



# Church of the Ascension

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## 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

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

**Administrative Assistant:** Julie Cruz, ext. 201

**Religious Education Coordinator:**

Caleb Guy, ext. 205

**Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor:**

Bill Kobylka, ext. 210

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

**Secretary:** Leslie Rugh (480) 471-2112

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### **Daily Mass:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at  
8:00 AM

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### **Reconciliation:**

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

**Adoration:** First Friday : 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet:**

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 6:30 PM

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Contact Caleb Guy at 480-837-1066

**Marriages:** Contact Fr. Jilson at 480-837-1066

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line:** (480) 837-7287



## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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### 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

**June 24th & 25th**

**Attendance: 388**

**Plate: \$2,690.00**

**ACH: \$11,700.00**

**Total: \$14,460.00**

## MASST INTENTIONS

15-Saturday	5:00pm	+Tucker Ramos
16-Sunday	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	+Erin Kearns
17-Monday	8:00am	+Jim Brennan
18-Tuesday	8:00am	+Al Gibas
19-Wednesday	8:00am	+John Riley
20-Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
21-Friday	8:00am	* Maria Jourdan
22-Saturday	5:00pm	+Ben & Carmletizia
23-Sunday	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	+Mary B. Kearns

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

### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**JULY 22ND & 23RD**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Fr. Jilson</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr. Jilson</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Fr. Brian</b>

*Schedule is subject to change*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

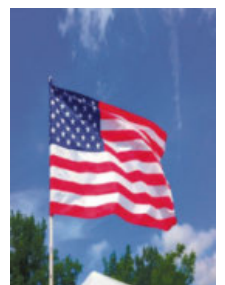
Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 to have a name to be added or removed from either list.

## Prayer REQUESTS

Astrid & Joan Asche, Linda Bailey, James Barrington, Suzanne Bertino, Ann Blakely, David Burr, Molly Campbell, Sheila Carlson, Carol Conroy, Cameron Collins, Jim Cozemius, Kevin Day, Jenny Diello, D.L. Donovan, Mattie Alexandra Dragich, Elizabeth & Laura Eggert, Leona Farinaccio, Mark Filtranti, Meg Fox, Verna May Hallaron, Carol Jones, Doras Ladd, Sandra Lesniak, Bill & Catherine Malatak, Mitra Matin, Sulema McDonald, Mike McGuckin, Mary Kay & Richard McManus, Larry Milano, Cynthia Ann Miller, Gregory Miller, Joe Mintzer, Dave Morgel, Sandy Parks, Donald Pollert, Anne Petrone, Jay Price, Jeff Relth, Ralph Rizzo, Arnie Rohrer, Margaret Rosenberger, Dan Smalshtig, Seanna Smart, Isabel Smith, Jimmy Torpor, Chris Towne, Linda & Robert Travis, Lynn Tupy, Santiago Valentine, Mary Wheeler, Judy Widner, Grant Wilks, Linda Wood & 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



## Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

### Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/  
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

### Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt  
10:34—11:1

### Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt  
11:20-24

### Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt  
11:25-27

### Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-  
27/Mt 11:28-30

### Friday:

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,  
17-18/Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,  
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### Next Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
(5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or  
13:24-30



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *Father John Muir*

# EVENTS SCHEDULE



## CAPTIVATING WOMEN'S PRAISE & PRAYER GROUP

Bring your Bible and join us for an inspirational evening!! When you read and study the Bible...

1. It nourishes your soul
2. It strengthens your faith
3. It causes you to grow spiritually
4. It lights the path ahead of you



See you on Thursday, July 27th  
6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.  
Contact Julie Cruz at  
480-837-1066 with any questions.



Join us for the next St. John the Evangelist Caregivers Support Group on Monday, July 24th in the Parish Hall at 2:00 pm. Contact Terri Hofmann if you have any questions at 480-313-1343.



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH BENEDICTION WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM

“ YOU CAN BURN OUR BODIES, BUT YOU CANNOT HARM OUR SOULS. ”

- ST. CHARLES LWANGA

## 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.

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ANNULMENT

If you would like to pursue getting an Annulment of a prior marriage, our parish Nullity Minister will meet with you confidentially and help you with the process. Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066.

## HELP WANTED - ROSARY MAKERS

The Mission Rosary Makers are looking for new members to help with making rosaries that are sent to Missionaries overseas. We will be happy to teach you and all materials are supplied. The rosaries can be made at your convenience in your home. For more information call Barbara at 724-504-7613.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Grief Support will meet at 9:00 AM, in the parish hall on July 18th. Join Deacon Phil and friends as they help each other by listening and sharing.

