



Church of the Ascension

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April 10, 2022

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. — Lk 19:36, 37b

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PALM SUNDAY



Holy Thursday, April 14

No morning Mass

7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15

Office Closed

Noon - Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
(Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday, April 16

Noon - Blessing of Easter Food (Front porch of the church)

7:30p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass begins with lighting of Easter fire outside.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Mass Times: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., & 10:00 a.m.

Easter Monday, April 18

Office Closed

Mass: 8:00 a.m.

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 26 - 27



Attendance: 690
Plate: \$ 6,906
ACH: \$12,822
Total: \$19,728

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$13,798

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.



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WEEKLY PRAYER



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

- Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday:** Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

- Sunday:** Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- Monday:** St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday; Tax Day
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.

09-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Russ Cook
10-Sunday	8:00 am	+Kay Munter
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
11-Monday	8:00 am	+Joe Goyena
12-Tuesday	8:00 am	+George Moran
13-Wednesday	8:00 am	+James McQuerry
14-Thursday	7:00 pm	+Gerald Ullrich
15-Friday	3:00 pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
16-Saturday	7:30 pm	+Kathleen Kousouris
17-Sunday	6:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:00 am	+William Ayers
	10:00 am	+Ziggy Gampe

St. Bernadette Soubirous | April 16

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmity assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my
beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)



PSALM

My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me? (Ps 22)



SECOND READING

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of
death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him.
(Phil 2:8-9)



GOSPEL

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commend
my spirit”;
and when he had said this he breathed
his last. (Lk 23:46)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, “To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues.” Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God’s unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn’t like hearing about love, especially God’s? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God’s love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God’s love.

God’s love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God’s kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God’s love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God’s love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cover back in fear and join the throngs shouting, “Crucify him!” There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough “to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues.”

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

GET INVOLVED

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

Morning Prayer

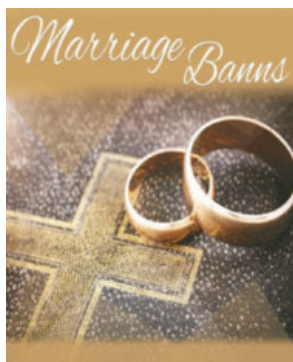
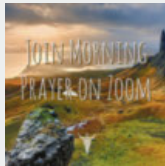
Every Weekday at 7:20AM

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.



April Weddings

April 23

Ronald Fett & Janet Pickle

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK?

5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

01 MEDITATE ON THE PASSION

Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

02 TRY TO BE SILENT

Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.

03 MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE

In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.

04 ATTEND THE LITURGIES

Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.

05 KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY

Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

#HOLYWEEK



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!



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

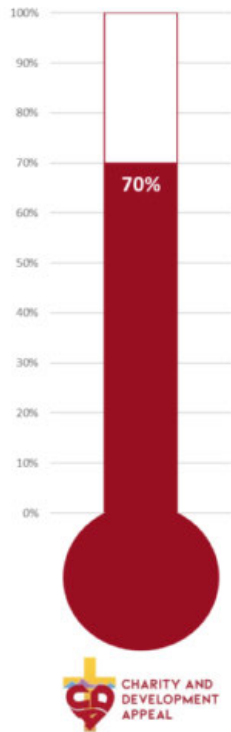
As of 03/31/2022

Parish Goal:
\$77,000

Current:
\$53,884

Family Participation:
251 out of 829;

Current Participation
30%



Help unlock a \$1,000,000 Matching Gift from the Rechterman Family Charities! Once we raise \$1MM toward the CDA from April 1 – May 15, this generous family will match that \$1MM!



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.



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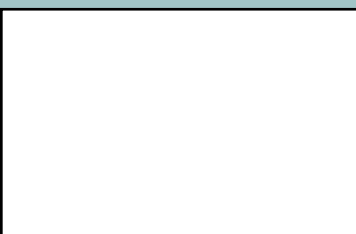
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