra parroquia los primeros domingos, que continuará. Como su hermano sacerdote y párroco, le estoy en deuda por su arduo trabajo haciendo cosas que pasan desapercibidas, especialmente cuidando a los enfermos de la parroquia. Mencioné esto en la misa del pasado lunes, que providencialmente fue el aniversario de la ordenación que el padre David y yo compartimos: "el sacerdote se gasta por su pueblo", que se traduce aproximadamente como "el sacerdote se dedica por su pueblo". Y el padre David ha hecho precisamente eso por la buena gente de Little Flower. Le vamos a echar de menos y a su dedicación a nuestra parroquia y escuela, y oraremos por su nuevo ministerio como vicario parroquial en San Buenaventura. Su último fin de semana de misas será el fin de semana del Día del Padre.

Así que, tu siguiente pregunta probablemente sea: "¿quién sucederá al padre David?" Vamos a recibir a otro sacerdote joven y dinámico, el padre Andrew Vitrano, que actualmente está ministrando en la parroquia de St. Louis en Pinecrest. Fue ordenado hace 3 años y es producto de nuestras escuelas católicas locales. Asistió a la escuela católica St. Mark's y se graduó en el instituto Archbishop McCarthy en el condado de Broward. Les pido que por favor oren por el padre David y el padre Andrew mientras comienzan sus nuevas tareas pastorales.

Dado que este es un tiempo de transición para muchos sacerdotes en toda la Arquidiócesis, les pido que reciten la siguiente oración por vuestros sacerdotes de parte de nuestra patrona. Necesitamos vuestras oraciones. Sentimos vuestras oraciones. Y os damos las gracias por vuestras oraciones constantes.

Oh Jesús, sacerdote eterno,
mantengan a sus sacerdotes bajo el refugio de su
Sagrado Corazón,
donde nadie pueda tocarlas.
Mantén sin manchas sus manos ungidas,
que cada día tocan Tu Sagrado Cuerpo.
Mantén sus labios intactos,
cada día púrpura con tu Preciosa Sangre.
Guardad puro y sobrenatural sus corazones,
sellado con la sublime marca del sacerdocio.
Deja que tu santo amor los rodee y
protégelos del contagio del mundo.
Bendice su trabajo con abundante fruto y
Que las almas a las que sirven sean su alegría y
consuelo aquí y en el cielo sus hermosas y
Corona eterna.

-Oración de Santa Teresa de Lisieux por sacerdotes

Que Dios los bendiga a todos,

Fr. Manny

SPRING CONFIRMATION MASS

This Wednesday, May 20th, we welcome Archbishop Wenski back to the parish as he celebrates the Conferral of Confirmation upon 67 candidates from our Parish Religious Education program, our Adult OCIA program, and several parishioners from local Catholic high schools.

13 Candidates will also be receiving their First Holy Communion.

The Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm and parishioners are welcome.

Please keep these men and women in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and complete their Sacraments of Initiation.



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Since we started praying together as a parish on the Hallow Prayer App last August, COTLF Parishioners have completed over 74,000 prayers, logging close to 800,000 minutes spent in prayer for one another and our special intentions!

As we continue our celebration of the Easter season, we invite you to join the COTLF Parish Page on the Hallow Prayer App to gain access to simple prayers you can add to your daily routine, special parish prayer challenges which we'll launch around major feasts and celebrations, and so much more! Parishioners can stay on the free plan for access to the primary prayer features or can optionally subscribe to the premium plan with a special parishioner discount when you join the Parish Page.

Sign up now on the Hallow App on your device or at Hallow.com!



2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This weekend's special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions.

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected stay in the local diocese to support local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

Please help support the Catholic Communications Campaign through the in-pew collection this weekend or give online now.



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La inscripción del retiro esta disponible en el sitio web de la iglesia.

