



Worship Office

Archdiocese of Newark

LITURGICAL REMINDER

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

—Luke 24:50-51

In the Archdiocese of Newark (and throughout the state of New Jersey), the Ascension of the Lord is observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which occurs on May 17 in 2026. The readings, presidential prayers, and preface are all taken from the *Lectionary for Mass* and *Roman Missal* for the Ascension of the Lord.

Please note that on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, “when the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated the following Sunday, the second reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.” (*Lectionary for Mass*)

Thursday, May 14, 2026, is observed everywhere in the Archdiocese as Saint Matthias, Apostle (see the *Ordo* for additional information), and it is not a holy day of obligation.

Anyone from the Archdiocese of Newark who travels to a diocese on May 14, 2026, which observes the Ascension on that day, is not obligated to attend Mass. Anyone from a diocese where the Ascension is observed on Thursday who travels to New Jersey on that day is not obligated to attend Mass that day.

