

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – IT'S NOT ON THURSDAY ANYMORE!

Even though the Ascension of the Lord was moved from a Thursday to the seventh Sunday of Easter over a decade ago in most Episcopal provinces in the U.S. – Illinois among them – for some reason there is still confusion about the non-existence of this mid-week holy day. The confusion probably arises from Catholic calendars which still show the Ascension on a Thursday, with the “fine print” indicating that Thursday, May 10, is a holy day only “in some Ecclesiastical provinces.”

So, let's be clear: this coming Thursday, May 10, is NOT a holy day of obligation. The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated almost everywhere in the U.S. next Sunday, March 13 – which is, of course, already a day of obligation (as well as Mother's Day this year). And I'm sure that Jesus is just fine sharing that day with mothers!

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