Escanee el código QR o visita a www.cotlf.org/emaushombres

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Building on Our Legacy

www.cotlf.org/centennial

CAMPAIGN PROJECT UPDATES

- Final Inspections have begun in the church and we are now nearing 100% completion of the church renovation scope of work!
- The Pipe Organ continues to be voiced and tuned daily, with new pipes, ranks, and voices begin added regularly. The organ will be used occasionally during Sunday liturgies moving forward to give the team from Fisk an opportunity to listen to the organ in the room filled with people, assisting them with the fine-tuning of the instrument.
- Over the upcoming summer break, Comber Hall will be receiving a long-overdue repainting of its exterior, completing the next of the Centennial Campaign projects that were promised.
- The contractor selection process is now also getting underway for the St. Theresa School Multi-Purpose Center with the hope of getting site work started during the summer break!

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We are grateful to all our campaign donors who have made work on the Centennial projects possible! If you would like to set up a new pledge, increase your current pledge, give a new gift, restart your contributions, or check the status of your campaign giving, please contact Ashley Dominguez, Parish Director of Development, at ADominguez@cotlf.org • 305-446-9950, Ext 309



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$13,000,000
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Pipe Memorializations will be recorded in a specially printed booklet which will be provided to each donor at no additional cost early next year. A copy of the booklet will also remain inside the organ in perpetuity, ensuring the lasting legacy of both the instrument itself and of all those who helped to make it possible.

Interior pipes are available for dedication at \$300 each and facade pipes, forever visible on the front of each of the organ's three major cases, are available for \$1,000 each.

Secure your legacy pipe today!





Catholic Kids Bulletin

Ascension
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God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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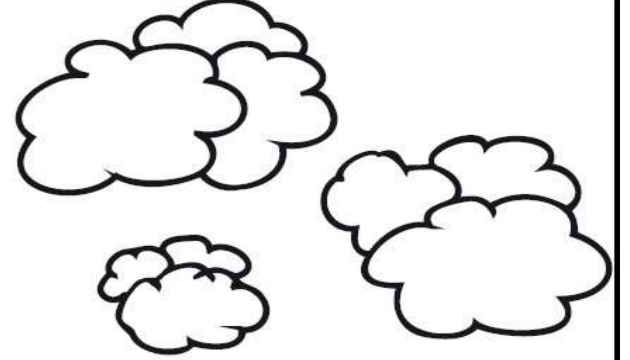
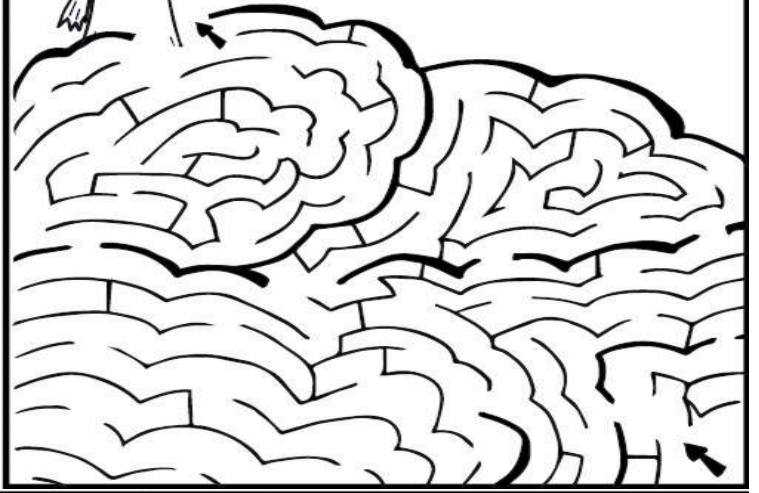
During the Nicene Creed, we say, "He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Listen for those words during Mass.

Ascension

After Jesus' resurrection, He spent 40 days appearing to the disciples and teaching.

After 40 days, He rose into Heaven, body and soul.

Can you find Jesus' path through the clouds?



Draw a picture of Jesus rising into Heaven.

Gospel

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus ascended into Heaven. That means that His body and soul rose into Heaven.





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