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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

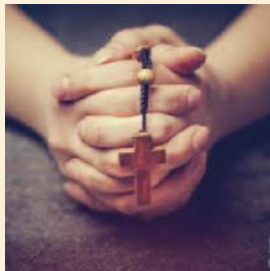
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 04/29 5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 04/30 8:30am	People of the Parish
11:00am	+Michael Lilly
Monday 05/01	NO MASS
Tuesday 05/02 12:00pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday 05/03 12:00pm	NO MASS
Thursday 05/04 9:00am	NO MASS
First Friday 05/05 9:00am	Gregory Thorsted
First Saturday 05/06 9:00am	People of the Parish
5:30pm	+Rita Fahrendorf
Sunday 05/07 8:30am	+Mike Goff
11:00am	People of the Parish

PLEASE JOIN US ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE EACH MASS TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY AS A COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

As of Holy Thursday, the institution of the Eucharist, we will be invited to partake in the cup again at Mass.



SATURDAY MORNING ROSARY FOR PEACE

8:30 AM in the Adoration Chapel Rosary

prayed in the main church each first Saturday

ALL CURRENT MINISTERS

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass on days you serve and check in with the sacristan

Sacristan List

Saturday 5:30pm	Gary Bonnett
Sunday 8:30am	Ginger Mullins
11:00am	Joe Jarvis
Weekdays	Pete Robusto

Please check the board in the sacristy if you are unsure if you serve that weekend.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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For updated Mass and confession times, select 1

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

(now in the adoration chapel)

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Contact Becky Dunn
to sign up for an hour
304-389-8504



WEEKEND TOTALS

General collection: \$4,964.00

Mass Attendance: 5:30pm: 89

8:30am: 109 11: 216

Weekly Prayer

Did you know you can find Father Vincent's weekend homily online each Saturday?

Visit our website: ascensionhurricane.org

or on Facebook: [@ascensionwv](https://www.facebook.com/ascensionwv)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For you had gone astray like sheep,
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

Gospel:

"I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me will be saved,
and will come in and go out and find pasture."
(Jn 10:9)

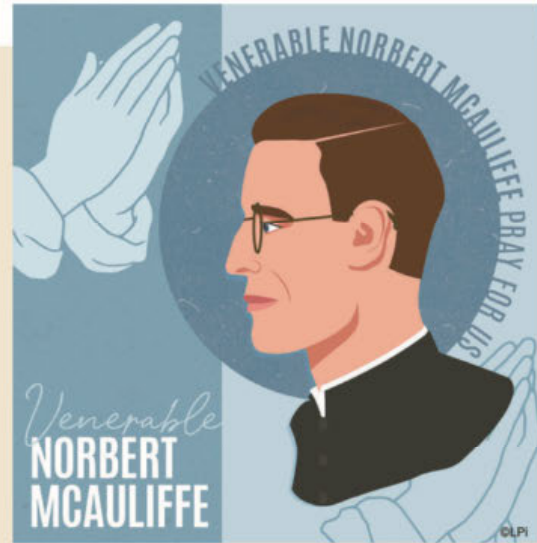
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know he speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only one gate that leads to everlasting life.

Observances for the week of April 30, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Thursday: SNational Day of Prayer
Friday: Cinco de Mayo
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.

Prayer

Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Norbert McAuliffe

Most Holy Trinity, you granted to Your servant Venerable Norbert McAuliffe the gifts of administration and of vision, that he should be a spiritual guide for all he met, a joyful herald of the Gospel, and a devoted servant of the one Church of Christ. For his love of everyone You put in his path, his formation of many young men, and his dedication to education and evangelism across the U.S. and Africa, we pray that he may soon be numbered among the canonized saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

ASCENSION WOMEN'S CLUB

Please join us for our next meeting!
Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday
of each month at 6pm

Backpack Program requests: canned hearty soup
and canned pasta

The Women's Club would like to thank everyone
for their generous response to the Women's Club
Food Drive. It was a great success!

To volunteer for the Funeral Luncheon ministry,
please contact Willene at 304-546-8003

The Women's Club continues to collect new or
gently used duffel bags, cinch sacks & backpacks for
local children in foster care.

