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April 27, 2025

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REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:15am,
10:30am & 12:30pm**

WEEKDAY MASSES

9:15am Mass
Tuesday—Friday

Livestream Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:15am and
All Daily Masses

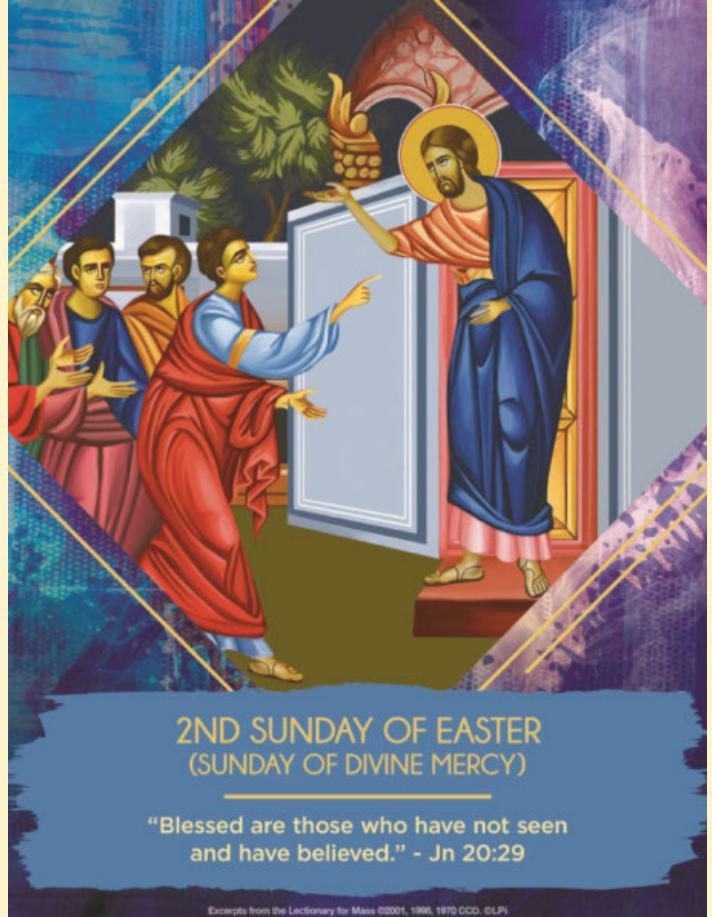
SATURDAY RECONCILIATION

10:00am to Noon

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 9:45am & 6:30pm (one hour)
May 2

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Mon.– Thurs. 9:30am to 4:00pm

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Mercy is the loving kindness and compassion shown to one who offends (i.e. the mercy of God to us sinners).

Pope John Paul II described early 1900s society as experiencing an “eclipse of the sense of God,” because mankind was losing the understanding of the sanctity and dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive revelations concerning Divine Mercy that she recorded in her diary.

In Pope Francis’ Homily given on the Feast of Divine Mercy in 2020, he reminded us of Jesus’ words to Saint Faustina by saying, “I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy” (*Diary, 14 September 1937*). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus’ answer stunned her: ‘You have not offered me the thing that is truly yours.’ ... Jesus said to her with kindness: ‘My daughter, give me your failings’” (*10 October 1937*).

Pope Francis continued, “We, too, can ask ourselves, ‘Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up? Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person...’ The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy.”

In today’s gospel, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation for just this purpose. He knew we would be weak and that we would need recourse for sin. Having established Reconciliation, the apostles are sent forth, with the Holy Spirit, to continue sharing God’s unconditional love. And so are we.



Employment Opportunity

Church of the Ascension is looking for a **part-time (15 hours per week) Coordinator of Initiation (OCIA) and**

Sacramental Preparation. This position works in collaboration with the Director of Religious Formation to develop and maintain the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) and Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion). The ideal candidate delights in sharing their faith, and is a Roman Catholic in good standing.

