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Sundays 8:15am,
10:30am & 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

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Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8:15am & All Daily Masses

View through church website

CONFESSION

Saturdays 10am - Noon



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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Reflection by Father Daniel Kuyumba Halumo (We Walk Together)

My dear brothers and sisters, Peter is the central figure in our readings today. Let's look back at Peter's actions prior to the resurrection. After journeying with Jesus throughout his public ministry, when Jesus was arrested, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times. Peter was not there as Jesus hung in the cross. Peter, along with the rest of the apostles locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of being arrested. And yet, in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter boldly says, "We must obey God rather than men. God exalted him [Jesus] at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins." After being ordered by the Sanhedrin to stop talking about Jesus, Peter and the disciples rejoiced for being "found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name [Jesus]". Why this dramatic change? Saint Peter had encountered the Risen Lord and this encounter transformed his life. Saint Peter had also experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that brings boldness.

In today's Gospel, unsure of what to do after finding the empty tomb, Peter returns to what is comfortable - fishing. While the disciples are in their boats, Jesus appears on the shore to his disciples. Jesus has been busy cooking fish and bread over a charcoal fire. He also helps the disciples haul in a miraculous catch of fish. Jesus meets Simon Peter where he is. Jesus recognizes the uncertainty with which Simon Peter is now living. Three times Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter responds each time, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus is meeting Peter in his fear, in his doubt, and in his guilt for denying Him three times. Peter denied him by a charcoal fire and now by another charcoal fire, Peter professes his love for Jesus. The beauty of Christ's death and resurrection is that no matter your sin, no matter how you have denied Jesus in your past, Jesus will meet you and simply ask you, "Do you love me?" Your yes begins a journey of love, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Jesus loves you unconditionally. He simply needs your "yes" so that He can say again and again, "Follow me."



Please inform the Parish Office of anyone who is sick or hospitalized. For ACUTE patients who are parishioners, and with the patient's permission, we announce their name at weekend Masses. 495-1886, extension 410.

For those with chronic illness we keep in our prayers:

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FINANCIAL NEWS

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April 24, 2022 Week 43

All Information below is INCOME Only!

General Fund (GF) Weekly Budget.....	21,650.00
GF Actual Collection.....	21,301.50
GF Over (under) Weekly Budget.....	(348.50)
GF Year-to-Date Budget.....	949,850.00
GF Year-to-Date Actual (Corrected)...	897,407.75
GF Over or (Under) Yearly Budget.....	(52,442.25)

Capital improvement (CI) Wkly Budget	673.08
CI Actual Donations.....	403.00
CI Year-to-Date Budget.....	28,942.31
CI Year-to-Date Actual donations.....	23,140.00
CI Over or (Under) Yearly Budget.....	(5,802.31)

Social Ministry (SM) Weekly Budget...	2,430.00
SM Actual Donation.....	2,655.00
SM Year-to-Date Budget.....	104,490.00
SM Year-to-Date Actual (corrected).....	93,167.00
SM Over or (Under) yearly Budget.....	(11,323.00)



THE WEEK OF May 3 -8

Tues. 9:15am **Maureen Flanagan +**

Wed. 9:15am **Justine Pahuyo +**

Thurs. 9:15am **James Hurley +**

Fri. 9:15am **Rev. Leo Manalo +**

Saturday 5:30pm **Ricardo Guevara, Jr. +**

Sunday 8th - **Mother's Day**
For all living and deceased mothers

Blessed Sacrament Candle Week of May 1

LIVING HONOR BIRTHDAY:

Marie (Dolly) Green
- from friends Rita and Florence



OUR VISION

***We are a thriving Spirit-filled faith community
transforming lives for Christ***

Week 1, April 24th: Reflection on the Vision Theme: **Disciple**

The first vision theme is very ambitious and maybe a bit intimidating. It describes what is expected of me as a disciple in this community. I have a long way to go, but it made me think about what it takes to be a true disciple of Jesus. I have a good start, because like you, I am graced by my Baptism.

