



**TECH CATHOLIC**  
community

**May 26th, 2019**  
**Sixth Sunday of**  
**Easter/ Year C**  
see hymnal # 1078

**Mass and Confession Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)  
Sunday 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM  
Monday & Wednesday 7:30 PM\*\*  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 12:05 PM\*\*  
Confession after Mass - except Mon. (7 PM)  
\*\*When classes are in session

W11 is on MIT ID access only – so have your ID with you, and don't hold doors open for others, please!

**Sunday Masses:** Our Summer Schedule for our Sunday Masses is starting TODAY with ONE Mass on Sundays at 10 AM in the MIT Chapel.

**Weekday Masses:** Our Weekday Masses ended and will resume with the Fall Semester.

**Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord:** Thursday, May 30 at 12:05 PM and 5:15 PM in the Chapel.

**Graduate Student Email List:** Join the tcc-grads email list (go to MIT's WebMoria list manager) to hear about upcoming events for TCC graduate students.

**All are invited to the following events. Please bring family and friends!**

- Graduation Masses: *Thursday, June 6* at 4:30 PM / MIT Chapel. Reception will follow in W11/MDR.
- Alumni Vigil Mass: *Saturday, June 8* at 4:30 PM / MIT Chapel. Reception will follow in W11/MDR
- Mass: *Sunday, June 9* at 10 AM / MIT Chapel. Community Reception will follow in W11/MDR

**Graduating Students and all those leaving us....**

- Please sign up for our alumni email list: <https://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tcc-alumni>
- If you're staying local, but don't want to be on the main TCC email list, you should also sign up for this: <http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tcc-local-alumni>

**Help us help others – Graduating students please stay in touch!** Please make sure you are listed as Catholic on WebSIS. TCC will send you an annual newsletter to keep you up to date on our activities.

1. Log on to *WebSIS* (<http://student.mit.edu>)
2. Choose 'For Students – Personal Records'
3. Choose 'Biographic Record'
4. Choose 'Optional Religious Affiliation'

**Modern Science and the Catholic Faith for Undergraduates:** The Society of Catholic Scientists is sponsoring a summer seminar where students can discuss with top scholars how to integrate science and theology into their thinking. It will be held near New Orleans from 7/28-8/3. Free, with a stipend to defray travel costs. Register at: <http://lumenchristi.org/seminars/1908>

**Study St. Jerome this Summer:** St. Jerome translated the entirety of the Bible into Latin and wrote biblical commentaries that for centuries were the foundation of theology. This August 18-24, St. Benedict's Monastery in Still River, MA will be hosting a seminar with top scholars discussing the writings of St. Jerome. Free, with a \$300 travel stipend. See [www.abbey.org/visit/saint-benedict-institute](http://www.abbey.org/visit/saint-benedict-institute) for application and details.

May / June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 AM Mass Donuts in W11 following Mass				<i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 12:05 PM: Mass 5:15 PM: Mass		
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10 AM Mass Donuts in W11 following Mass				4:30 PM: Graduation Mass		4:30 PM: Alumni Vigil Mass

**BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen):** For info, visit [bbmsk.org](http://bbmsk.org)

**Integrity@MIT:** A Catholic men's peer support group regarding pornography, chastity, and sexual addiction. Contact [integrity@mit.edu](mailto:integrity@mit.edu) for more information.

**The following programs ended;**

- Adoration
- FOCUS Bible Study
- TCC Grad. Student Dinner
- Melchizedek Group
- RCIA
- Spaghetti Supper
- Women's Discernment Group

**Drop-in Grief Support Group:** Tuesdays from 5–6pm in W20-30. Open to students of all religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical viewpoints. See [http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life\\_after\\_loss\\_drop-in\\_support\\_group](http://calendar.mit.edu/event/life_after_loss_drop-in_support_group).

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**Joining TCC**

TCC registration go to  
[tcc.mit.edu/www/register.html](http://tcc.mit.edu/www/register.html)

TCCM is a moderated announcement list for the Tech Catholic Community.

To subscribe or unsubscribe, go to  
<http://mailman.mit.edu/mailman/listinfo/tccm>

To post a message in the bulletin or on the TCCM list, send an email to:  
[tcc-updates@mit.edu](mailto:tcc-updates@mit.edu)

Receive emails about all our activities by signing up for our other lists at  
<http://tcc.mit.edu/www/getinvolved.html#email>

## Pope Leo the Great on How Jesus' Ascension Strengthens Our Faith

*We celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation Ascension Thursday this week. At the Last Supper, Jesus promises that it is better for us that he ascend to the Father, because his being with us in the flesh is not as good for us as his dwelling within us spiritually. Pope St. Leo I explores this theme in his Sermon 74, On the Lord's Ascension (II).*

With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father... so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men's sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold. For such is the power of great minds, **such is the light of truly believing souls, that they put unhesitating faith in what is not seen with the bodily eye; they fix their desires on what is beyond sight.** Such fidelity could never be born in our hearts, nor could anyone be justified by faith, if our salvation lay only in what was visible. Hence our Lord said: "... Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed."

In order, therefore, dearly-beloved, that we may be capable of this blessedness, after all things were fulfilled which concerned the Gospel preaching and the mysteries of the New Testament, our Lord Jesus Christ, on the fortieth day after the Resurrection in the presence of the disciples, was raised into heaven. He terminated His presence with us in the body, in order to abide on the Father's right hand until the works are accomplished which God ordained for multiplying the sons of the Church. Then Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead in the same flesh in which he ascended. **At the Ascension, that which had been visible of our Redeemer was changed into a sacramental presence,** so that faith might be more excellent and stronger, sight gave way to doctrine, the authority of which was to be accepted by believing hearts enlightened with rays from above.

Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravaging beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, tender girls as well as boys, have given their life's blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick and raised the dead. Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord's passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had terrified them before. **They were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as he sat at the right hand of his Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.**

The truth is that the Son of Man was revealed as Son of God in a more perfect and transcendent way once he had entered into his Father's glory; **he now began to be indescribably more present in his divinity to those from whom he was further removed in his humanity.** A more mature faith enabled their minds to stretch upward to God the Son considered in his equality with God the Father; it no longer needed contact with Christ's tangible body, in which, as man, he is inferior to the Father. For while his glorified body is still of the same nature, the faith of those who believe in him is now summoned to heights where, not by physical touching but rather by spiritual discernment, it could reach the only-begotten Son of God in his equality with the Father.

This explains that which the Lord said after His Resurrection, when Mary Magdalene, representing the Church, hastened to approach and touch Him: "Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to my Father:" That is, *I would not have you come to me as to a human body, nor yet recognize me by in my flesh: I put you off for higher things, I prepare greater things for you. When I have ascended to my Father, then you can grasp me more perfectly and truly, for you will grasp what you cannot touch and believe what you cannot see...*

And so, dearly-beloved, let us rejoice with spiritual joy, and let us with gladness pay God worthy thanks and lift up our hearts to those heights where Christ is. **Minds that have heard the call to be uplifted must not be pressed down by earthly affections, they that are ordained to things eternal must not be taken up with the things that perish;** they that have entered on the way of Truth must not be entangled in treacherous snares, and the faithful must so take their course through these temporal things as to remember that they are sojourning in the vale of this world, in which, even though they meet with some attractions, they must not sinfully embrace them, but bravely pass through them.