

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
In Room A (facing synagogue).
Enter through exterior door.

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.*

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**SHARED JOY IS DOUBLED JOY
SHARED SORROW IS HALVED SORROW**

—Swedish Proverb

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY**Religious Sisters & Consecrated Women**

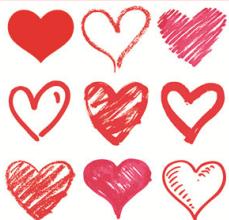
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

ADA 2022**"Growing Together in Faith"**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an annual campaign of the Diocese of San José that supports ministries and services that serve all parishes and the local community. It also gives parishes the opportunity to raise significant funds by earning rebates over their own individual parish goal.

Ascension's Parish Goal: \$73,571.

Your gift combined with the gifts of others throughout the Diocese makes its work of Evangelization and outreach programs possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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LOVE HAS MANY VOICES

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

—St. Augustine

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

—St. Basil the Great

We find rest in those we love, and we provide a resting place for those who love us.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Love goes without that another may have.

—J.M. Gibbon



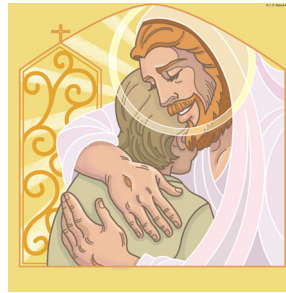
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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 13) is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2022 is **"Called to the Joy of Love."**

—USCCB

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

—Luke 6:17, 20-26

FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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**FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION,
PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION**

You are invited to reflect on the questions below.

Beginning in late February, the Diocese will sponsor a series of listening sessions, allowing all of us to share our insights. The outcomes of those sharing sessions will be collated and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by June. The USCCB will incorporate the reports of all the dioceses into a final report which will go to the Vatican.

DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding. To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together? How do we promote collaboration with neighboring dioceses, religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, etc.? How are divergences of vision or conflicts and difficulties addressed? What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to? What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other religions and those with no religious affiliation? How does the Church dialogue with and learn from different sectors of society: the spheres of politics, economics, culture, civil society, and people who live in poverty? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

Liturgy Notes

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Keys to Heaven?

James 2:26 says that “faith without works is dead” and the reason Jesus cursed the fig tree is that it bore no fruit, *Mark 11:21*.

So if you want to go to Heaven, go out into the world and imitate the life of Christ by doing as many good deeds as you can, out of faith and love of Jesus. (Just smiling at people, exuding kindness, allowing others to be first, can be a work of faith.)

In *Matthew 25* it is recorded who will inherit the kingdom prepared by the Father, and mentions these gestures:

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to see me.”

And to complement this, the Bible also speaks of the works that take us away from salvation; in *Galatians 5* we see that they are fornication, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, lawsuits, jealousy, anger, contentions, dissensions, partisanship, envy, drunkenness, orgies.

—*Forums of the Virgin Mary (translated)/spiritdailyblog.com*

THANK YOU		
Feb. 06, 2022	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$2,584 \$ 753	N/A
TOTAL	\$3,337	N/A



Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord; he is like the tree that is planted near the water.
—*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth.
—*St. Bonaventure*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Feb 12 Sat 9 a.m. Gaudencia Santiago +
5 p.m. Tricia Alfonso (L)
- Feb 13 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. The Austin Family
11 a.m. The Maldero Family
5 p.m. McKaela Braddi (L)
- Feb 14 Mon 8 a.m. Cynthia Stolz (L)
- Feb 15 Tue 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 16 Wed 8 a.m. Cruz Lechuga +
- Feb 17 Thu 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 18 Fri 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 19 Sat 9 a.m. The Bastholm Family
5 p.m. Rebecca Gonzales +
- Feb 20 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
5 p.m. Maria Leano (L)



You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know.
—*Psalms 139:13-14*

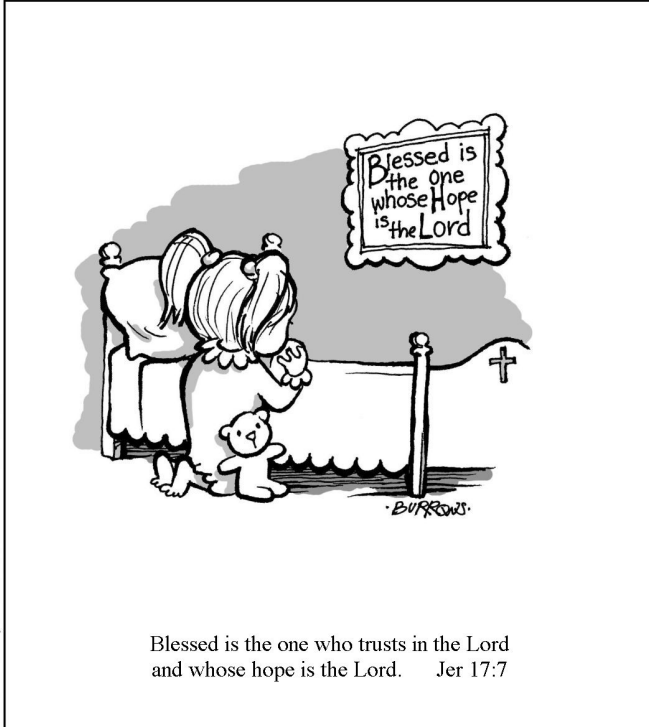
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday** World Marriage Day
- Monday** **Sts. Cyril & Methodius** (9th cent. Greek brothers, bishops, theologians & missionaries; patrons of Europe)
St. Valentine's Day (annual celebration of love and affection; sometimes called St. Valentine's Day in honor of a 3rd century Roman priest who performed marriages despite an Emperor's decree.)
- Thursday** **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** (13th cent. Italian noblemen who retired from active life to pray as friars)

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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God will always find you.

No matter what problems you're facing, or how far you think you've drifted away. God will find you. Take time to acknowledge His presence.

Time for Spiritual Renewal

MISSION

**February 21st - 24th, 2022
Monday through Thursday**

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

**—Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore,
St. Patrick Father**

“Nourishment For Our Spiritual Journey”

(Mass and Four Reflections)

Mon.: How We Pray Daily Defines Our Spiritual Life

Tues.: Minor Characters with Major Roles: The Boy Who Shared His Food

Wed.: When We Eat Spiritual Food, We Become Transformed Spiritually.

Thurs.: Unless You Eat My Flesh... This Is A Hard Saying.

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