



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed
at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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JANUARY 5, 2025

PARISH PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
& Friday, 8:00 AM

1st Saturday of the Month, 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 appoint-
ment

1st Saturday of the Month, 3:00-4:30 PM

Adoration: First Friday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Tuesdays: 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Sacrament Preparation:

Contact Caleb Guy, (480)-837-1066

Marriages: Contact Fr. Jilson, 480-837-1066

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 8:30 AM- 1:00 PM

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Committed to build, strengthen, and nurture
the Body of Christ.

TIME *Talent* TREASURE

Our community welcomes all who come through
our doors to worship and seek spiritual
nourishment. As a community of love, we value
and embrace an individual's time,
talent and treasure.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Collection

December 14th & 15th

Attendance: 431

Plate: \$4,639.

ACH: \$4395.

TOTAL: 9,034.



04-Saturday	8:00am	+Frank Sebellino
	5:00pm	+Jeffrey James
05-Sunday	8:00am	+Traci Lynn Jacobs
06-Monday	8:00am	+Ann Reilly
07-Tuesday	8:00am	*Rance Russo
08-Wednesday	8:00am	+Kelly Turner
09-Thursday	8:00am	Morning Prayer
10-Friday	8:00am	+Jim Donovan
11-Saturday	5:00pm	+Marianne & Alexander Chrzanowski
12-Sunday	8:00am	+Antonio La'Marca
	10:00am	+Alice Reese

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

PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE

JANUARY 11TH AND 12TH

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

Schedule 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.



Joan & Astrid Asche, Ronald Avila, Harry
Bares, Xavier Bermudez, Ron Bilek, Ann
Blakely, Jackson Broosan, Cameron Collins,
JoAnne Collins, Heather Connell, Dianna
DeBaltzo, Chris Dalman, Liz & Laura Eggert,
Leona Farinaccio, Cheryl Fiedler, John & Ruby
Gonzales, Jeane Granacki, Maria Haddad,
Verna May Hallaron, Ed Heath, Judy Higgins,
Kyan Jacobs, Carol Jones, Emily Kurt, Patti
LaPrade, Aiden Latchaw, Carmely Libera,
Sulema McDonald, Louise Malpass, Richard
Macias, Marco Medina, Jim Parker, Rosie Perez,
Joanne Porter, James Potter, Lincoln Price,
Karen Ramos, Jeff Relth, Ralph Rizzo, Arnie
Rohrer, Rance Russo, Isabel Smith, Michelle
Stypa, Bob Travis, Lam Truong, Kelly Watson,
Philomena Weyell, Judy Widner, Grant Wilks,
Linda Wood & Nancy Zastrow

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Collin Coatney, Col., Air National Guard
Andrew Geringer, A1C, USAF
Chad Knaack, PO1, U.S. Navy
Brian R. Nagel, Major, USAF
David Nagel, Capt., Army
Becky Powers, Lt. Col., USAF
John Powers, Lt. Col., USAF
Greg Rugh, Capt, Army National Guard
Travis, Adam, Lt. Col., AZ National Guard





REFLECTION & MEDITATION

The Epiphany of the Lord

When I was doing my canonical studies in Rome, I used to substitute for the Pastor of one of the parishes in Ravenna, in the Emilia-Romagna Region of northeastern Italy. Among many other things, Ravenna is known for its exceptional collection of Byzantine mosaics. These mosaics can be seen mainly in 1500-year-old churches and baptisteries, some of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo is depicted a sixth century mosaic of the Three Magi in stunning exotic colors and intricate costumes (see the picture above). They are portrayed in Persian clothing and are named Balthassar, Melchior, Casper, though their number or names are not mentioned in the Gospel. The journey of the Magi as *Pilgrims of Hope* to pay homage to the newborn King resembles the visit of Queen Sheba to admire the wisdom of king Solomon narrated in 1 Kings 10 and 2 Chronicles 9.

The manifestation (Epiphany) of Jesus to the wisemen from the east is a sign of the universality of his mission. The Evangelist Matthew reiterates this at the end of his Gospel where Jesus commissions his disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28: 19). This Sunday’s First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm express the same theme: “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you” (cf. Ps 72:11).

However, Matthew places the Magi in contrast to the chief priests and the scribes of the people and King Herod. Instead of rejoicing and paying homage to their newborn King, they are greatly troubled. Later in the Gospel, we see Jesus laments over the disbelief and rejection of his own people whereas the gentiles readily accept his Lordship: “the queen of the south... came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here” (Mt 12:42).

The Solemnity of Epiphany challenges us today to revisit our allegiance to Jesus and to rededicate ourselves to him and his will.

Blessings to all of you!

Fr. Jilson Panakkal.



Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22





Join us on Monday, January 27th for fun, activities, and faith! All kids are welcome to join us at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADORATION JANUARY 12TH after 10 AM Mass

Adoration is a special quiet time when we learn to pray and speak to Jesus from our heart. The children preparing for First Eucharist and Confirmation have learned that the Consecrated Host displayed in the Monstrance is really Jesus.



This Adoration is open to the ENTIRE PARISH!

What a great opportunity to attend as a wonderful example for our children showing them the importance of the Blessed Sacrament in our lives!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Kids please join us **every Sunday** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass!

Children will be sent forth with our Catechists during the Mass for about 20 minutes.

Children hear, discuss and pray the Sunday readings. Also, they will have fun coloring or making a craft to take home.



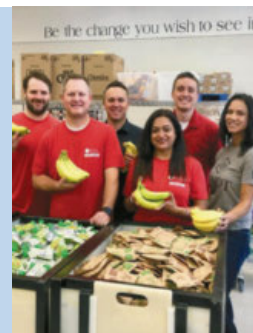
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE WITH FR. JILSON

Join us on Tuesday, January 7th, for an enriching journey through the Gospel of St. Luke, guided by the Ascension Study Series. Led by Fr. Jilson, this Bible study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

All are welcome—so bring a dish to share, your Bible, and an open heart. Let us grow in faith and fellowship as a community!

The food bags for the month of December was 189 for a total of \$1,890.

**Thank you,
Matthew Community**



Little Rock Scripture Study

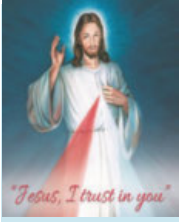
Join us on Tuesdays at 9:00 am starting on January 14th!

We will be focusing on Part Two of the Acts of the Apostles which will give us insights into the early disciples and the beginnings of the Church. Written by Luke in the 50th century, and based on stories, other correspondence, Spirit-filled reflections, and teachings and preaching, we will learn of the disciples exciting journeys, their interactions with the fledgling communities, and their teaching in different communities inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Each weekly session begins with a continental breakfast and coffee. We start with a prayer and then watch a short video on the chapter read the prior week. The answers to the questions in the study guide are shared with added discussion of questions. We end with sharing petitions and praying the Lord's prayer.

Come by the Parish Office and pick up your study book today! The book is \$14.00 and the group is lead by Kathy Anderson.

EVENTS SCHEDULE



*Divine Mercy Chaplet,
6:00 pm every Tuesday*



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CLOTHING DRIVE!!

**February 7th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm &
February 8th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

St.VdP is collecting new or gently used men's, women's or children's clothes. Please drop off your donations at the times listed. Thank you!



Grief is often isolating, but it doesn't have to be anymore.

It's time to be heard, understood and connect with others who understand your journey.

Join us on: **Tuesday, January 7th, 9:00 am
Parish Hall**



The Ascension Men's Group meets every 3rd Saturday in the Parish Hall at 8:00 am.

All men are welcome!!

Church of the Ascension BLOOD DRIVE

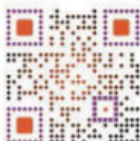
Sunday, February 2, 2025

7:15 am - Noon

Parish Hall



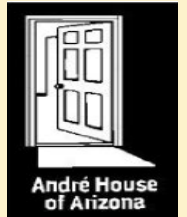
To schedule an appointment, visit vitalant.org (Enter Blood Drive Code: ascension) or scan the QR code. For questions or information, please call Parish Office at (480) 837-1066.



SEEKING A REWARDING EXPERIENCE?

Andre House is a Catholic charity that is located downtown

Phoenix. Our volunteers help prepare fresh and healthy food and serve dinner to as many as 600 guests per night. We meet at the Church of the Ascension every 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm and carpool together. Call Shannon Carbone at 480-392-2116 for more information!



Self-Care for the Caregiver

Dr. Karen Willfahrt,
Parishioner
Naturopathic Doctor and Nurse,
Facilitator

**Please join us on Thursday,
January 9th at 2:00 pm, Parish Hall.**

The meeting will address the health challenges that caregivers face and the need to incorporate self-care wellness strategies such as healthy diet, exercise and meditation.

Crochet With Love Club will meet on January 11th & 25th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. If you are a beginner or an experienced crocheter we welcome you!

We are selecting projects to benefit charities in our community. Our last project was Santa hats!



Our Lessons & Carols Concert was amazing! Thank you Ascension & St. Dominic Choir, Josh & Erin Kludy, Luis Rodriguez and our lectors for this wonderful event. We raised \$1,350. for Arizona Brain Food!



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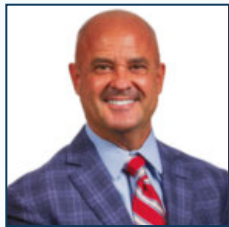
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