



Church of the Ascension

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January 22, 2023

PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Parochial Administrator:

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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

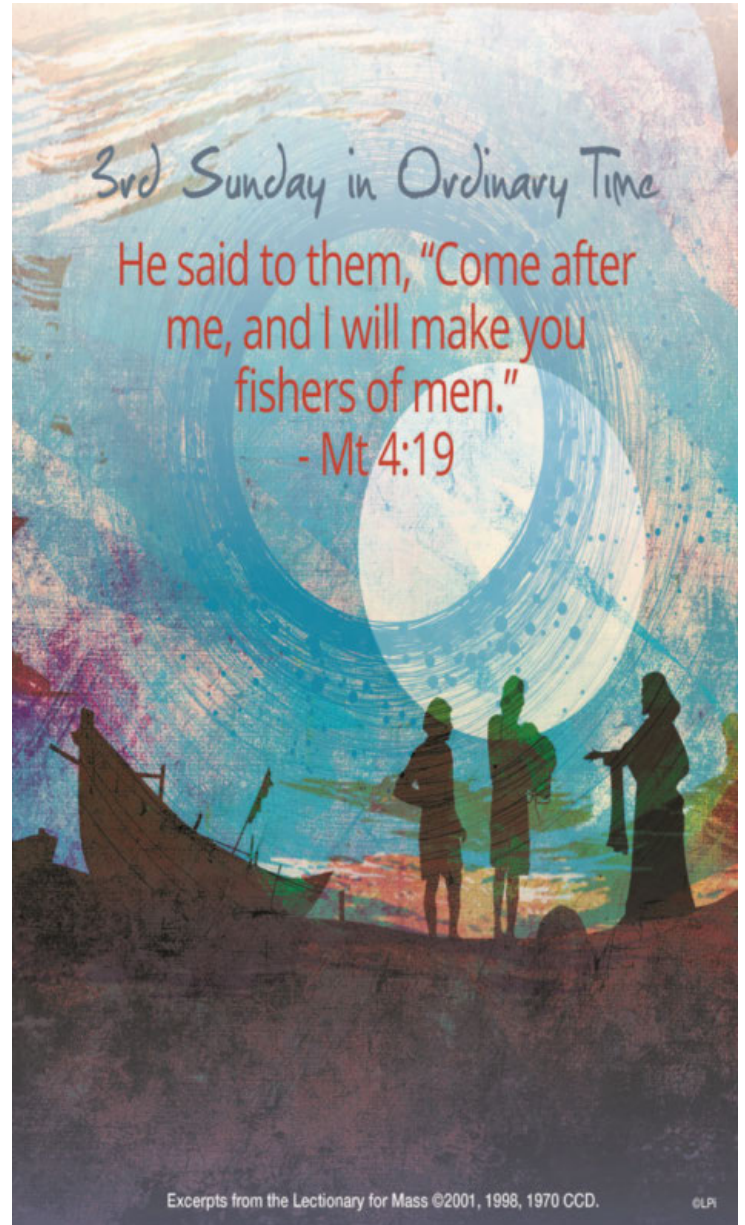
Baptism: Inquire at the parish office.

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 31st & January 1st

Attendance: 472

Plate: \$5,667.75

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 Matt, Mitra Martin, Mike McGuckin, Mary Kay & Richard McManus, Carol Maloney, Richard Mars, Larry Milano, 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, Judy Wagner, Grant Wilks, & Roxanne Zeidas



Prayer for the Charity and Development Appeal

Generous and loving God, You call us to be disciples of your son Jesus, and good stewards of all your many gifts. Open our minds and hearts to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of your countless blessings.

Transform us through the power of your Spirit to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing.

Teach us to be faithful servants of your gifts.

With Mary's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

Amen

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

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 28TH & 29TH

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

Schedule is subject to change

WEEKLY PRAYER



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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Thursday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left "at once" to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.

