



Church of the Ascension

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March 13, 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:

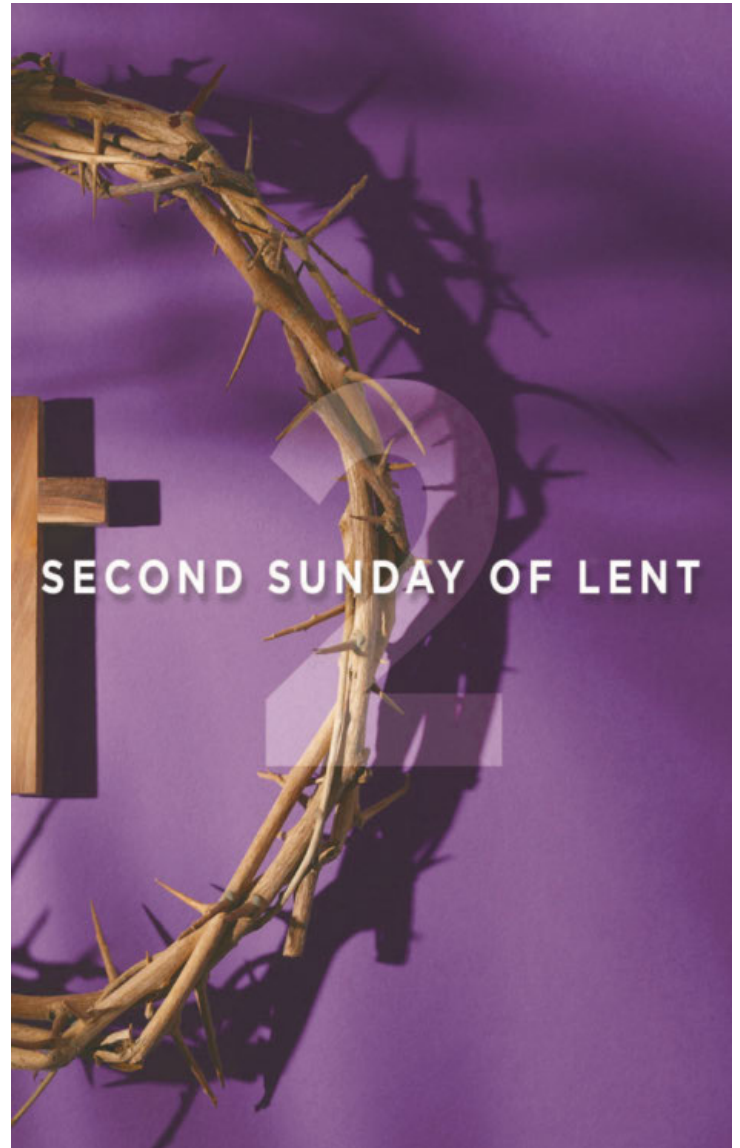
First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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 26 - 27



Attendance: 564
Plate: \$ 8,216
ACH: \$12,687
Total: \$20,903

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$13,670

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, Richard Mars, Anthony Mazzucchi, Jim McCarthy, Ramona 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 13, 2022

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

12-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Marilyn Bertolini
13-Sunday	8:00 am	+Russ Cook
	10:00 am	+Karie LoCascio
14-Monday	8:00 am	+Fred Hartell
15-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Joe Goyena
16-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Tony Blazejewski
17-Thursday	8:00 am	All StVdP Members, Families and Jerry Anderson
18-Friday	8:00 am	+Lee Doranzo
19-Saturday	8:00 am	+Jerry Landgraf
	5:00 pm	+Nancy Yokoff
20-Sunday	8:00 am	+Edward Harrigan
	10:00 am	People of the Parish

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Thursday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

While we have to be cognizant of our societal and personal responsibilities in this world, we can never lose sight of where our true citizenship lies — heaven. When we become too immersed in earthly things and too preoccupied with our temporal responsibilities, we can actually become numb to our faith. Becoming ambivalent about our faith, our belief in Jesus Christ and the promises of heaven become more a source of agitation rather than a source of promise and hope. It is easy to become an enemy of Christ without even knowing it is happening. God has given us a very clear destiny. We are definitely not meant to conform ourselves to this world but to the transfiguration and glorification of our bodies to come. It is here where we can see clearly not only who God is but who we are. The way many conduct the daily business of their lives suggests that such a promise or hope is of little importance. What does the way you live your daily life say about you?

St. Patrick | March 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)



PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)



SECOND READING

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)



GOSPEL

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

GET INVOLVED



Parish PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd

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!

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 13 - How in the World Do We Relate
- March 20 - Woman at the Well
- March 27 - Man Born Blind
- April 3 - Lazarus



Faith on Tap

Sunday March 20th at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Topic: Why do Catholics do THAT during Lent?? Ashes? Fasting? Abstinence? 40 days? Lenten Sacrifices? Join us for an engaging conversation about our faith.

For additional information, please contact Pete Hofmann at: pjh@hofmann84.com or at 602-531-7487

DAILY MASS ADDED ON THURSDAYS

Thursdays: 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 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 or at 480-837-1066.

ATTENTION 3RD 4TH 5TH 6TH 7TH AND 8TH 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.

Parish Registration

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Upcoming Sacramental Preparation Classes:

1st Communion & Confirmation:

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



Reconciliation:

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

Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John saw white rays of light glow all around Jesus. When you are baptized, God's light of forgiveness glows from your soul. It erases all the sin. Every morning, God sends his grace to help you start each day as a new person. God's grace helps you to stay away from evil. It's like a lunch box God gives you every day of your life. Pick it up on your way out the door.

Prayer

Lord, help me forgive those who hurt me.

Mission for the Week

I will not whine and beg when my parents say "No."

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