



Church of the Ascension

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May 01, 2022

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Daily Mass:

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

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Reconciliation:

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

Adoration:

First Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

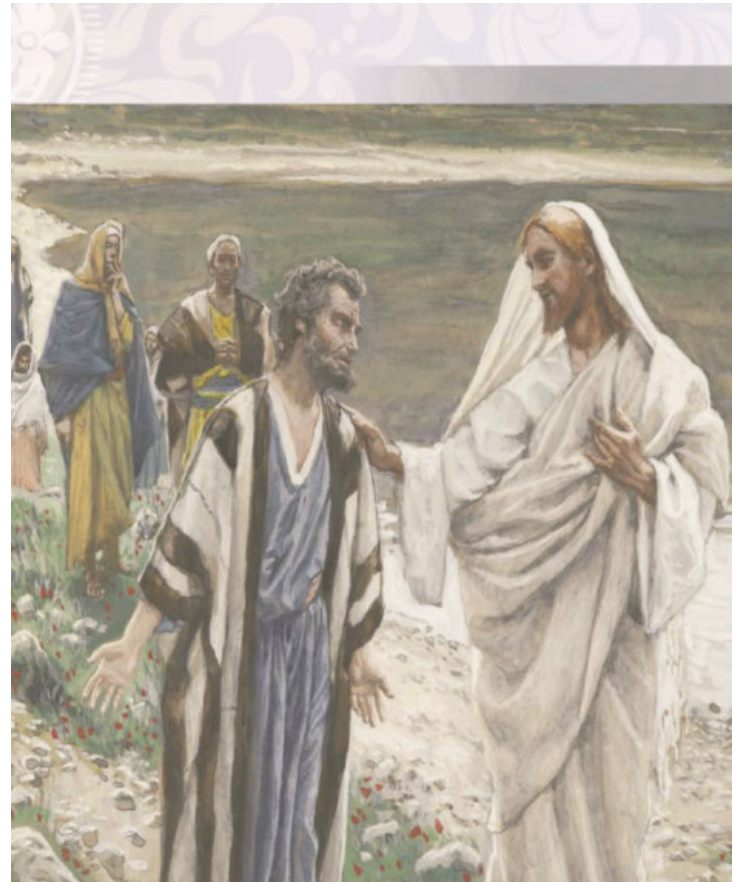
Third Friday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Inquire at the parish office.

Marriages: Nine month notice.

Sick Calls: Immediately Call (480) 837-1066



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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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

April 14 - 17 (Holy Thurs - Easter)



Attendance: 1327
Plate: \$11,023
ACH: \$ 175
Total: \$11,198

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$13,974



Remember...

It's time to bring back your family's Lent Rice Bowl.



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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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 MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations;
Mother's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"

30-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Dee Fett
01-Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	People of the Parish +Virginia Peddicord La Penta
02-Monday	8:00 am	+Ross Frizbee
03-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Debbie Turas
04-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Ron Ramos
05-Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
06-Friday	8:00 am	+Dave Beracy
07-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Margaret Grace Fuller
08-Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am	People of the Parish +Anita Brennan

St. Rose Venerini | May 7

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)



PSALM

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev 5:12)



GOSPEL

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this?

GET INVOLVED



We are proud to announce the upcoming Confirmation and First Communion for our Ascension children!



The Most Rev. Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares will preside over this Mass on Sunday May 15, 2022, at 10 AM

All Parishioners are invited to attend and pray for the candidates receiving their Sacraments.

A donut reception to follow in the parish hall.

AVOID FRAUD, SCAMS, AND ABUSE

All Seniors and loved ones are welcome to join us **Monday, May 9th at 2 PM** in the Parish Hall for this presentation offered by Foundation for Senior Living. For more info, contact Terri Hofmann at 480-313-1343 or by email: tmh@hofmann84.com

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:

<u>3rd Tuesdays</u>	<u>4th Thursdays</u>
Jennifer Mintzer	Gerry Davis
480-837-1066	602-550-1097

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/>

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Contact the parish office for login info.



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!



SACRED SORROWS

Mothers: Are you suffering the loss of a child or grandchild, regardless of how much time has passed? Sacred Sorrows is a Catholic organization endorsed by Bishop Olmsted that will help you find hope and healing through the mystery of God's grace. You (and a supportive friend or family member) are invited to an Afternoon of Remembrance and Reflection on **Saturday, May 14th from 1-3 pm at the Crosier Village, 717 E. Southern Ave, Phoenix.**

Fr. Stephan Bauer and Ms. Rita Morton will present the topic of "The Pearl of Great Price". For more information and to sign up, visit the website: www.sacredsorrows.org or call Rita at 480-734-5416. Attendance is free - and reservations are required.

As of 04/22/2022

Parish Goal:

\$77,000

Current: \$59,817

Family

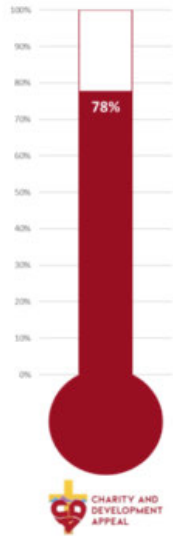
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Participation

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Choosing Organ Donation

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING
CATCH
BOAT

JUMPED
DRAGGED
BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T
R C A T C H A R T R O
I H S D P L E A S A L
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