



Ascension Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH

Weekends

Saturday — Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday — 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

Weekdays

Mon -Wed, Fri -Sat — 9:00 am

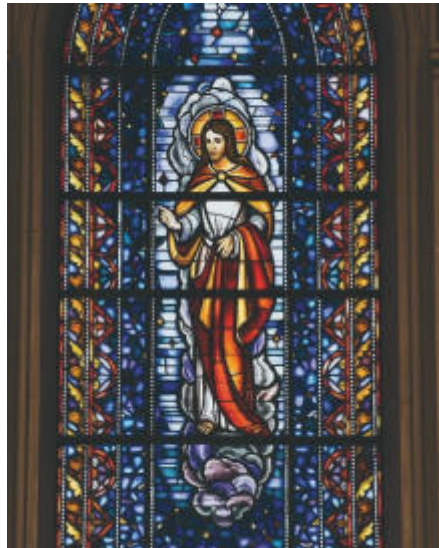
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ALL CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE CHURCH

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri — 8:40-9:00 am

Tuesdays — 5:45-6:45 pm

Saturdays — 8:40-9:00 am; 3:00-3:30 pm



MASS INTENTIONS (JUNE 7-13)

Monday (9:00 am) +Angelita Kelly

Tuesday (9:00 am) +Miguel Castro

Wednesday (9:00 am) +Pacifico Castro

Friday (9:00 am) Andrew Visk

Saturday (9:00 am) Special Intention

(4:00 pm) Alan & Carmen Sarra

Sunday (8:00 am) Parishioners

(10:00 am) Ladies Auxiliary

(12:00 pm) Rosemary Givens

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Matthew 14:24-25

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Dear Parishioners,

—Greetings from Fr. Tim—

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as "Corpus Christi." The readings this year focus on need to share in the life of God, and how this life is found in the Eucharist. Here, I want to draw out three ways in which this supernatural Eucharistic life continues to draw us toward Christ.

First, the supernatural life found in the Eucharist is a perpetual sacrifice. Jesus offers Himself as a sacrifice to God the Father, obeying the Father's will even at the cost of His bodily life (Heb 7:27, 10:12, etc.), winning for us forgiveness of sins. In this way, Christ is both priest and victim, and when we celebrate the Eucharist, Christ's own priesthood and victimhood continues in history, winning graces for "the many" up and down the ages, drawing them to God. The Eucharistic is Christ's single sacrifice perpetuated until the end of time, and thus there is always hope when the Mass is celebrated.

Second, the Eucharist heals and strengthens us. Since it is Christ Himself, the Eucharist purifies us of vices and strengthens us in virtue, making us grow in faith, hope, and charity, as well as supernatural prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Sometimes these effects are suddenly perceptible, but most often they are subtle and gradual -- a little like exercise, which shows its effect only after a consistent and prolonged commitment. In any case, the change is real; Jesus Himself sanctifies us.

Third, the Eucharist is a sacrament of supernatural friendship. Christ gives us Himself so that we might spend time with Him, talk with Him, listen to Him -- just as friends do. And just as friends need to be at peace before they can enjoy their friendship, this presence is more easily perceived as we allow Christ to forgive us our sins, obstacles in our relationship with Him. This is why being prepared by regular Confession is so vital to reception of the Eucharist. Nevertheless, Christ is present in the Eucharist whether we believe or not, sinful or not, know it or not; He is there the moment the priest says the words of Consecration.

My desire for all at Ascension is to deeply know this Eucharistic presence of Christ. Thank God, we are still blessed by Fr. Henry's foresight in building a 24/7 Eucharistic chapel, but this is also why we have so many hours of Adoration and Confessions in the main church each week. We need the friendship of the Lord. And if we can deeply know Christ's presence here, waiting for us, knowing us inside and out, longing for our time and friendship, the "New Evangelization" will take care of itself. We will want to share with others what we have discovered firsthand: that Christ is always with us, even until the end of the age (Mt 28:20).

