



Church of the Ascension

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March 27, 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:

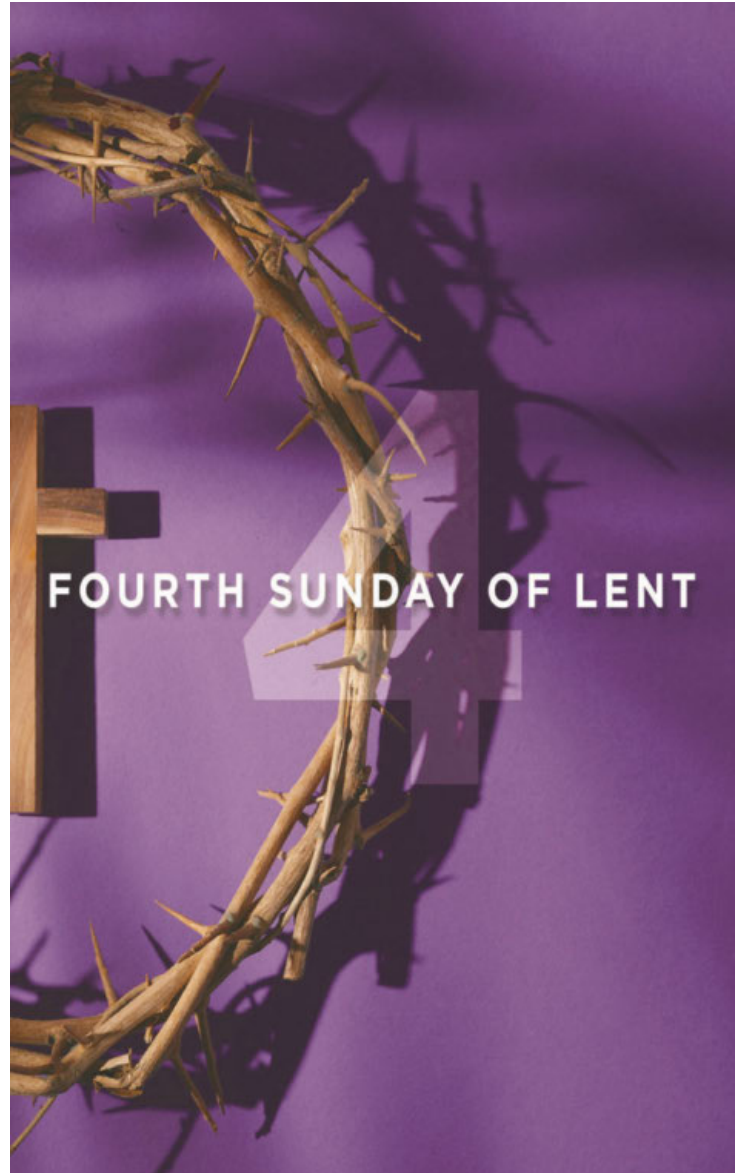
First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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

March 12 - 13

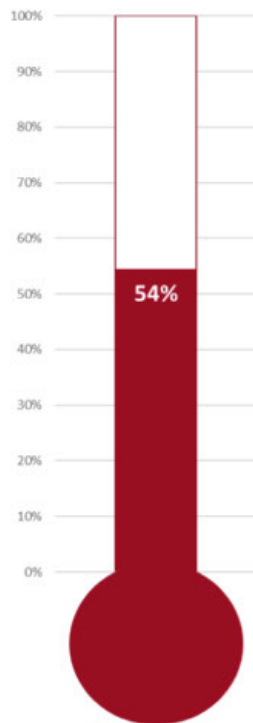


Attendance: 648
Plate: \$ 7,006
ACH: \$ 7,082
Total: \$14,088

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$13,877

As of 03/16/2022

Parish Goal:
\$77,000
Current:
\$41,839
Family Participation:
187 out of 829;
Current Participation
22%



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.