This theme reminded me that being a disciple is a life-long journey. My personal relationship with Jesus needs continuous nurturing and renewal. The Apostle Peter didn't go from being a simple fisherman to building Christ's church overnight. He made mistakes and had to learn and grow, just as I do. Above all, I am not alone on this journey. I am empowered by the Holy Spirit and all of you, who live and share your faith.

One final thought about this theme. There are three challenges: to claim our discipleship, to live the Fruits of the Spirit and to be "priest, prophet and king." The power in these may be the new seed that transforms and inspires us and the next generation of disciples to joyfully live and share the gospel!

Week 2, May 1st: Reflection on the Vision Theme: **Family**

We frequently hear the phrase "our Ascension family" and newcomers often say Ascension feels like home. This vision theme calls us into a deeper connection with each other. It's about "being" family, every individual, every family or group within our community, drawn together by our faith. People are accepted and loved because they are part of the family, not because of who they are or what they can do.

As family we focus on loving, nurturing and strengthening each other. This includes those who are regularly with us, those whose circumstances may keep them at home and those who may be in assisted living situations. Being a family also means sacrifice. For others to grow or be strengthened I may need to give up a personal preference or desire.

A key focus in the Family theme is the emphasis on building and strengthening generational and diverse relationships. Imagine what our worship, ministries and social outreach would be like and what we might experience if everyone, children, youth, young adults, young families and seniors, learned from each other and served together.

**Ascension's Mary Garden Dedication, Blessing of the Statue
and May Crowning
this Sunday, May 1 following 12:30 Mass**

Please join us for this celebration in honor of our Blessed Mother and the 50th Anniversary of Church of the Ascension parish

We will gather in our NEW Mary Garden directly following Mass for a blessing and procession led by our children of the parish.

A reception will follow in the Picnic Pavilion
Hosted by our Filipino Community

Let's all wear blue in our Blessed Mother's honor!



More May Celebrations for our 50th Anniversary :



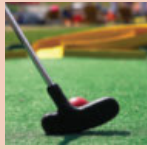
Time Capsule - A request from the High School Youth of Ascension

Dear Ascension Family,

We need your help with our 50th Anniversary TIME CAPSULE!
Throughout the month of May we are accepting items/objects of what you think would be fun to represent 1972-2022 years of Ascension Family. Think SMALL size (about the size of your hand), this could be a photo, an article from an old bulletin, a commemorative item from our past 20th, 25th, 40th anniversaries. A collection box is located in the Commons marked YOA TIME CAPSULE and will end May 21/22nd weekend. Come Holy Spirit! We love you,- YOA

May 22 - Our 50th Anniversary Mass to be held at 10:00 am under a tent in the back portion of Ascension's property. This will be the only Mass that Sunday! Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Barry Knestout, Bishop of Richmond. We will have 1000 seats under the tent and want to fill them with all our parish family and friends. Hospitality will follow in the Ascension Community Center.

The 19th Golf Classic is May 13, 2022
Heron Ridge Golf Club in Virginia Beach
Deadline for golfers to register is May 4



Visit our website and follow the link to register at
<http://yoagolf.dojiggy.com>

This event supports our high school youth (YOA) Come out and enjoy a day of golf, fellowship and fun. Your past support is greatly appreciated.
Please contact Travis Hayes 757-288-1819 or Cindy Laufer 757-647-4168

This is the last weekend for Catching Fire, our Parish's Middle School Faith Formation Program, SOCK Collection. This collection will support Samaritan House.
NEW Socks from baby to adult sizes.
RED Donation bin in the Commons

Please help support our Middle School youth in their social outreach project.
THANK YOU!

Looking ahead to summer!

Summer is fast approaching and plans are being made. We will not be offering Vacation Bible school this year. We are concerned that with the delayed start of the new office building that a week-long event during the day may be impacted by construction noise, the unavailability of the breezeway and whatever else may happen!



