



Church of the Ascension

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March 20, 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:

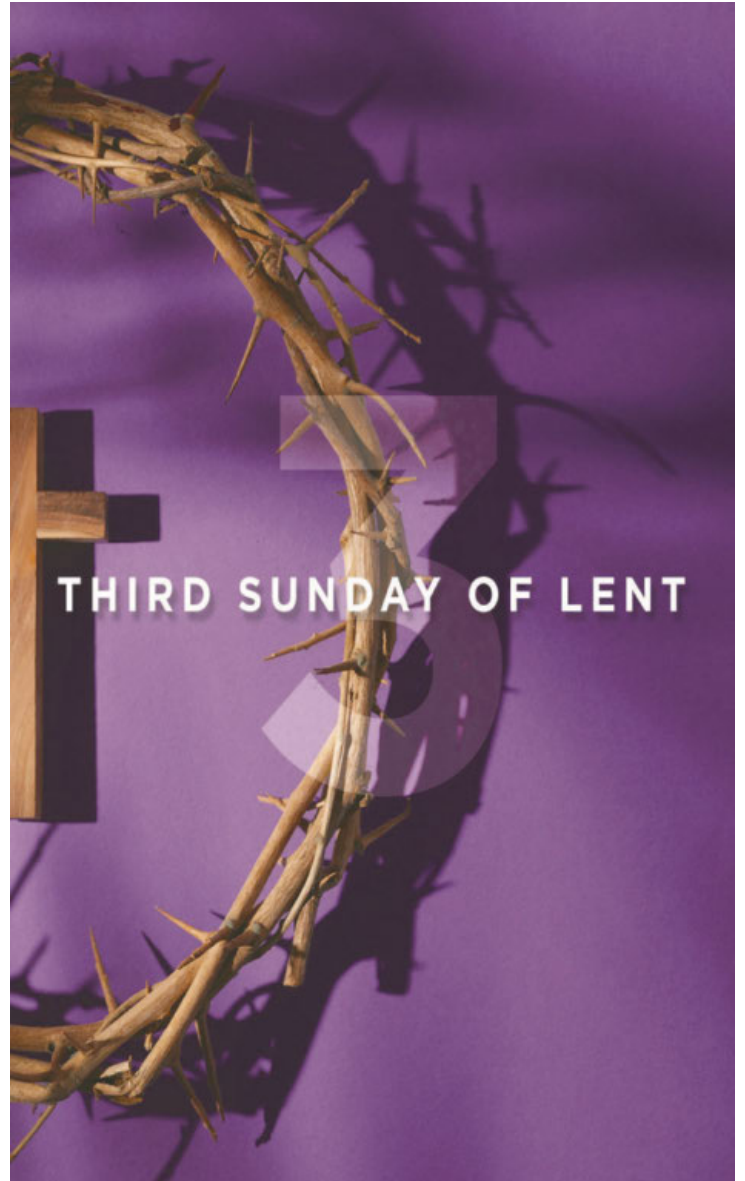
First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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.

Ash Wednesday

Attendance: 644

Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (Ukraine) Collection:

\$5432.45



Weekend Collection

March 5 - 6

Attendance: 683

Plate: \$11,512

ACH: \$ 9,398

Total: \$20,910

Average Weekly Plate Income:

\$13,871

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, 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, Philomena Weyelll, 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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Blessed ARE YOU WHO ARE hungry



WEEKLY PRAYER



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

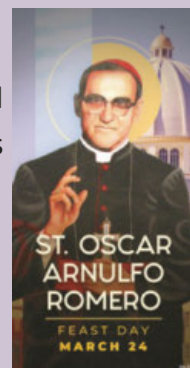
Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.

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
21-Monday	8:00 am	+Ava Arpaio
22-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Miss Moretti
23-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Jim Laughlin
24-Thursday	8:00 am	+George Moran
25-Friday	8:00 am	+Marge Colbert
26-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Jane Eggert
27-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Maria DeMarco

St. Oscar Romero | March 24

When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart. Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.





FIRST READING

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)



PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)



SECOND READING

These things happened to them as an
example,
and they have been written down as a
warning to us,
up on whom the end of the ages has
come. (1 Cor 10:11)



GOSPEL

"But I tell you, if you do not repent,
you will perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.

GET INVOLVED



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, music 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!



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

5RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Lenten Schedule

DAILY MASS ADDED ON THURSDAYS

Thursdays: 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 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.

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 Parishioners!

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 this upcoming meeting:

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

MATTHEW COMMUNITY

Weekender Bags

Food Bags for the month of February totaled 206 bags for a total cost of \$1133.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you,
The Matthew Community



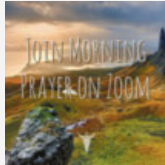
Morning Prayer

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.



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:

3rd Tuesdays

Jennifer Mintzer

480-837-1066

4th Thursdays

Gerry Davis

602-550-1097

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 info. on how to join an online meeting.

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.

Sharing the Gospel

I sin. You sin. Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like God. But God wants you to love him and talk to him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to him every day.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to grow closer to you with every day you give me.

Mission for the Week

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.

Upcoming Sacramental Preparation Classes:

1st Communion & Confirmation:

- ♦ March 22
- ♦ March 27 - Reconciliation for
- ♦ Communion & Confirmation Candidates
- ♦ April 2 - Parent and Child Retreat

Reconciliation:

- ♦ March 19 - Parent and Child Retreat
- ♦ March 27 - First Reconciliation for Candidates



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