The position begins May 2025. For more details, visit our website (ascensionvb.org/employment) or contact Bridgett Passauer: passauerb@ascensionvb or 757-495-1886 x415

FINANCIAL NEWS for April 20, 2025

Week 42 Online Giving: www.ascensionvb.org/giving

General Fund (GF)

Weekly Budget.....	30,322.85
GF Actual Collection.....	23,679.25
GF Over (under) Weekly Budget.....	(6,643.60)
GF Year-to-Date Budget.....	1,033,559.70
GF Year-to-Date Actual	997,819.98
GF Over or (Under) Yearly Budget.....	(35,739.72)

Capital improvement (CI)

Weekly Budget CI	575.47
CI Actual Donations	471.00
CI Year-to-Date Budget.....	24,169.81
CI Year-to-Date Actual donations.....	28,351.50
CI Over or (Under) Yearly Budget.....	4,181.69

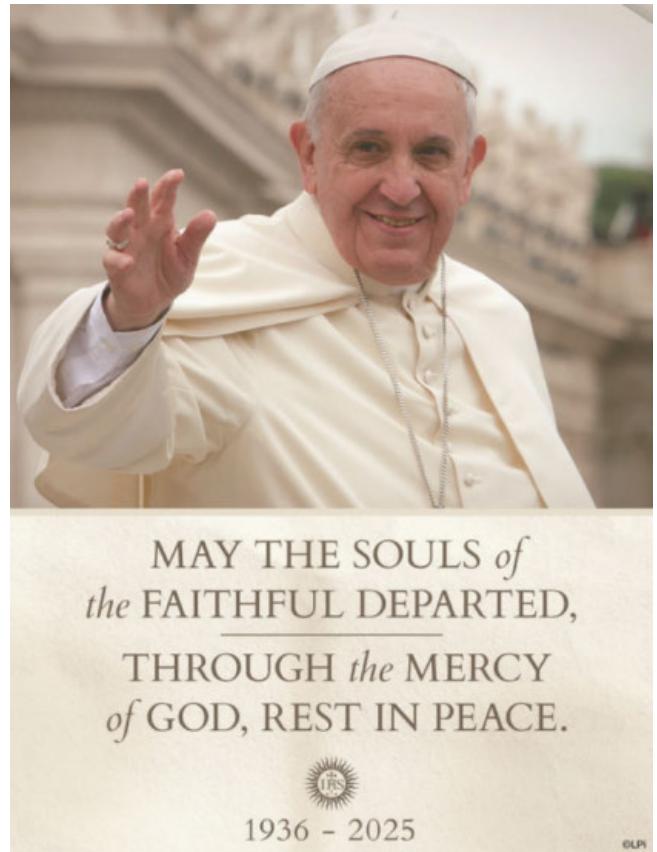
Social Ministry (SM)

Weekly Budget SM	1,759.61
Actual Donation.....	1,670.00
SM Year-to-Date Budget.....	73,903.62
SM Year-to-Date Actual (corrected)	82,192.00
SM Over or (Under) Yearly Budget.....	8,288.38

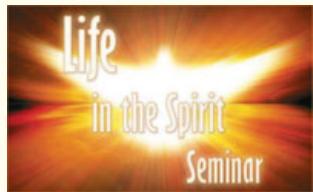
April 29—May 4



Tues. 9:15am **Dolly Rosenbaum** (living)
Wed. 9:15am **Gerardo Cafamio** †
Thurs. 9:15am **Jack Sirrine** †
 Stephen Sarker †
Fri. 9:15am **Rev. Leo Manalo** †
Sat. 5:30pm Vigil Mass **Bermuda Quilala** †
Sun. 8:15am **Lorenzo & Cariclad Viernes** ††
Sun. 10:30am **Connie Novak** †
Sun. 12:30pm **Lolita Nicholson** †



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Adult Faith Formation **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** 6-week Series **Begins Monday, May 5th at 7:00pm in the ACC**

The **Life in the Spirit Seminar** is designed to help people **realize the power of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of their lives**. In the Gospel of John 16: 7, Jesus says, "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor [Holy Spirit] will not come to you, but if I go away, I will send him to you." Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead so that the Holy Spirit could be with every one of us every day.

Come join us as we explore the gift from Jesus and how we can live our lives to the fullest by exploring how the Holy Spirit can transform our lives.

