

# Church of the Ascension

March 27, 2022 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

## LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them.

We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

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## Masses

### Saturday

9:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

### Sunday

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

### Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Days

Mass times as announced

## Reconciliation

Saturday  
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

## 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)

### Lenten Reconciliation (with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament):

April 2, Saturday—9:45—11:00 am

**Lenten Reflection** (with Fr. Chris  
Bennett): 10:30 am-12:00 noon  
Thursday, March 31

## THANK YOU

Mar. 20, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$2,462
WESHARE	\$1,743
TOTAL	\$4,205

## ADA 2022

The ADA 2022 theme is "Growing together in Faith." Ascension parishioners have truly come "together" to support our parish and our diocese. As of March 6th, we are at 95% of our ADA goal of \$73,571. Any amount over our goal will be rebated to us and it is earmarked for the church sound system.

If you have been procrastinating in pledging/donating, don't hesitate any longer. We are so close to our goal—please help to push us over our needed amount. Thank you for your generosity.

## Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Would it surprise you to know that confessing our sins is a need?

Psychiatrists, bartenders, hairdressers, support groups will tell you that

people need to confess their sins to somebody; the difference is that in telling their sins to others, they find no forgiveness; in Confession, they are absolved by the only one who can do so—God.

Why not confess directly to God; why confess to a priest? Church tradition believes that Jesus handed on to the apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins in his name. For absolution, a priest and penitent need to have a heart-to-heart, honest conversation. Confessing to a priest also satisfies the need people have to receive personal and verbal assurance of forgiveness by a loving God. Remember, that even if the priest recognizes you, he is bound never to reveal what you have confessed to anyone.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift of God's comfort for human discomfort. Confession makes it possible for all to experience God's grace in human context—a visible celebration, not a vague prayer in the hopes of forgiveness. With reconciliation comes grace that allows spiritual and psychological healing to take place.



## “Doors into the Sacred”

**Please join us for a Lenten Reflection**

**with Fr. Christopher Bennett  
Pastor, St. Christopher Church**

**Thursday, March 31, 2022**

**From 10:30am-12:00nn**

*The Eucharist challenges us to become more aware of the divine visitor who faithfully knocks at the door of our lives.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 26	Sat	9 a.m.	Cynthia Stolz (L)
		5 p.m.	Rose & Alex Lenarduzzi+
Mar 27	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Evelyn Tanner +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 28	Mon	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 29	Tue	8 a.m.	Vicente Santiago, Jr. +
Mar 30	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 31	Thu	8 a.m.	Alicia Sanhueza +
Apr 01	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Apr 02	Sat	9 a.m.	The McKeever Family
		5 p.m.	Nicanor & Luz Beltran +
Apr 03	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Bill & Pat McSweeney +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners

## SEE'S CANDY FOR EASTER

Planning on Easter gifts to give to family and friends? Shop onsite and choose from a variety of Easter specialties and traditional favorites!

This Sunday, **March 27th**, is your last chance to order See's Candies for Easter.

The candy will be here for pick-up the weekends of **April 3rd and April 10th**, in plenty of time to help the Easter Bunny fill baskets!

All proceeds will fund ongoing service projects by the Faith Formation students.

## UKRAINE EMERGENCY RELIEF

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in recent weeks has increased its presence in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Poland. CRS, the disaster relief outreach of the US Catholic Church, is supporting Caritas Ukraine by providing shelter, food and livelihood support for those displaced and affected by the war. CRS is also helping Caritas partners in Moldova, Romania, and Poland to prepare for displaced people, mapping out a likely initial response and conducting assessment and planning sessions with its network near Ukraine's borders.

How to donate:

Donate online: [support.crs.org/ukraine](https://support.crs.org/ukraine)

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, PO Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297

## Lenten GIFT of READING PROJECT

The Youth Faith Formation families have adopted the **Gift of Reading Project** as their Lenten service activity 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!**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Friday** First Friday of the month

**Saturday:** **St. Francis of Paola** (15th cent. Italian friar & religious order founder; patron of mariners)