



# Church of the Ascension

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**March 6, 2022**

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## **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Daily Mass:**

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

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**Stations of the Cross:**

Friday: 7:00 PM

**Reconciliation:**

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

**Adoration:**

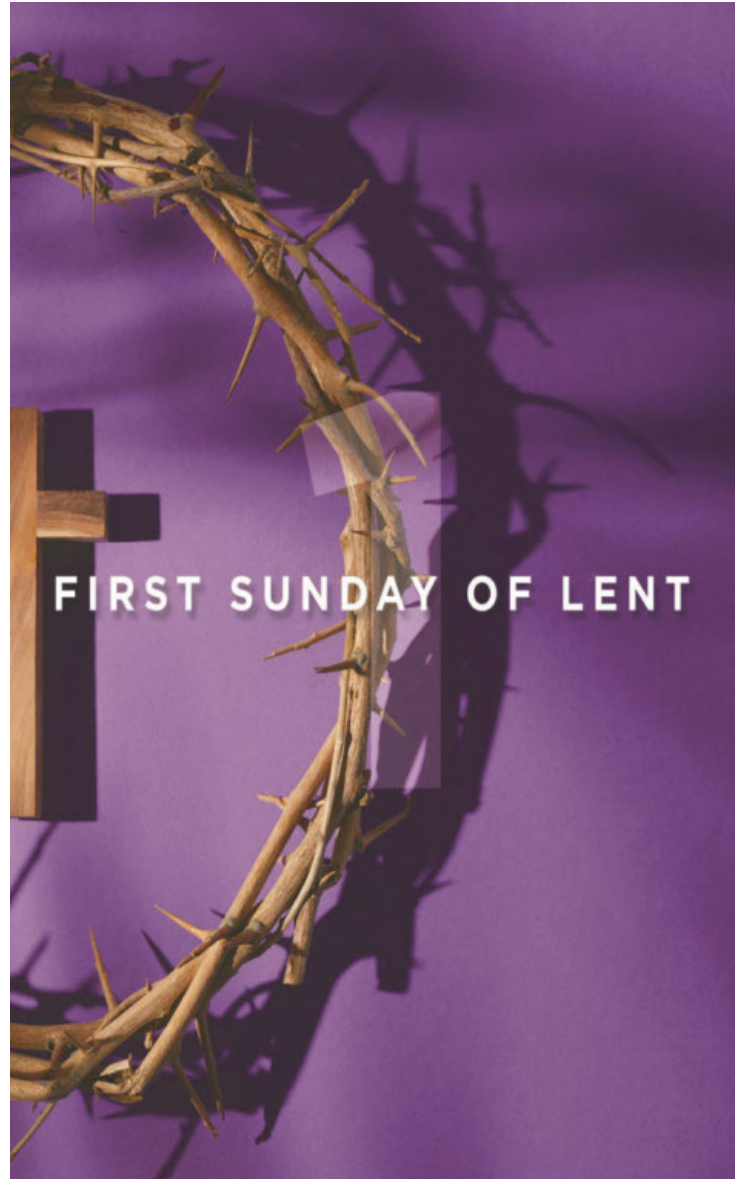
First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Inquire at the parish office.

**Marriages:** Nine month notice.

**Sick Calls:** Immediately Call (480) 837-1066



## **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 February 19 - 20**



**Attendance:** 649  
**Plate:** \$ 6,651  
**ACH:** \$12,727  
**Total:** \$19,378

**Average Weekly Plate Income:**  
\$13,157

### **Calendar Year 2021** **Donation Tax Letters**

If you have donated \$600 or more to the parish, your donation tax letter was mailed to the address on file. If you made donations less than \$600, your donation tax letter will be available for pick up in the parish office.

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, Charles Cooper, Basil Cousins, John Diggins, Darlene Dyrhaug, Tom Elliott, Karen Fjeldheim, Jim Gannon, Cindy Germscheid, John Greenwood, Gary Hollar, Juanita Hollar, Traci Jacobs, Ken Jeschke, Carol Jones, Jim Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Eric Kuhn, Anthony Mazzucchi, Jim McCarthy, Ramona McCarthy, Ward McCarthy, Fr. Larry McCarty, Larry Milano, Lynn Milano, Carol Moloney, Dennis Parks,, Denise Petzinger, Diana Philip, Melvin Philip, Teresa Roberg, Patricia Sanagorsky, Robert Sanagorsky, Dennis Sparks, Jessica Swearingen, Lance Swearingen, Jackie Teale, Linda Travis, Lynn Tupy, Judy Wiggins, 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 MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.