Instead we are happy to present:

And Jesus did WHAT?



Exploring Four Miracles of Jesus
Family, Faith, Fun and Food Nights

4 fun-filled nights– come all 4 or when you can!

July 13: Wedding Feast at Cana– party with Jesus at a wedding

July 20: Walking on Water– stepping out in faith

July 27: Loaves and Fishes– something small turns into something BIG

August 3: Resurrection—the greatest miracle!

6 p.m.-8 p.m. Evening includes:

- Dinner
- Bible Adventures
- Craft Corner
- Games
- Fellowship and more...



- Pre-K 3– HS will have age appropriate activities. All younger children are invited to stay with the parents/grandparents.
- Pre-registration necessary so we can have guest estimates for food!
- Open to people of all ages!
- No fee– good will offering will be taken!

Registration is open:



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

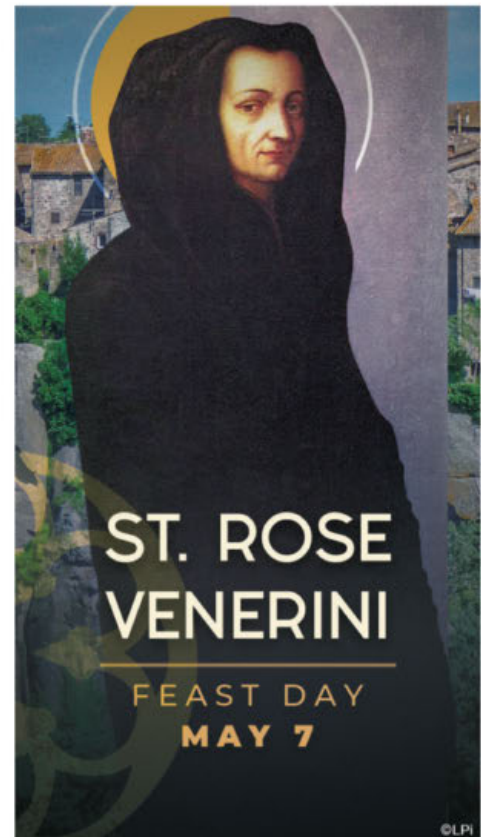
- Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker
- Monday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Thursday:** National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?"



SAINT OF THE WEEK

The story of St. Rose of Venerini (February 9, 1656 – May 7, 1728) is one of having faith in God and his calling in your life. Born in Italy in 1656, she was the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent in the hopes of becoming a nun, but soon returned home to care for her mother after the death of her father. In an effort to keep up her spiritual side, St. Rose invited women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, and together they formed a sodality.

Unsure of where her life was headed, she sought the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest. After much contemplation, she admitted to feeling called to be a teacher in the world, rather than a nun in a convent. Eventually, she moved ahead and opened a free school for girls in 1685. Eventually, she was invited to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in the Diocese of Montefiascone, which then led to being called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome.

St. Rose died in Rome in 1728 amid a number of miracles that many credit to her. The group of women she first prayed with in her home eventually became known as the Venerini Sisters, found in the United States and working among Italian immigrants. St. Rose was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006.

FOOD PANTRY OPEN Monday-Friday 10AM - Noon

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Thank you to each one of you who answered the call to help stock the food pantry shelves. Our clients are so thankful for the food we provide.

Food pantry needs this week include: PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED PASTA, CANNED FRUIT, DRIED POTATOES and TOILET PAPER.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
The theme for April CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We are all called to live our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. As such, we are called to care for God's creation and should consider any endeavors that achieve this. One of the simplest tasks is to recycle as much as possible, thereby reducing waste in our landfills as well as waste that ends up in the waterways.

You will not pollute the land where you live. For bloodshed pollutes the land, and the land can have no expiation for the blood shed on it except through the blood of the one who shed it. Do not defile the land in which you live and in the midst of which I dwell; for I the Lord dwell in the midst of the Israelites.

- Numbers 35: 33-34



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