



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

**“NO ONE HAS EVER ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
EXCEPT THE ONE WHO DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN.”**

FROM A SERMON BY SAINT AUGUSTINE



The Ascension, by Giotto di Bondone, 1304-1306, in the Capella degli Scrovegni, adjacent to the Augustinian Monastery at Padua

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute



The Ascension, from the Sherbrooke Missal

me? And when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food. Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him?

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except

Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God.

So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Aid Participation

We thank you for your generous financial support you have given the Institute here in Shrewsbury since His Lordship, Bishop Davies, invited our community to work in his diocese. We would like to point that, if you are a UK tax payer, you could consider to Gift Aid your donations towards the Charity of the ICKSP. The Institute would be allowed to claim from HMRC 25p on each £1 that had been donated by you.

Presently, we are updating our records of all those who are already participants in this program. You will receive a letter from us, either by mail or email, in which you will be invited to send the form back to us after you have filled in your updated information.

There is a charity put in place in the UK to support the work of the Institute. By signing up to the Gift Aid Program you help us to support more effectively the apostolate here in Shrewsbury, the work of the Institute in the UK, the seminary in Gricigliano as well as the Sisters Adorers.

Please contact Canon Wiener if you have questions with regard to this exceptional program that enables us to strengthen our financial resources. Feel free to pick up a copy of the participation form which is available at the entrance of the church.

Masses for Your Intentions

You are invited to request Masses to be celebrated for your and your family's intentions. Mass stipends support the apostolate here in Shrewsbury. Please contact Canon Wiener with your requests.



SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN*	9 TH MAY	12:30 PM	5 TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	STELLA MATHER RIP	PI
MON	10 TH MAY	10:00 AM	ST. ANTONINUS BISHOP, CONFESSOR	MEG S-W (FOR THE SAFE DELIVERY OF HER BABY)	PI
TUE	11 TH MAY	6:30 PM	SS. PHILIP AND JAMES APOSTLES	PI	PI
WED	12 TH MAY	10:00 AM	VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION	PI	PI
THU	13 TH MAY	6:30 PM	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	PI	PI
FRI	14 TH MAY	10:00 AM	COMMEMORATION OF ST. BONIFACE MARTYR	PI	PI
SAT	15 TH MAY	10:00 AM	ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE CONFESSOR	PI	PI
SUN*	16 TH MAY	12:30 PM	SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	PI	PI

*Sunday Masses at 12:30 PM at St. Winefride's Church, Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, SY2 5RA

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