Knights of Columbus

Knights meetings will now be held the 2nd
& 4th Monday of each month at 7pm.
We hope to see you there!

For more information about the Knights
please contact Mike Page at:
(304) 760-8475

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Backpack Program: Willene Ingram (304) 757-0852

Adoration: Becky Dunn (304) 389-8504

Ascension Prayer Line: Ellen Siebel (304) 389-5637

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Ascension needs you to be involved!

Please, never hesitate to become
involved in Mass ministries at our
church. All ministers are given the
opportunity to announce the dates when
unable to serve before each new
schedule is set up you will find the
contact information in bulletin.

We need parishioner's participation;
men, women and teens, becoming Cross
Bearers. We need them for all Masses,
especially for the Sunday Masses. Being
a **Cross Bearer** is an important ministry.
It does not require much training. Cross
Bearers lead the procession at the
beginning of Mass, when the gifts are
being brought forward to the altar and at
the end of Mass to lead the procession
out. - A short training session will be
given after each Mass this coming
weekend, April 29/30.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Cut to the Heart

Everyone who has been married knows this feeling: you're in the midst of a disagreement with your spouse. You've really dug in your heels. You're ready to die on this hill. And you have the awful, heartbreaking realization that you are wrong. Whatever it is you're arguing about, you're wrong. You.

So where do you go from here? The only way forward is to own it. Fess up. Grab a fork and dig into that humble pie. It makes me cringe just to write about it, because it's the worst feeling.

I use the example of marriage because it's the one I'm most familiar with — my closest relationship, the one that teaches me the most about who I am and who God asks me to be. But this is a universal experience, and everyone — single or married, child or adult, lay or ordained — knows how badly it feels to realize that you're wrong. You're human. You messed up.

It is hard to recognize that the Christian life is one of ongoing repentance. It is painful to acknowledge the ways in which we are falling short, even as we strive to follow in Christ's example.

It can, in the words of today's reading, "cut to the heart."

But that feeling of despair is what propels forward motion. We have to allow ourselves to feel bad, that's the fertile ground of penitence. We are meant to have not just life, but life "more abundantly." Stasis isn't the goal. Baptism isn't the finish line.

Examining our conscience is hard. It cuts to the heart. It cuts to the truth.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." — Acts 2:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

- Jn 10:2-4

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

After his speech in Jerusalem, the crowds asked Peter, “What are we to do?” He replied, “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ ... and you will receive the Holy Spirit.” How open are you to receiving the Holy Spirit?

Second Reading

Peter teaches us as followers of Jesus, we are called to be patient when we are suffering. What value do you see in this practice?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gatekeeper for the “sheep” (his followers) who are kept safe from strangers. When have you turned to Jesus in your life in times of trouble?



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Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping me follow God.

Mission for the Week

Make a sign for your bedroom door that says, "Jesus is the way to heaven."

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is the way for you to go to heaven. Through Jesus' love and forgiveness, you can be close to God. You can enjoy the many ways God takes care of you. God gives you people to love. God gives you food to eat. He gives you the Bible to read. Stay close to God through Jesus.

Find the lamb that is different!



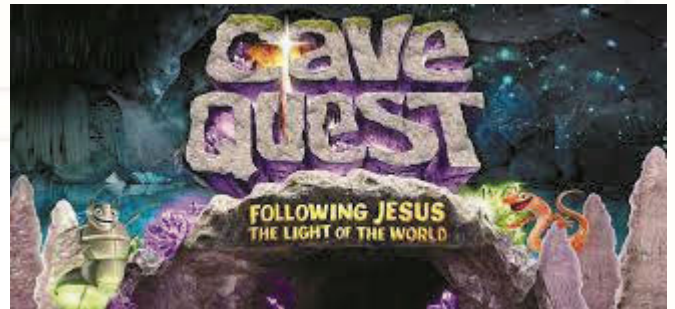
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

VBS 2023 WILL BE:

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH –THURSDAY JUNE 8TH

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 26th at 7pm if you can help in ANY way please plan to attend.

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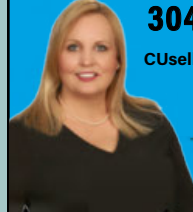
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