

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:00 a.m. (as of Nov. 27
9:00 a.m. all Masses
11:00 a.m. are inside
5:00 p.m. the Church)

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm—4:45 pm

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX MONTHS in advance. Please telephone the parish office to make an appointment with the pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First Sunday of each month at 12 noon. (Preparation seminar is required). Please contact the parish office at least ONE month in advance.

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Office Hours: *Our office has opened to the public, with Covid restrictions.*

Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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In case of an emergency please call 408-725-3939, then press 9



LENTEN OFFERINGS & ACTIVITIES

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the ☐ apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone

Send Envelopes ☐ Weekly, ☐ Not Required/Automatic
Payment, ☐ Moving/remove from mailing list

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

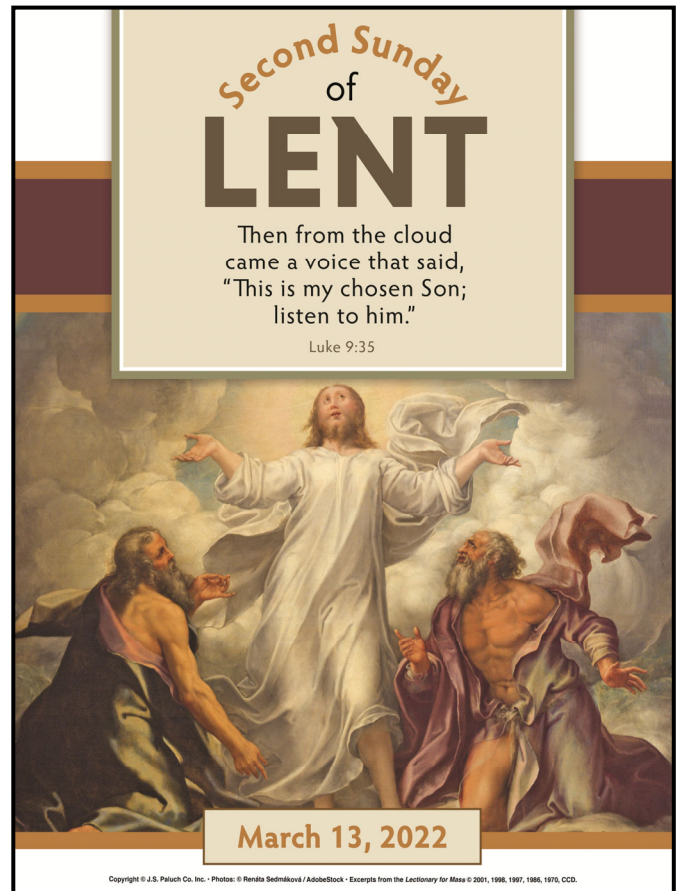
Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them.

Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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ADA 2022

The ADA 2022 theme is "Growing together in Faith."

Together we can achieve and surpass our goal of **\$73,571**. Any rebate will be earmarked for the church sound system upgrade.

To date we have pledges/donations of **\$50,036 (68%)**.



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LENTEN OFFERINGS

Daily Masses: Monday through Friday 8:00 am
Saturdays 9:00 am

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays of Lent—follow after the 8:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00—4:45 pm
(except April 2 & 16)

Feast of St. Joseph: March 19, Saturday 8:00 am
(please bring canned goods for the St. Joseph's table)

Lenten Reflection (with Fr. Chris Bennett):
—March 24, Thursday, 7:30-8:00 pm **OR**
—March 31, Thursday, 10:30 am-12:00 noon

Lenten Reconciliation (with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament): April 2, Saturday—9:45—11:00 am

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION

You are invited to reflect on the questions below. .

FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY

Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and ongoing learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of "walking together," listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

COME TO AN ENCOUNTERING & LISTENING SESSION (SYNOD)

You are invited to participate in a "live" listening session where you will have a chance to *listen to others and share your own experiences of the Church*.

The two live sessions at Ascension are as follows:

Mon. March 21 7:00—8:15 pm

Tues. March 22 9:00—10:15 am

To register, go to Ascension's website and register online or call Jeff Moe at 408-253-6403 and leave a message stating your name and which session you desire to attend.

The outcomes of those sharing sessions will be collated and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by June.

Liturgy Notes

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A Day for the Irish

Thursday is St. Patrick's Day, and along with St. Valentine, St. Patrick has become something of a celebrity in America. Patron saint of Ireland, Irish immigrants brought the feast day to America and the first recorded St. Patrick's Day parade took place in 1762 in New York City.

Although Patrick was not the first missionary to Ireland, he was more successful than those before him; his method of evangelization was to live in solidarity with the people. Yet even as we hold him in high esteem, it is interesting to learn that some of his fellow clerics did not do so. As a foreigner and with inadequate language skills for deep Gospel instruction, fellow priests considered him ignorant and uneducated, something of which Patrick himself was deeply conscious.