Please use the QR code to register or visit bit.ly/AscensionSpirit
Or contact Bridgett: passauerb@ascensionvb.org or 757-495-1886 x415



YOU WILL BE BLESSED BEYOND MEASURE!

Meeting dates: Mondays, May 5 – June 16, 2025 (except Memorial Day) from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Ascension Community Center (ACC)

Mass is being live streamed for use on digital media accounts, including but not limited to Church of the Ascension website and social media platforms. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used in The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending streamed Masses. Photography and/or video captured at parish events and activities may be used for promotional purposes in print and digital media, including but not limited to the parish website, bulletin, social media, and email distribution. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the event coordinator prior to the event.

Parish Events and Fundraisers

Justice & Peace Forum on Affordable Housing: Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Featuring speakers:

Andrew Friedman (Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation (VBCDC))

Worth Remick (Virginia Beach City Council)



- **Learn about the late Pope Francis' affirmation of Land, Labor and Lodging as fundamental human rights.**
- **Gain an awareness and understanding of the issue of affordable housing, its causes and how it affects residents of Virginia Beach.**
- **Gain an understanding of the challenges and resources available both locally and federally.**



22nd Annual Youth of Ascension Golf Classic Friday, May 9, 2025 at Heron Ridge Golf Club

Check-In starts at 10:30am Lunch and Range Balls at 11:00am

Tournament Play Shotgun start at Noon Awards and Dinner approx. 5:30pm
Entry Fee \$125.00 per player

Entry cover green fees, cart rental, range balls, lunch, refreshments, and awards, dinner/ reception.

Sponsorships and donations can also be made using the registration link, and special sponsorship opportunities are available. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 30.**

Visit <https://birdease.com/yoagolf> or use the QR code to register.

Questions? Contact Travis 757-495-1886 x425 or
travis.rogers@ascensionvb.org



Come on out and have a wonderful day of golfing fun with us!

Upcoming SPRING Parish & Knights of Columbus Events

May 3—Off Site at Mt. Trashmore **Fly a Kite with a Knight** 10am-Noon.



May 4 – **Blood Drive at Catholic Charities starting at 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM**

May 10 Saturday **Rollin' with the Knights Car Show** in the church parking lot

May 12 **Knight's Catholic Ethical Investing**— presentation by Financial Advisor Ben Salazar, open to anyone over the age of 18. Dinner will be provided. See "Signup sheet" in the Commons. Begins at 5:45 PM in the ACC



May 17 Saturday **Marian Mass at 11:00am** in honor of our Blessed Mother followed by **May Crowning and Luncheon, please join us!**

Faith Formation & Parish Information

Landings – Returning Catholics

Have you been away? If you have been away and are considering returning to the CATHOLIC CHURCH, we offer a process called **LANDINGS** to help you find your way home.

If you have been celebrating here and need a refresher on Catholic basics, consider joining us.

If you know a friend or loved one who has been away, please invite them to take another look by sharing this invitation with them.

NEW LANDINGS SESSION Begins Thursday, May 8 and will meet on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Formation Office Library for 8 weeks. Please contact Bridgett Passauer at 757-495-1886 x415 to register

BIBLE STUDY: Get Into The Word

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, we will explore the Gospel of Luke... Read, Reflect, Respond.

What impact can the words and deeds of Jesus have on us and our call to live as missionary disciples?

How can we bring God's love to a world so much in need of hope?

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the conference room. *"Come and see!"*

No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. All are welcome!

Questions: Bridgett Passauer 757-495-1886 x 415 or passauerb@ascensionvb.org

CALLED AND GIFTED: Save the date!

Thanks to the generosity of the Ascension Endowment Fund, Church of the Ascension is thrilled to bring **CALLED AND GIFTED** to our parish family — a one-day gathering with the Catherine of Siena Institute to guide you in understanding the unique call God has for you.

Saturday, June 14

More details to come!



