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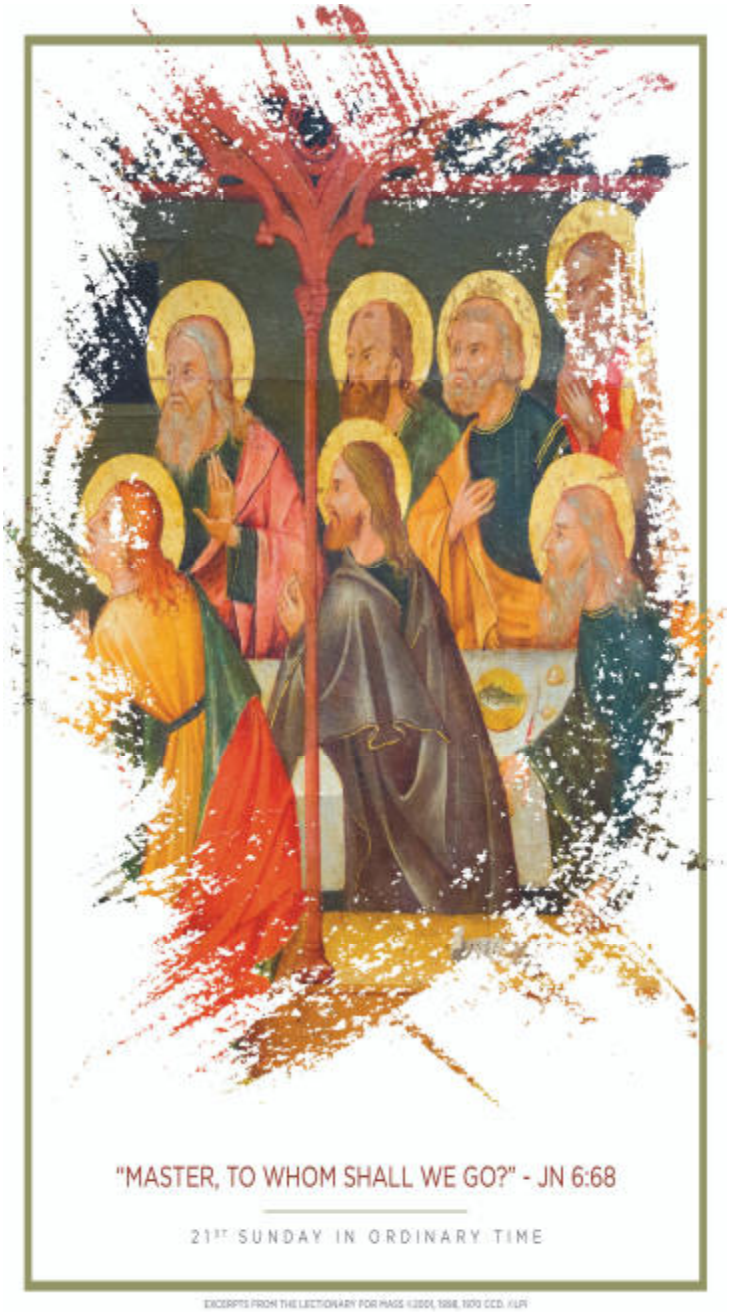

PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Parochial Administrator: Rev. Jilson Panakkal ext. 203
Deacons: Phil LoCascio; Richard Smith
Parish Manager: Dolly DuBon ext. 205
E-mail: dhartel@diocesephoenix.org
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E-mail: church@ascensionfh.org
Director of Music/ Coordinator of Liturgy:
Billy Mattison ext. 208
Director of Catechetical Ministries: ext. 206
Marriage and Family Therapist: Gerry Blakeman, M.A. LMFT
(480) 367-1660 x 3#
Administrative Assistants: LeAnn Pernot ext 201;
Jennifer Mintzer ext. 206
Bookkeeper: Joanne Wamer ext. 204
Facilities and Maintenance: Bill Kobylka ext. 210

EUCHARISTIC LITURGY SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 8:00 AM
Weekend Liturgies
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Hours Open for Prayer and Meditation:
Mon. - Thurs.: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM;
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Holy Days: 7:00 PM Vigil, 8:00 AM Holy Day

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

St. Dominic's Mission - Rio Verde
Secretary: Rosemary Palys - (480) 471-2112

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Inquire at the parish office.
Marriages: Nine month notice.
Sick Calls: Immediately Call (480) 837-1066

St. Vincent de Paul Help Line: (480) 837-7287

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Mission Statement

Committed to build, strengthen, and nurture the Body of Christ.

Our community welcomes all who come through our doors to worship and seek spiritual nourishment. As a Stewardship parish, we respect and embrace an individual's time, talent and treasure. To join our faith community, please contact the office.