Consequently, Patrick was always in awe of God's help and grateful for the deeds he achieved, writing in his "confessions," "...I am greatly a debtor to God who has bestowed on me such grace, that many people through me should be born again to God." (Confessions, art. 38.)

Part of St. Patrick's prayer that is so appropriate not only at Lent but at all times is the following:

*Christ beside me, Christ before me.
Christ behind me. Christ within me.
Christ to the right of me. Christ to the left of me.
Christ in my lying, in my sitting and in my rising. Amen.*

LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT

This inspirational book of daily six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent is available for a donation.

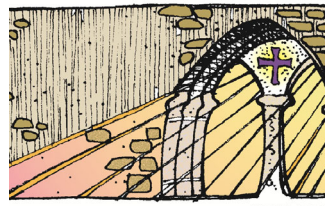
Please pick one up;
share one with a friend!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Wednesday	St. Patrick (5th cent. Romano-British missionary & bishop; patron of Ireland, engineers, paralegals, against snakes)
Thursday	St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th cent. Palestinian bishop & Doctor of the Faith)
Friday	St. Joseph (spouse of the blessed virgin Mary & foster father of Jesus; patron of the Catholic Church, fathers, carpenters, realtors, unborn children)
Sunday	Spring Begins

THANK YOU

Mar. 06, 2022	Our Weekly Offering	Ash Wednesday Collection/Ukraine
NEEDED	\$5,400	
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,873 \$ 705	\$1,435
TOTAL	\$5,578	N/A



The Lord is my
light and my
salvation.
—Psalm 27

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16- 21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

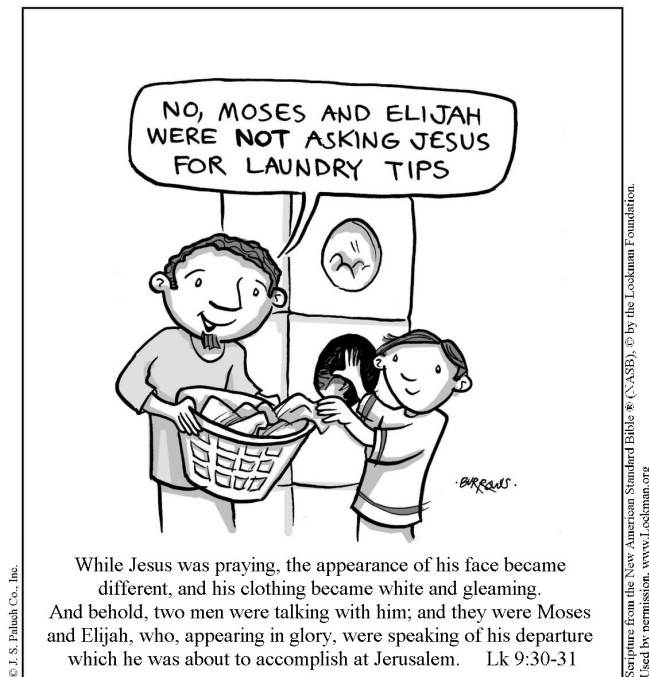
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 12	Sat	9 a.m. Joseph Stolz + 5 p.m. Rissa Ipapo (L)
Mar 13	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. Jim & Liz Maldero + 5 p.m. All Parishioners
Mar 14	Mon	8 a.m. John Viet Nguyen +
Mar 15	Tue	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Mar 16	Wed	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Mar 17	Thu	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Mar 18	Fri	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Mar 19	Sat	9 a.m. The McKeever Family 5 p.m. The Leano Family
Mar 20	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. Maria Thanh Nguyen + 11 a.m. Edwin & Carmela Honor (L) 5 p.m. Derek Park (L)

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



AN IRISH BLESSING

May God give you...

for every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise,
and a blessing in each trial.



For every problem life sends,
a faithful friend to share,
for every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for each prayer.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

LENTEN GIFT OF READING PROJECT

The Youth Faith Formation families have adopted the **Gift of Reading Project** as their Lenten service activity beginning March 1, 2022 through Palm Sunday.



This project will help children who participate in an after-school program hosted by CORAL (Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning), a service group launched by Catholic Charities in 2003.

All are invited to drop off new and gently used books (K-12 age-appropriate books) into the white boxes near the main doors to the church. Thank you for supporting our youth!

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

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Rosary Group	Virginia Anaya	408-725-3939

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Couples Bridge	David Tong	415-606-1476
Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak Harry Stice	408-857-1075 408-996-7842
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
Serra Club	Bruce Newnan	408-293-8004
Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Ascension Cares	Peggy Schoppe	408-867-9229
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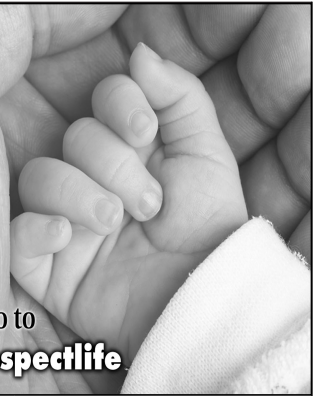
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