

Ascension Homily

Why doesn't the church give us six Sundays to celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, just as it gives us six Sundays to celebrate his resurrection?

In the celebration of the mass, we hear the words:

"Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving passion of your son, his wondrous resurrection **and** ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice."

The ascension of Jesus is just as important as his resurrection.

Jesus ascended into heaven in his body. This makes our bodies worthy of being in the presence of God who created us in his image and likeness.

He ascended into heaven and he will descend from heaven one day.

What do you think that day will be like for those still living?

For the faithful?

For the unfaithful?

May God grant us the grace to live faithful lives and to respect the human body as God respects his creation.