Richard Arvizu, 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, Konnie Middleton, 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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WEEKLY PRAYER



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
- Friday:** April Fools' Day
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an “ambassador for Christ?” An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God’s ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message?

26-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Jane Eggert
27-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Maria DeMarco
28-Monday	8:00 am	+Jane Finerson
29-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Craig Kielmiski
30-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Jim Goad
31-Thursday	8:00 am	+Shirley Bronson
01-Friday	8:00 am	+Ben & Carmella Letizia
02-Saturday	5:00 pm	+DeRose & Patruno Family
03-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Barbara Nanini

St. Rupert of Salzburg | March 28

St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the “Apostle of Bavaria and Austria.” Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint’s early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or “Salt Castle,” and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery.

St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)



PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

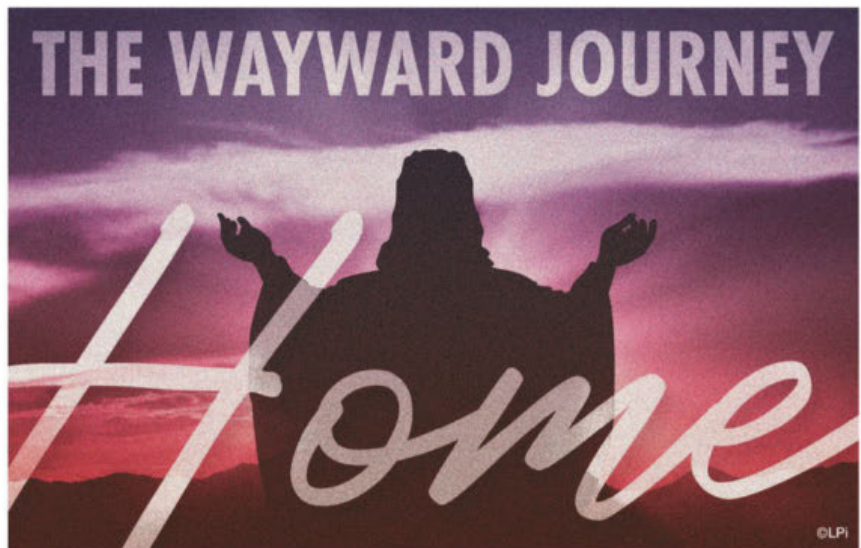
And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)



GOSPEL

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would “sell our souls” in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we “think” we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

GET INVOLVED



Parish PICNIC

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!

Faith on Tap - DATE CORRECTION

Sunday March 27th 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

WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

FOUNTAIN HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB

Is now accepting applications for grants.

The applicant must be a woman who resides or is employed in Fountain Hills and who possesses a high school diploma or equivalent. The applicant must be at least 23 years of age and must desire to further her career goals through the pursuit of additional education.

For an application visit the Parish Office.

APPLICATION & ESSAY DEADLINE:

April 11, 2022

Lenten Schedule

DAILY MASS ADDED ON THURSDAYS

Thursdays: 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:

April 1, and April 8; 7:00 p.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 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

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!



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

4th Thursdays

Jennifer Mintzer

Gerry Davis

480-837-1066

602-550-1097



Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Ascension Blood Drive results from our March 13th event. Our goal was to perform 21 procedures and collect 29 products, we ended up performing 25 procedures and collected 27 products. A total of 31 people showed up. GREAT JOB Ascension! Thank you.

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.

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

Imagine that your father gave you and your brother \$10. You saved yours. But when it was time to put the money in the bank, your brother told your father, "I'm sorry. I wasted my money on candy bars." Your father forgave him and gave him another \$10. You felt hurt and asked him why. He said, "I love you both. Your brother has learned his lesson. I am happy."

Prayer

Lord, help me take good care of my money and my soul.

Mission for the Week

I will save a quarter, spend a quarter, and share a quarter.

Upcoming Sacramental Preparation Classes:

1st Communion & Confirmation:

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



Reconciliation:

- ◆ March 27 - First Reconciliation for Candidates

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