Attendance: 354

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PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Nagel, Brian R., Capt., USAF
Nagel, David M., Capt., Army
Travis, Adam, Lt. Col., AZ National Guard

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Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) any events listed in this bulletin are tentatively scheduled and are subject to change or be cancelled. Please contact the organization directly to confirm status of the event.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2021

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Friday: St. Monica

Saturday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

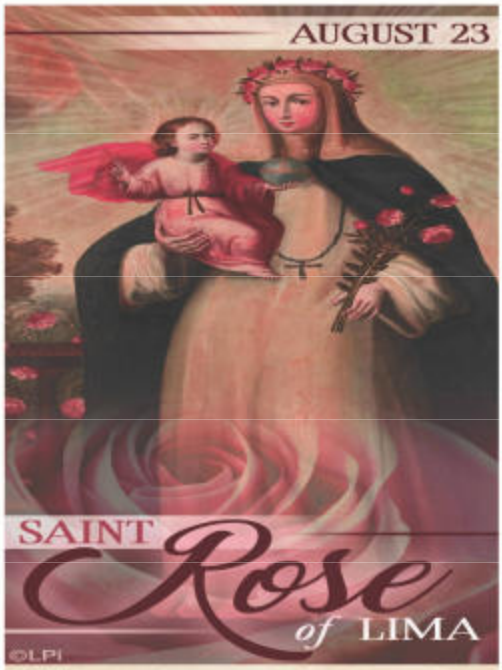
Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

Mass INTENTIONS

+ = Deceased Loved One
♥ = Wedding Anniversary
* = Living Intention

21-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Ron Ramos
22-Sunday	8:00 am	+Debbie Ceschin
	10:00 am	+Anna Putman
23-Monday	8:00 am	+Bob Lickman
24-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Ava Arpaio
25-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Jim Bertucci
26-Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
27-Friday	8:00 am	+Bruno Scanga
28-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Diane Cudzilo
29-Sunday	8:00 am	+Elaine Decker
	10:00 am	People of the Parish



Whoever believes will have eternal life.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

GOSPEL

Simon Peter answered him,
"Master to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

GET INVOLVED

All Volunteers & Ministry Members...

Your Annual Safe Environment Training is now up for renewal.

If you need assistance for your annual certification, please contact Dolly DuBon in the parish office at 480 837-1066.

All employees' and volunteers' certifications expired on June 30, 2021.

Login to https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org

Andre House

Andre House is opening up to volunteers again. Currently we are looking for 3rd Tuesday volunteers. If you are in interested in helping serving its guests and can also help drive the group down, please contact Jennifer in the parish office at 837-1066 x206.

Faith on Tap - In-person
Now meets the 3rd Sunday of the month
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

A monthly, faith-based, session in an informal setting, led by Deacon Phil. We cover current issues of the day and infuse the discussion with what the Gospel has to say.

MATTHEW COMMUNITY

Is starting up again in October, and they are looking for new members to join them in supporting their charitable projects throughout the year. Some of the charities they support are: AZBrainfood (weekender food back-packs for school children in Fountain Hills), Verdes Community Christmas Project (help gather gifts for needy families), and MANA House Small Appliance Drive held during Lent. If you are interested please contact the parish office 480 837-1066.

Ascension is Virtual...Join Us

It's not surprising that so many people are enjoying staying connected through our online meetings! You can stay connected too! Try one or more of our Zoom meetings! Call the parish office for information on how to join an online meeting.

Morning Prayer
Every Weekday at 7:20AM

Start the day with time spent with God and friends in our parish community. We have a wonderful group that meets each day. Morning prayer lasts about 20-30 minutes. We read from the Universalis daily morning prayer found at this site:

https://universalis.com/lauds

Contact the parish office for login info

Looking for Creative, Artistic type…

Ascension is accepting submissions for a new parish logo. If you are interested, please contribute your logo for consideration. Submissions will be accepted on a 8½ x11 sheet of paper at the parish office.

Home Visits with Fr. Jilson

Our new Pastor would love to meet his new community and bless your home, if you wish. Currently, we are scheduling appointments for the month of September. Please see the Flocknote sent on Thursday, August 12th for the Sign-Up Genius link.

13TH ANNUAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 23TH, 2021

Make a Difference Day is a morning where volunteers are invited to help the most vulnerable residents in our community by providing four hours of service at designated work projects. The town is seeking assistance from residents to come out and show our neighbors that "Fountain Hills is the small town with a big heart".

Volunteers range from Cub and Daisy scouts to active seniors. All interested individuals and groups are encouraged to participate and register.

Please visit www.fh.az.gov/madd to register. MaDD Registration forms can also be found at Town Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more information regarding Religious Education at Ascension or any articles contact the parish office at 480-837-1066 or **church@ascensionfh.org**

Adult RCIA

Maybe Now Is The Time?

Any adult interested in learning more about faith, or the sacraments, or actually wanting to receive the sacraments, please contact Deacon Phil at the parish 480-837-1066.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Religious Education Registration is now open. We've made it easier to register this year. Just use your smart phone and open up your photo app, like you are about to take a picture and scan over the QR Code below. This will take you to the registration portal.

Employment Opportunity

Part-time - Coordinator of Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation

Ascension is seeking a Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation for elementary school-age children and Religious Education for school-age children and young adults emphasizing Family Faith Formation. Under the direction of the Pastor, the Coordinator (CRE) develops, coordinates, and fosters a comprehensive youth ministry program for school-age children and young adults. CRE will focus on community building and faith formation, using parish-wide events as the starting point for targeting young adults.

For a complete job description and qualifications, see the Diocese website: **https://dphx.org/about/employment/**

To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter to dhartel@diocesephoenix.org

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