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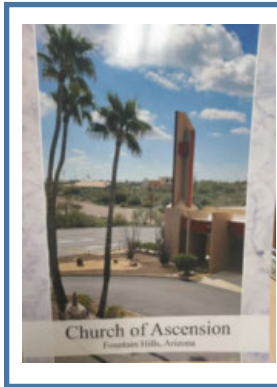
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*Did You Know?* ...that it is possible to make charitable donations directly from your retirement account to Church of the Ascension? You can schedule one-time donations or provide your account representative with a schedule of dates and amounts you would like donated. There may be tax advantages to making your charitable donations this way since the funds do not become part of your annual income. Contact your financial advisor to discuss the options and potential benefits of making charitable donations directly from your retirement accounts.



Sheila Roalf did a 30-minute Captivating Presentation on her trip to *Our Lady of Champion*, near Green Bay Wisconsin. The Only Shrine located in the USA to be designated by the Catholic Church as an approved Marian Apparition Site.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Altar Servers Needed!



Do you want to get involved in the Mass in a different way? Have you been Confirmed? If you answered yes, we are in need of more altar servers. We are looking for adults and children. Please contact LeAnn in the parish office at 480-837-1066 if you are interested.



Have you ever wanted to be part of a choir? If so, you're invited to join us Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00pm.

No Choir practice on July 5th & 12th.

No experience needed.

We need a few more men to complete our choir too.

Josh Kludy, Music Director

## All Volunteers & Ministry Members

Your Annual Safe Environment Training is up for renewal as of **July 1st!** This is **MANDATORY** for all volunteers at our parish per the Diocese of Phoenix.

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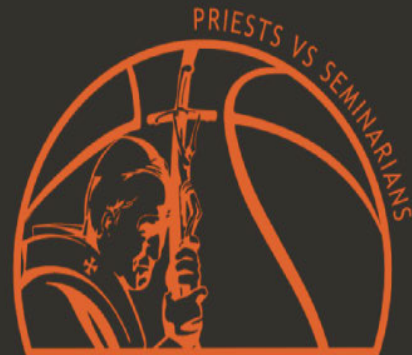
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If you need assistance for your annual certification, please contact LeAnn in the parish office at 480 837-1066 ext. 202.

# It's GAME ON!

## August 11, 2023

5PM FOOD TRUCKS | 7PM TIP OFF | POST GAME FREE ICE CREAM!



## JPII CLASSIC

ANNUAL BASKETBALL EVENT



The Diocese of Phoenix Vocations Office presents, the JPII Classic priests vs seminarians annual basketball event.

The seminarians will take on the priests in this family-friendly game at Brophy College Preparatory. Visit the food trucks beginning at 5 PM. Enjoy exciting basketball at 7PM. Stay after the game for fellowship and free ice cream!

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More info <https://dphx.org/event/jpii-classic/>



Andre House Volunteers:

Andre House is open to our guests 6 days a week. We serve dinner to our guests in our dining room each night. We offer showers for our guests 5 days a week, and laundry service twice a week. Guests can receive basic items like hygiene kits, socks, and blankets each day and our clothing closet is open three times a week. Our Ascension volunteers go to Andre House the 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer, call Shannon Carbone 480-392-2116

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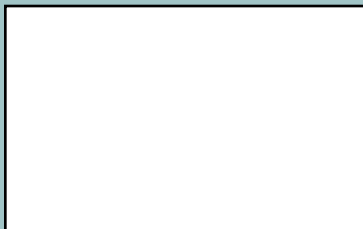


**Dr. Christopher Condon, D.C.**

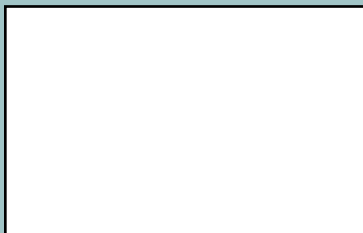
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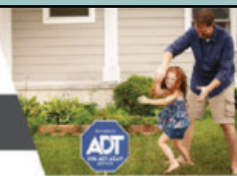
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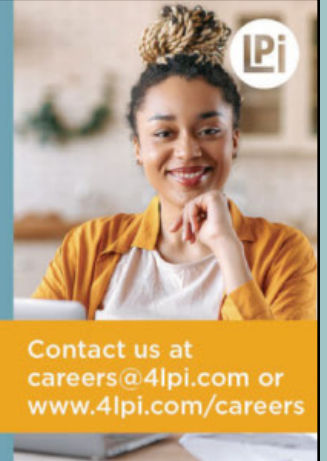
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