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ASCENSION



CNS photo courtesy the National Gallery of Art, Samuel H. Kress Collection
The Ascension of the Lord is depicted in this painting by 15th-century German artist Johann Koerbecke. The feast of the Ascension is celebrated May 21.

Jesus blazes spiritual trail

On the third day (Jesus) rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

So reads a portion of the Apostles' Creed, a basic statement of fundamental Christian beliefs. The Resurrection and the Ascension are key elements of those beliefs.

Indeed, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ." (638) "The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's work and teachings." (651)

Meanwhile the Ascension "marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' hu-

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What we need to see is that Resurrection, Ascension, exaltation, are also very real moments to which we ourselves are being called.
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- Father Sebastian Falcone

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