



# Church of the Ascension

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## January 15, 2023

### PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

#### Parochial Administrator:

Rev. Jilson Panakkal ext. 203

**Deacons:** Phil LoCascio; Richard Smith

**Human Resources & Office Coordinator:**

LeAnn Pernot, ext. 202

**Music Director:** Joshua Kludy, 208

**Front Desk Receptionist:**

Dee Crandell, ext. 201

**Bookkeeper:** Joanne Wamer, ext. 204

**Facilities & Maintenance:**

Bill Kobyłka, ext. 210

**Religious Education Office:** ext. 206

#### St. Dominic's Mission - Rio Verde

**Secretary:** Mary Finnigan (480) 471-2112

### 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 - 10:00 AM

Third Friday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 6:30 pm

### SACRAMENTS

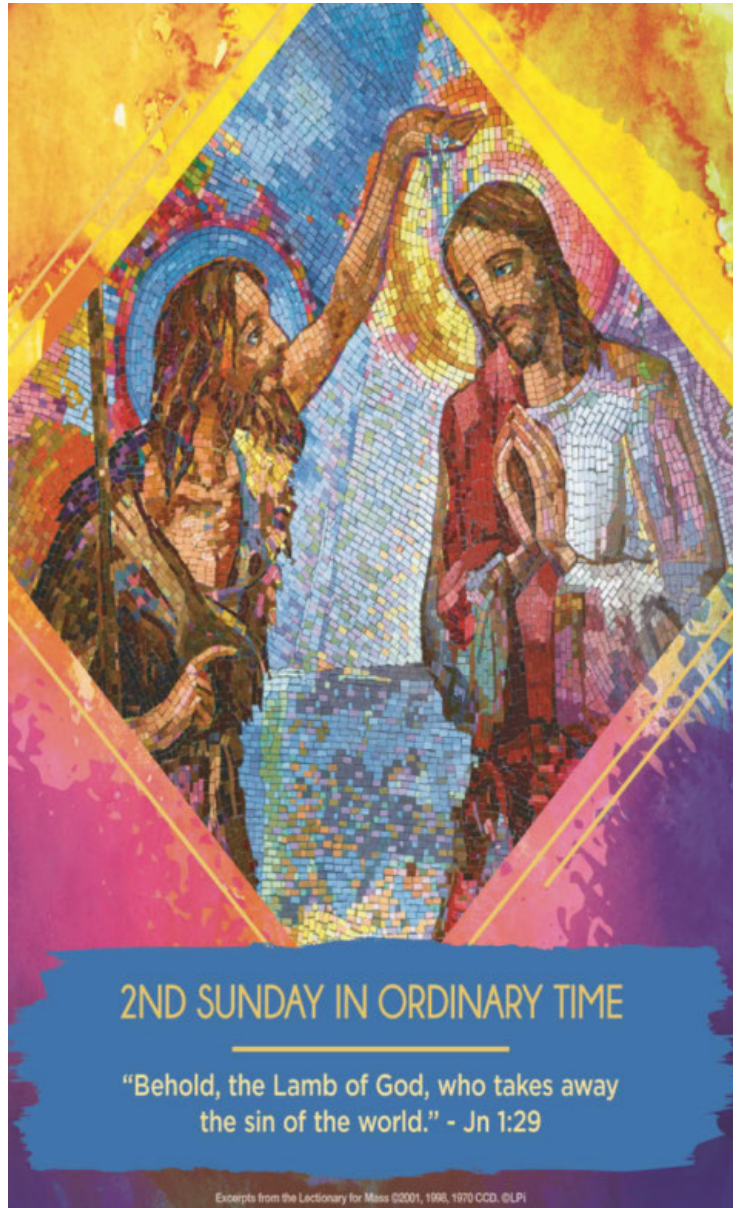
**Baptism:** Inquire at the parish office.

**Marriages:** Nine month notice.

**Sick Calls:** Immediately Call (480) 837-1066

**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line:**

(480) 837-7287



### Parish Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

## 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 December 24th & 25th**

**Attendance: 945**

**Plate: \$11,490.50**

**ACH: \$11,399.00**

**Total: \$22,889.50**



**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Monday, January 16th**

### **PRESIDER SCHEDULE JANUARY 21ST & 22ND**

Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. Jilson
Sunday	8:00 AM	Fr. Jilson
Sunday	10:00 AM	Fr. Jilson

*Schedule is subject to change*

## 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 & Joan Asche, Linda Bailey, James Barrington, Suzanne Bertino, Ann Blakely, David Burr, Molly Campbell, Sheila Carlson, Carol Conroy, Cameron Collins, Basil Cousins, Jim Cozemius, Phil Dalman, Kevin Day, Blanche & D.L. Donovan, Mattie Alexandra Dragich, Elizabeth & Laura Eggert, Tom Elliott, Leona Farinaccio, Mark Filtranti, Al Gibas, Traci Jacobs, Carol Jones, Sandra Lesniak, Bill & Catherine Malatak, Bobbie Marr, Mitra Matin, Mike McGuckin, Mary Kay & Richard McManus, Carol Maloney, Richard Mars, Cynthia Ann Miller, Gregory Miller, Anne Petrone, Jay Price, Arnie Rohr, Seanna Smart, Jimmy Torpor, Chris Towne, Linda & Robert Travis, Lynn Tupy, Santiago Valentine, Mary Wheeler, Grant Wilks, & Roxanne Zeidas

## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Coatney, Collin, Col., Air National Guard  
Geringer, Andrew, A1C, USAF  
Nagel, Brian R., Capt., USAF  
Nagel, David M., Capt., Army  
Powers, Becky, Lt. Col., USAF  
Powers, John, Lt. Col., USAF  
Travis, Adam, Lt. Col., AZ National Guard

# WEEKLY PRAYER



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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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| 14-Saturday  | 5:00 pm  | People of the Parish       |
| 15-Sunday    | 8:00 am  | + Mary & Raymond Krzywicki |
|              | 10:00 am | + Barbara Nanini           |
| 16 -Monday   | 8:00 am  | + John Bauer               |
| 17-Tuesday   | 8:00 am  | + Robert Vlasman           |
| 18-Wednesday | 8:00 am  | + Jeannine Porter          |
| 19-Thursday  | 8:00 am  | Morning Prayer             |
| 20 -Friday   | 8:00 am  | + George Buechele Jr.      |
| 21 -Saturday | 5:00 pm  | +Michael Freund Jr.        |
| 22-Sunday    | 8:00 am  | People of the Parish       |
|              | 10:00 am | + The Patruno Family       |

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Wednesday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Friday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

## PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

Amen.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

I will make you a light to the nations;  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)



## PSALM

Here am I, Lord; come to do your will. (Ps 40)



## SECOND READING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)



## GOSPEL

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

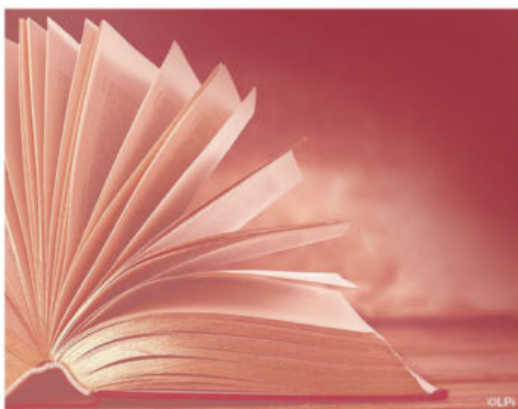
### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir



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## **CAPTIVATING WOMEN'S PRAISE & PRAYER GROUP**



*Thursdays, January 12 & 26*

*6:30pm - 7:30pm*

*in the parish hall*

*Captivating is a place of authentic spiritual friendship. Each time we gather, it's something new! You are sure to be inspired and keep coming back! It's a place to be you! To listen, to learn, to heal, to grow, to deepen friendships.*

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All of us together make up "CAPTIVATING"*

*We need each other, we strengthen our Church. We grow in holiness.*

**Contact Julie Cruz with any questions:  
602-550-0274 or chillyariz@gmail.com**



Grief Support meets in person at 9AM, in the parish hall classroom every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Join Deacon Phil and friends as they help each other by listening and sharing.



**The Divine Mercy Chaplet with Benediction will be held every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

## **HELP WANTED**

### **Religious Education Coordinator - Full Time**

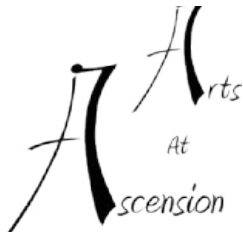
Coordinator to provide a Religious Ed and Youth Ministry Program for our young people, Grades 3 -12.

#### **Job Requirements:**

- Be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic.
- Be a strong Catholic role model for our youth.
- Have proven organizational skills.
- Will work collaboratively with Ascension's religious education volunteers.

**If you are interested in the position, visit:  
<https://dphx.org/about/employment> or scan the QR Code.**





## The 2022/2023 Season

*Salonnières: February 10, 2023*



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Adult RCIA & Catholic Coffeehouse  
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Any adult interested in learning more about faith, or the sacraments, or actually wanting to receive the sacraments, please see Deacon Phil for more info.

**SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDIES  
MEETS OFFSITE TUESDAYS, 9:30 AM**

Discuss upcoming readings and current religious topics. Finish discussion with the rosary. For more information and location contact Ruth Strickler at (480) 837-9350.

### CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

Is Divorce keeping you from fully participating in the Church? If so, Church of the Ascension wants to help. If you would like to pursue getting an Annulment of a prior marriage, we will meet with you confidentially and help you with the process. Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 and leave your name and phone number. Our parish Nullity Minister will contact you to arrange a meeting.

### "CARDS FOR KIDS" UPDATE!

On January 5th, we delivered the gift cards to Kim Flowers and Kathie Cook from Fountain Hills High School. We had collected over \$2200 in gift cards!

Thanks again, Ascension Parishioners!

You're the Best!



The Liturgy of the Word Books are in! Please come by the Front Desk in the Parish Office to pick up your copy now for \$5.00.

All personalized offering envelopes for 2023 are here! They are located in the Parish Hall.

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Sunday, January 29th.**



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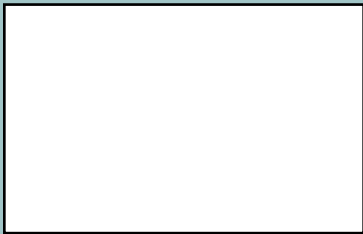
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