



# Church of the Ascension

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## October 24, 2021

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 8:00 AM

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**Holy Days:** 7:00 PM Vigil; 8:00 AM Holy Day

#### Reconciliation:

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

#### First Friday Adoration:

8:30 AM– 12:30 PM

### 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



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### 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.*

### Weekend Collection

October 9 - 10

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Plate:</b>	<b>\$ 5,170</b>
<b>ACH:</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,170</b>

**Average Weekly Plate Income:**  
**\$12,861**



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 to have a name to be added or removed from either list.



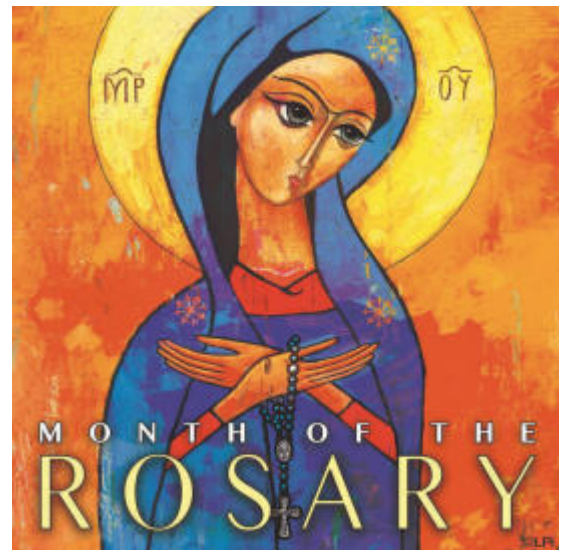
*Ann Blakely, Lorraine Brady, Molly Campbell, Bail Cousins, Cindy Germscheid, Fred Hartell, Jim Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Kitty Malatak, Lynn Tupy, Rose Zeidas, and Roxanne Zeidas*

## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

### *Did You Know? ...*

Did you know that it is possible to make charitable donations directly from your retirement account to Church of the Ascension? You can schedule one-time donations or provide your account representative with a schedule of dates and amounts you would like donated. There may be tax advantages to making your charitable donations this way since the funds do not become part of your annual income. Contact your financial advisor to discuss the options and potential benefits of making charitable donations directly from your retirement accounts.

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.



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# WEEKLY PRAYER



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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

- Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
- Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

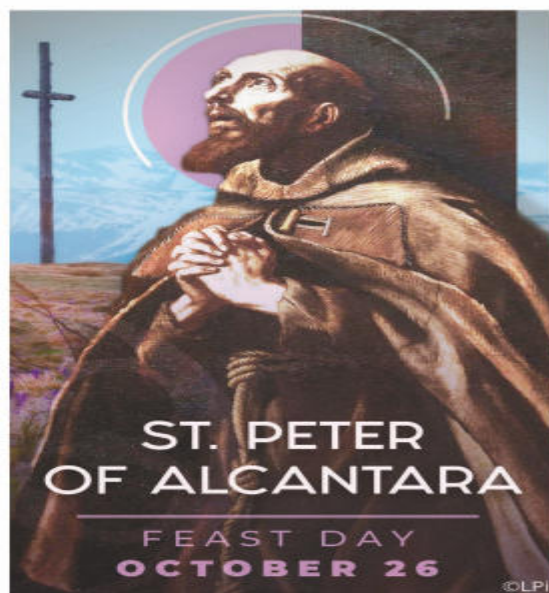
- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
- Thursday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

23-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Ted Morgel
24-Sunday	8:00 am	+People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Charlotte Fioretto
25-Monday	8:00 am	+Marie Juetten
26-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Geraldine Hellmann
27-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Mark Bercel
28-Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
29-Friday	8:00 am	+Casey Vilandre
30-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Debbie Ceschin
31-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Bobbie Schmitz



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

I will gather them from the ends of the world,  
with the blind and the lame in their midst.  
(Jer 31:8)



## PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are  
filled with joy. (Ps 126)



## SECOND READING

No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)



## GOSPEL

The blind man replied to him, "Master,  
I want to see."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved  
you." (Mk 10:46-52)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

# GET INVOLVED

## Father Jilson's Home Visits

Father Jilson is continuing his Home Visits & Blessings for the month of October. For sign-up, please see the September 8th Flocknote or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a44afa72ea7f49-father1>

## Catholic Coffeehouse is Back in Person!

Every Sunday at 11a in the parish conference room with Deacon Phil. Grab your coffee & donut and join us. All are welcome!



## St. Matthew Adopt-a-Student Weekend

School Administrators will be here at Ascension presenting this weekend, October 23rd - 24th at all Masses.

## Faith on Tap - In-person Now meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## FR. LARRY WILL BE BACK THIS JANUARY

Fr. Larry McCarty plans to return to Fountain Hills in early January and stay through most of March. He is looking for a unit or house to rent (wants a 2 bedroom). If you know of any available, please call or text him at 712-660-1144.

## Andre House

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, our parish has a group serving dinner to the less fortunate at Andre House in downtown Phoenix.

This is a very worthwhile opportunity to help those in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the following:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Jennifer Mintzer  
480-837-1066

### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

Gerry Davis  
602-550-1097

## WANTED: HALLOWEEN CANDY

ASCENSION IS GOING TO HAVE A BOOTH AT THE FOUNTAIN HILLS SPOOKY BLAST ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>. WE ARE LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF CANDY TO PASS OUT TO THE LITTLE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS. DROP CANDY OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE BY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>.



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7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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## 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.



## GOSPEL

Bartimaeus may have been poor and blind, but he sure was smart! He had the kind of faith that made Jesus smile. Bartimaeus knew exactly who Jesus was—the Messiah. And Bartimaeus knew Jesus had the power to make him see. When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus left everything behind—even his coat—just to follow Jesus.

## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for helping Bartimaeus see you and follow you. Help me to follow his example.

## Communion & Mortal Sin

### Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

### Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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