

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th:

(No morning Mass)

7:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Supper; Adoration til 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th:

Noon - Stations of the Cross

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

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th:

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th:

Mass Times:

6:30 am, 8:00 am, 8 10:00 am

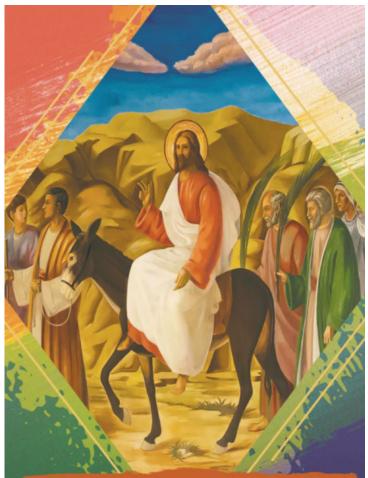
EASTER MONDAY, April 10th:

Mass: 8:00 am

Church of the Ascension

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April 2, 2023



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass." - Mt 21:5

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Good Friday: Parish Office Closed

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 11 & 12th Attendance: 727 Plate: \$10,727.83 ACH: \$6152.00 TOTAL: \$16,879.83



01 -Saturday	5:00 pm	+James Conmy
02-Sunday	8:00 am	+Kay Munter
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
03-Monday	8:00 am	+Vincent Marnell
04 -Tuesday	8:00 am	+Gaylord Bovee
05-Wednesday	8:00 am	+Jack McElligott
06-Thursday	8:00 am	+Donald Tapper
07-Friday	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
08 -Saturday	12:00 pm	Blessing of Food
	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
09-Sunday	6:30 am	+Michael Smith Sr.
	8:00 am	*Pesavento Family
	10:00 am	+Dr. Ray Muzzarelli

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



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, Jim Cozemius, Phil Dalman, Rosemarie Dann, Kevin Day, D.L. Donovan, Jenny Diello, Mattie Alexandra Dragich, Elizabeth & Laura Eggert, Tom Elliott, Leona Farinaccio, Mark Filtranti, Meg Fox, Traci Jacobs, Carol Jones, Sandra Lesniak, Chris Loo, Bill & Catherine Malatak, Mitra Matin, Mike McGuckin, Mary Kay & Richard McManus, Richard Mars, Larry Milano, Cynthia Ann Miller, Gregory Miller, Dave Morgel, Anne Petrone, Jay Price, Ralph Rizzo, Arnie Rohr, Seanna Smart, Isabel Smith, Jimmy Torpor, Chris Towne, Linda & Robert Travis, Lynn Tupy, Santiago Valentine, Mary Wheeler, Judy Widner, Grant Wilks, & Roxanne Zeidas

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Coatney, Collin, Col., Air National Guard Geringer, Andrew, A1C, USAF Knaack, Chad, P01, U.S. Navy Nagel, Brian R., Major, USAF Nagel, David M., Capt., Army Powers, Becky, Lt. Col., USAF Powers, John, Lt. Col., USAF

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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:

Chrism 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, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/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 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday:

Easter 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 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

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 Mt 28:1-10



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, **"The master has need of it,"** they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, **"The master has need of it."** And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

- Father John Muir

Thank you Ascension Parishioners for your donations to the **Diocese of Kannur!** We have collected **\$13,352.38**





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

Any adult interested in learning more about faith, the sacraments, or wanting to receive the sacraments, see Deacon Phil for more information or call the Parish Office.

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support meets at 9:00 AM, in the parish hall classroom every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Join Deacon Phil and friends as they help each other by listening and sharing.



Church of the Ascension is excited to announce that we have a new Religious Education Coordinator. Welcome Caleb Guy! You can contact Caleb at 480-837-1066 extension 205 or by email: cguy@ascensionfh.org



Vacation Bible School will be on June 26^{th} to the 30^{th} from 6:00 pm to 8:30pm.

Help us make VBS out of this world by attending or volunteering!



Please join us for a RE Volunteer Meeting on April 5th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This includes VBS, children's liturgy of the word, and everything in between. All are welcome!!

CAPTIVATING WOMEN'S PRAISE & PRAYER GROUP

We Need Each Other. We Strengthen Our Church. We Grow In Holiness.

April 13th & 27th

6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall



MAINTAINING MOBILITY FOR OURSELVES AND OUR LOVED ONES

All Parishioners are invited to a presentation on mobility, transfers, assistive devices, gait and lifting mechanics for patients and caregivers by staff from Spooner Physical Therapy.

Monday, April 10, 2-3:30pm in the Parish Hall

Please call the parish office to sign up

Sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Caregivers Group at Church of the Ascension

John Kline, PT, DPT, FAFS, CSCS Clinic Director

Abbey Schmidt, PTA LSVT BIG Certified Certified Breast Oncology Rehab Specialist



Thank you Ascension Parishioners for all of the donations for M.A.N.A. House! Along with these items we received \$805 in Target Gift Cards. And thank you Ron Beck for

delivering them for us.

Matthew Community



Do you have a hidden talent of singing that you want to share with the rest of us?

The Music Ministry at Ascension warmly welcomes any singer who wishes to participate in the choir this year to join us! Stop me before or after Mass if you are interested in joining or need more details, email Josh Kludy at *music@ascensionfh.org or call the parish office at 480-837-1066 ext. 208.*



HOLY THURSDAY

Our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting food for the poor. There will be a couple baskets in the Narthex for donations. We can accept any non-perishable food items.

Thank you!

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our parish is starting a Funeral Hospitality Ministry! If you would like to help with funeral receptions at the Church, please come by or call the Parish Office at 480-837-1066.

CHARITY DEVELOPMENT APPEAL



Parish Goal: Number of Donors to date: Total Raised:

\$77,000 214 \$62,975



APRIL 14TH 4:00 pm Golden Eagle Park

Some photos of our Reception for the Solemnity of St. Joseph







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