05-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Paul DeGiusti
06-Sunday	8:00 am	+John F. & John R Kinzig
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
07-Monday	8:00 am	+Randy Halloran
08-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Ronald Forlane
09-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Marge Colbert
10-Thursday	8:00 am	+Bill Jehling
11-Friday	8:00 am	+Tom Mazzotta
12-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Marilyn Bertolini
13-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Russ Cook

## St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God. She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary. In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,  
and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)



## PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.  
(Ps 91)



## SECOND READING

For, if you confess with your mouth that  
Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised  
him from the dead,  
you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)



## GOSPEL

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned  
from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into the  
desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

# GET INVOLVED

## Church of the Ascension **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, March 13  
7:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Parish Hall



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visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) (Blood Drive Code: ascension)

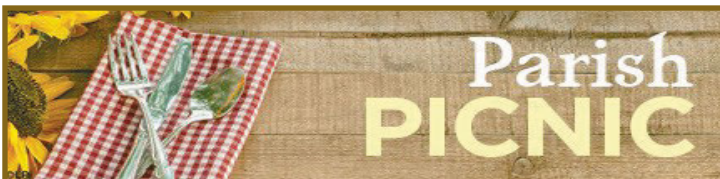
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### Catholic Coffeehouse

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

- March 6 - Our Call to Holiness
- March 13 - How in the World Do We Relate



## Parish **PICNIC**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**GOLDEN EAGLE PARK**

**SAGUARO RAMADA - 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

The Church will provide, chicken, salads, dinner rolls, lemonade, iced tea, water and ice. We ask that you bring a side dish to share with others (e.g., chips, fruit, veggies, baked beans, or dessert) and lawn chairs or picnic blankets.

Come join us for a great afternoon of food, fun and friends.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### DAILY MASS ADDED ON THURSDAYS

Thursdays: March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7, and April 21; 8:00 a.m.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross can be prayed privately.

Please see the front office for a Stations of the Cross book.

**Organized Stations of the Cross are held Fridays:**  
March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8;  
7:00 p.m.

### LENTEN PARISH MISSION with Fr. Bob Rossi

**Three Nights: Sunday, March 20 - Tuesday, March 22; beginning at 6:30 pm in the church.**

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 19; 8:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lenten Communal Penance Service:

Tuesday, March 29; 6:30 p.m.

### **The Church of the Ascension Pastoral Council is Looking for a Few Good People!**

Spring is the time of year when the Pastoral Council invites interested Parishioners to consider their gifts and talents, to advise the Council of your willingness to become a Council member.

If you are interested in learning more about the Pastoral Council and how we work, you are welcome to observe the Council in action at these upcoming meetings:

**Monday, March 14, 2022 & Monday, April 25, 2022  
7:00 PM in the Conference Room**

In order to properly accommodate everyone wishing to attend, please contact the President or Vice President of the Council and leave your name and telephone number no later than Friday before the meeting.

President: Karen Ramos 480-532-0310  
Vice President: Amy Butler-Kobylka 480-785-6000



# 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.

## ATTENTION 3<sup>RD</sup> 4<sup>TH</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> 6<sup>TH</sup> 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS AND PARENTS!

Ascension would like to restart our religious education night for kids that have already received their Confirmation and Communion. We miss all of you and encourage your return! I am looking for parental feedback to make this happen. What weekday night would work best for your family? Please email Virginia at [familyfaith@ascensionfh.org](mailto:familyfaith@ascensionfh.org).

### Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

**Question:** After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

**Answer:** Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

### Upcoming Sacramental Preparation Classes:

#### 1st Communion & Confirmation:

- ◆ March 8
- ◆ March 13 - Rite of Enrollment
- ◆ March 22
- ◆ March 27 - Reconciliation for Communion & Confirmation Candidates
- ◆ April 2 - Parent and Child Retreat



#### Reconciliation:

- ◆ March 6
- ◆ March 13 - Rite of Enrollment
- ◆ March 19 - Parent and Child Retreat
- ◆ March 27 - First Reconciliation for Candidates



### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

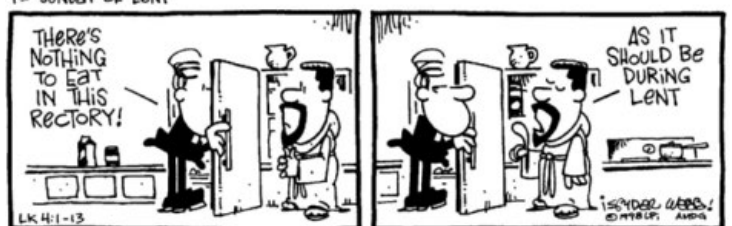
### Prayer

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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