



Church of the Ascension

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May 08, 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

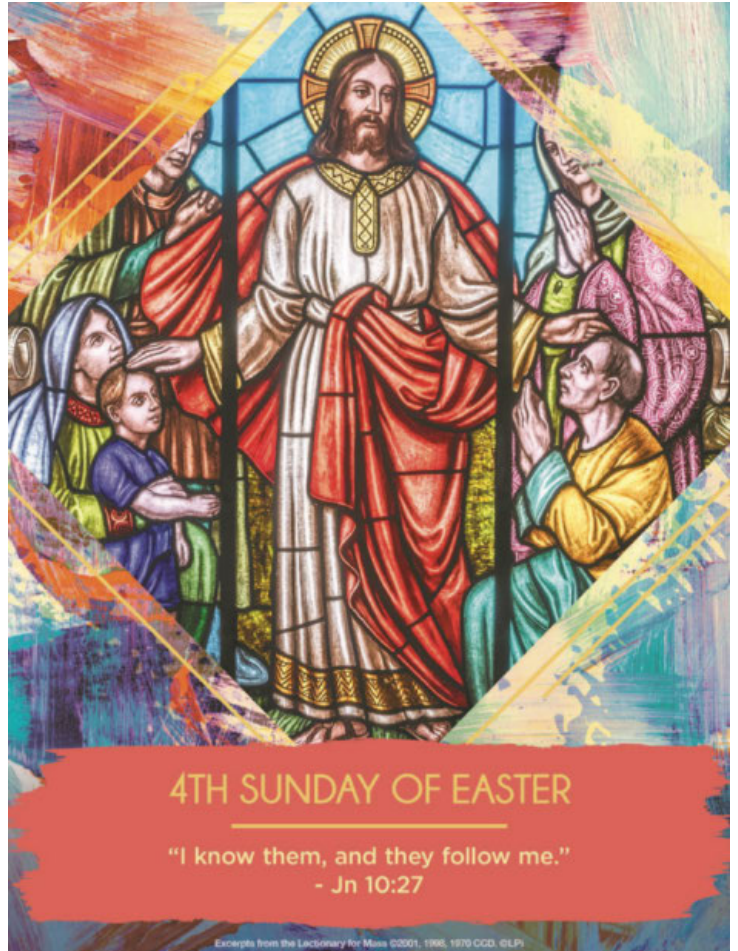
Third Friday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Inquire at the parish office.

Marriages: Nine month notice.

Sick Calls: Immediately Call (480) 837-1066



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 23 - 24



Attendance: 505

Plate: \$ 4,880

ACH: \$12,672

Total: \$17,552

Average Weekly Plate Income:
\$14,057

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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 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Thursday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

07-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Margaret Grace Fuller
08-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Anita Brennan
09-Monday	8:00 am	+Nancy & Bob Kovich
10-Tuesday	8:00 am	+May Corbo
11-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Albert Macejak
12-Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
13-Friday	8:00 am	+Michael Freund
14-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Vincent Alongi
15-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Anna Putnam

St. Damien | May 10

People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love.

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

For so the Lord has commanded us,
"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of
salvation
to the ends of the earth."
(Act 13:47)



PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
(Ps 100)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

For the Lamb who is in the center of the
throne
will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving
water. (Rev 7:17)



GOSPEL

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall
never perish." (Jn 10:27-28)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal. We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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.

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.

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.

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 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:

4th Thursdays

Gerry Davis
602-550-1097

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



As of 04/29/2022

Parish Goal:

\$77,000

Current: \$61,762

Family

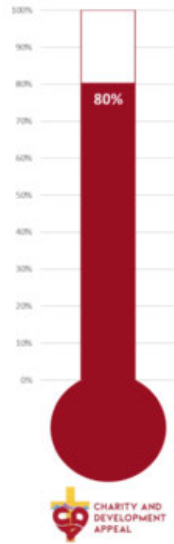
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Participation

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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

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father wants you to recognize his voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to him.

Prayer

I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.

Daily Prayer Versus Mass?

Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

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