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INSTITUTE

WELCOME! We invite all of you to learn more about our vibrant parish by visiting our updated website: www.ascensionvb.org

3 WAYS TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH:

- Click the "I'm New" button on our website homepage
- Fill out a form at the Welcome Desk
- Stop by the Parish Office during business hours



JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST TO STAY CONNECTED:

To receive Friday News, Monday Reflections, and updated church announcements, select "Join Our Email" from the "About Us" Menu on the homepage. Follow the simple steps to sign up.

OR text COA613 to 84576

Contact **Christine Chambers** in the Parish Office for assistance: **757-495-1886 x417**

FOOD PANTRY Open Monday—Friday 10am - 11:30am

Ascension is an equal opportunity provider.



The Food Pantry has reopened after an Easter break and continues to serve the hungry in our local community. Thanks for helping is to continue this impactful ministry!

The primary items needed this week include:
CEREAL, PASTA, SHAMPOO, and DETERGENT
Thank you for your continued support!

EASTER DINNER FOOD BASKETS: THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the Easter Dinner Food Baskets! With your generosity, we were able to provide 75 Easter dinner baskets along with Walmart gift cards and goodie bags for the children. A special thanks to Angela Morales and Rick Brown for coordinating all aspects of the food collection, packing, and distribution. The families who received the food and Easter goodies were extremely pleased with the quantity and variety of foods they received. Thanks again!

CRS RICE BOWLS: THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who filled a Rice Bowl for Catholic Relief Services as part of their Lenten Almsgiving. Your generous donations allow this organization to continue its work helping the poorest people around the world. You continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving not only our local community, but also our global brothers and sisters!



SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH FOR MARCH

This month Social Ministry continued its mission to serve the poor.

- Food Pantry provided food and other essentials to 433 families; the food was valued at \$87,682.50
- \$2,210.55 was spent on food for the Food Pantry.
- Utilities or other assistance was provided to 58 families in the amount of \$9,738.85.
- Sandwich Ministry spent \$215.99 on food to prepare and deliver 208 sandwiches to Norfolk Catholic Worker twice this month to feed 104 homeless.
- Meals on Wheels delivered meals to the homebound the second week of the month.

JUSTICE & PEACE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Thank you to each of you who participated in this first Justice & Peace Lenten Challenge based on the Beatitudes.

The Committee hopes that it helped to make this Lent more meaningful for you!

**PASTORAL CARE Ministry to the Sick HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:
Our volunteer ministers to the sick make home visits. Please contact Steve Cyrs,
757-635-7590, or stevecyrs@gmail.com to schedule a visit.**

**PARISHIONERS HOSPITALIZED or needing ANOINTING of the SICK, please contact the Parish Office
at: secretary@ascensionvb.org or call 495-1886 x410. We pray for those with chronic illnesses:**

The residents and patients at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Thalia Gardens Nursing Facilities.

Adela Kinne, Tina Ingram, Dolores Goss, Brian Heyward, Sydney Thompson Rios, John Ashlin, Kathryn Franks, Vic Gruning, Tim McGeein, Kathleen Bogosian, Peggy Theodorakis, Carmen Thiergardt, Michelle Parker, Kathy Rooney, Ed Demorest, Vilma Barnett, Natalie Moore, Pat Patrick, Steve McSweeney, Rod Agustin, Ian Ethridge, Mary Alfes, Narcisa Loyola, Antonio David, Bob Hames, Remedios Madrigal, Julia Wolf, Peggy Brewington, Patricia Merhej, Bob Hames, Freddie Delapaz, Betty Collins, Rita Jackson, Cesar Reyes, Keith Hartzel, Dan Barber, Mary McIntyre, Mark Mullins, Matthew Ford, Susan Luppens, Galen Swinson, Selma Stone, Patti Thomasson, Thomas & Maria Renfro, Thomasina Jackson, Tim Freeman, Armanda Roelle, Lita Sison, Tony Baniquid, Irene Agustin-Meyer, Susan Roberts, Rachel Olcheski-Doboga, Karen Harmeyer, Bob Wiese, Phyllis Hunt

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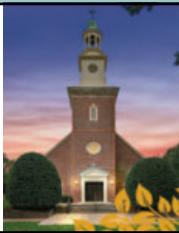
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