God bless,
Fr. Tim

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Francis Barnes, Mary Ann Boyer, Mary Burton, Laura Chesnick, Rosita Dietrich, Cynthia Graham, Larry Hudson, James Kaufman Jr., Beverlee Lee, Ida Mullikin, Jean Mosby, Terrence O'Brien, Jr., Earl Perry, Norma Perry, Norma Raffaele, GERALYN ROBerson, Mickey Ryan, Barbara Shipp, Doreen Darzinski, Bert Nemeth, Becky Goodman, Irene Lloyd, and Shirley Mackessy.

Pass on the Good News! What good news? The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, our parish children in kindergarten through grade 8 will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for our Religious Education program. Classes are offered Sunday mornings for grades K-7, and Wednesday evenings for our eighth graders. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin in late September. If interested or for more information, contact Maria Centeno at religioueducation@ascensionbowie.org, or 301-262-2227, ext.5.



Share Food Menu for June:

- Value Package (\$22): 3lb. Package of Chicken Drumsticks, 13oz. Smoked Kielbasa, 1lb. Ground Beef, 1 lb. Pollock.....plus 8-10 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables
- Premium Beef Box (\$38): 6 1/3lb. Burger Patties, 2 8oz. Sirloin Steaks, 4 5oz. Petite Sirloin Steaks, 1 24oz. Chuck Roast
- Seafood Box (\$29): 6 3oz. Lobster Cakes, 1.5lb. Grouper, 1.5lb. Tail-on Shrimp
- Surf & Turf (\$27): 2 5oz. Grass-fed antibiotic-free Filet Mignon, 2 3.5oz. Lobster Tails

All Orders are due by Noon, June 11. Order pickup is from 8-9am, June 26. Contact Anne Powell at 301-464-5668 or gpowell6@aol.com with orders or questions.

End of Year Religious Education Mass and May Crowning

On Sunday, May 16th, the Religious Education program had their closing Mass for the 2020-2021 school year. The Mass was extra special as it also happened to fall on our parish's titular feast day of the Ascension of the Lord. Students and their families, as well as our Religious Education catechists, attended the 10:00 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Tim Daniel. Student lectors for the Mass were 6th grader Riley Alquiza and 5th grader Anjolie Morales. Afterwards, all present were invited to join in a procession to the statue of Our Lady in front of Bates Hall. 4th grade students Elizabeth Santiago and Allyson Alquiza participated in the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin, then all in attendance listened to a reading of the Annunciation, sang the hymn "Immaculate Mary," and all together prayed the Memorare. Afterwards, students gave their flowers to catechist Lynn Mackessy-Lloyd, who placed them in vases before the statue. All were then invited to stop in Bates Hall to receive a certificate of completion from their catechist and some special treats, including freshly baked cookies to take home that were packaged and prepared by Share & Care's Roberta Borges and Maureen Barber. It was a nice opportunity for students to chat with their catechists in person after a year of virtual learning. We hope all our families have a relaxing, fun, and healthy summer, and we look forward to seeing our students again in the fall.

Seeking volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School at Ascension this summer!

We are currently projecting a week in late August for our upcoming parish Vacation Bible School. It will be held Monday through Friday from 9:30am-12:00noon for children in grades K-5. We are seeking Virtus-compliant adults and student assistants in grades 6 and up! There are many ways one can help, from behind-the-scenes decorating and prep work to leading or assisting at one of the daily stations at camp, and more!

Please contact Maria Centeno at religionseducation@ascensionbowie.org if you can help. We are excited to host this fun event once again this year, especially after it got cancelled last year due to COVID, but we need lost of volunteers in order for it to be successful. Please consider joining our team this year!

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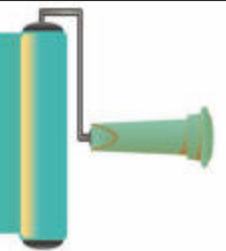
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