



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

## ***The Ascension of the Lord***

The Paschal Mystery culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. After his appearance here on earth in his risen body, and “after giving instructions through the holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:2), Jesus “was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight” (Acts 1:9):

Christ’s ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11). . . . Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. (CCC, nos. 665-667)

## ***Happy Mother’s Day***

On this Mother’s Day weekend, we pray for our mothers and thank them for their loving service to our families and communities. This prayer from the *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition*, can be said at the beginning or conclusion of meals.

Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.  
Bless our mother.  
Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, her family,  
may honor her always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

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***“Every human person owes his or her life to a mother, and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation, to her.”***

—Pope Francis, Jan. 7, 2015