21 -Saturday	5:00 pm	+Michael Freund Jr.
22-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+ The Patruno Family
23 -Monday	8:00 am	+ All Unborn Children
24 -Tuesday	8:00 am	+ Gaylord Bovee
25-Wednesday	8:00 am	+ Anita & Ed Brennan
26 -Thursday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
27 -Friday	8:00 am	+ Tony Tamilio
28 -Saturday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
29-Sunday	8:00 am	+ Charles Litgen
	10:00 am	+ Phil Hernandez



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

PRAYER

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession
 Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

PSALM

The Lord is my light and my
salvation. (Ps 27)

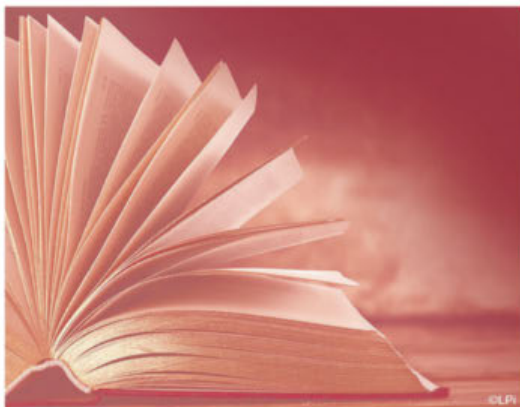
SECOND READING

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in
the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
that all of you agree in what you
say,
and that you be united in the
same mind and in the same
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

GOSPEL

He left Nazareth and went to live in
Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and
Naphtali,
that what had been said through
Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir

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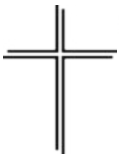
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CAPTIVATING WOMEN'S PRAISE & PRAYER GROUP



Thursdays, January 12 & 26

6:30pm - 7:30pm

in the parish hall

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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](mailto:chillyariz@gmail.com)



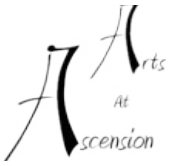
The Holy Rollers Singles Group had a great time at Game Night on January 6th! Call the Parish Office if you would like to join us!



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



## The 2022/2023 Season

### Salonnières February 10, 2023



Phoenix based Salonnières (soprano, violin, piano) creates themed programs centered in classical music yet embracing folk, musical theater, popular, and sacred traditions. Each concert's theme is a springboard to conversations, spoken and musical, giving audiences a deeper connection with the music they hear and the people they share it with. Capturing the ambience of historic European salons where artists and audiences met in homes for cultural get-togethers,

Salonnières takes its name from the title given to women who hosted these events. In today's modern settings, Salonnières places special attention on creating an environment where audience and performers can interact, share stories, and feel culturally fed by music and their fellow attendees.

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**The "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" Collection  
for St. Vincent de Paul is  
Sunday, January 29th.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Adult RCIA & Catholic Coffeehouse Join us in the Conference Room on Sundays at 11am.

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.



The Caregivers Support Group had a presentation from Dianne O'Donnell McNamara on January 9th. Attendees learned about legal and financial issues regarding wills, power of attorney, insurance, and long term care services.

**JANUARY 23RD**



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.

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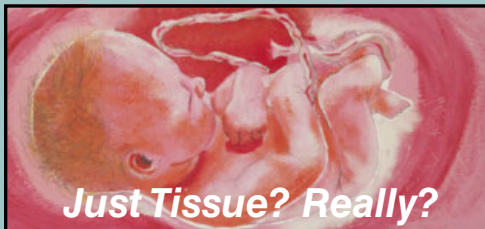
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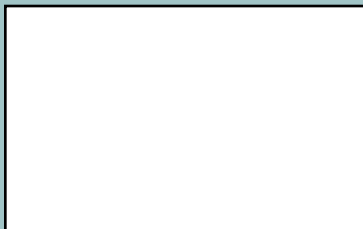
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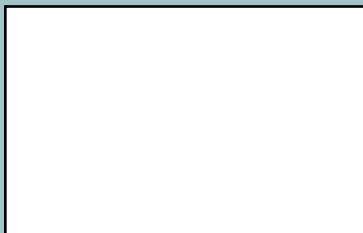
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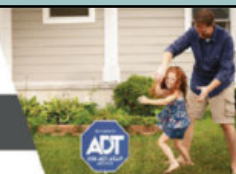
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