



# Church of the Ascension

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**January 16, 2022**

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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

### Adoration:

First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Third Friday 5:00 PM - 7:00 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



## 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.*

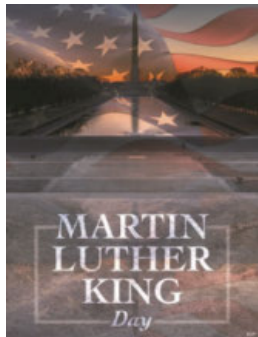
### Weekend Collection

January 1 - 2



<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>Plate:</b>	<b>\$ 4,973</b>
<b>ACH:</b>	<b>\$ 9,255</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,228</b>

**Average Weekly Plate Income:**  
**\$12,881**



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of the MLK Holiday

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.

## 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.



*Astrid Asche, Joan Asche, Pati Beers, Ann Blakely, Lorraine Brady, Molly Campbell, Cameron Collins, Basil Cousins, John Diggins, Tom Dougherty, Tom Elliott, Karen Fjeldheim, Jim Gannon, Cindy Germscheid, John Greenwood, Gary Hollar, Juanita Hollar, Traci Jacobs, Ken Jeschke, Jim Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Eric Kuhn, Anthony Mazzucchi, Jim McCarthy, Ramona McCarthy, Ward McCarthy, Larry Milano, Lynn Milano, Carol Moloney, Dennis Parks,, Diana Philip, Melvin Philip, Teresa Roberg, Patricia Sanagorsky, Robert Sanagorsky, Mark Selleh, Dennis Sparks, Jessica Swearingen, Lance Swearingen, Jackie Teale, Lynn Tupy, Judy Wiggins, Greg Wolfe, Tom Wolfe, Rose Zeidas, and Roxanne Zeidas*

## 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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# WEEKLY PRAYER



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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

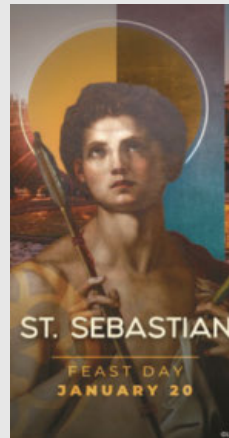
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot  
**Tuesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
**Thursday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
**Saturday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

15-Saturday	5:00 pm	+John Bauer
16-Sunday	8:00 am	+Madelene Jackson
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
17-Monday	8:00 am	+Diane Cudzilo
18-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Danuta Kobylanski
19-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Jim Laughlin
20-Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
21-Friday	8:00 am	+Betty Lou Stypa
22-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Yvette Quigley
23-Sunday	8:00 am	+Madelene Jackson
	10:00 am	People of the Parish



## St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350. We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the

beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



## PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the  
nations. (Ps 96)



## SECOND READING

But one and the same Spirit produces all  
of these,  
distributing them individually to each  
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



## GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his  
signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in  
him. (Jn 2:11)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

# GET INVOLVED

## Andre House

On the 3rd Tuesday & 4th 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

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Is Divorce keeping you from fully participating in the Church? If so, Church of the Ascension wants to help. If you would like to pursue getting an Annulment of a prior marriage, we will meet with you confidentially and help you with the process. Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 and leave your name and phone number. Our parish Nullity Minister will contact you to arrange a meeting.

## 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.

## All Volunteers & Ministry Members...

Your Annual Safe Environment Training is now due.

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

Login to <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>

## Catholic Coffeehouse

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

### UPCOMING TOPICS

- Jan. 16 - Church Structure
- Jan. 23 - Eucharist
- Jan. 30 - Tradition



## 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.



## Faith on Tap

Next session is this Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 PM in the parish hall. During this session, we'll talk about the Three Ages of the Spiritual Life. Please join us for an informal discussion with good food and drink. For more information, please contact Pete Hofmann at 602-531-7487 or [pjh@hofmann84.com](mailto:pjh@hofmann84.com).

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more information regarding Religious Education at Ascension contact Virginia O'Brien in the parish office at email: [familyfaith@ascensionfh.org](mailto:familyfaith@ascensionfh.org) or at 480-837-1066.

### Faithful Departed

#### Question:


How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

#### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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**GOSPEL**

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

**PRAYER**

Dear God, help me to do everything you say.  
I know you can do anything.



### J. A. M.

The next JAM session will be held on Saturday, January 22nd after the 5pm Mass.  
See you there!



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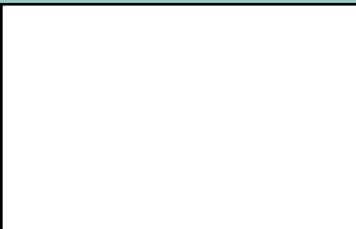
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