

# Church of the Ascension

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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

June 26, 2022 — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him  
(1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

**Psalm** — You are my inheritance, O Lord  
(Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love  
(Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

**Gospel** — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship  
(Luke 9:51-62).

## DISCIPLESHIP COSTS

In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity.

The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him. .

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## Give Your Children and Grandchildren the Gift of Faith!

Youth Faith Formation (Sunday Sessions) have come to an end for this school year. Registration for the upcoming school year will be available by July.

This includes sacramental preparation:

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** - typically 2nd graders or older  
**Sacrament of Confirmation** - typically 8th graders or older

For information, please contact: Loy Oppus-Moe  
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**Congratulations, HARRY STICE, Ascension Men's Club  
MAN OF THE YEAR!**

**Congratulations!**

**Awarded at the June meeting for his  
significant contributions to the Ascension  
Men's Club and to the Parish.**

## Some Secrets to a Holy Marriage

As the month of June is often associated with weddings, here are a few ideas for a holy marriage. This is a condensed list from "20 Secrets to a Holy Marriage", an article by Fr. Tom Neal from August 15, 2015 to be found at [Wordonfire.org](http://Wordonfire.org).

1. Remember every day that marriage is a gift from God.
2. Honor is the guardian of love, so you must show honor to each other and guard each other's honor.
3. You will love God best by loving your spouse first and placing all other loves in service to the first.
4. Let prayer be your daily bread. Mutual forgiveness your daily balm. Laughter your wings. Tears the presage of joy. Common labor a strong bond. Hope your anchor. Kindness a gentle embrace.
5. Speak the truth in love. Keep confidences, but never secrets.
6. Never let your love grow old, but permit it to mature, deepen, broaden, soar by every day begging the Spirit to kindle the fire of love between you.
7. Your marriage is a Garden of Virtue where your characters are afforded the opportunity to become great and noble.
8. Reverence each other's unique gifts and build on them.
9. Never go to bed estranged, harboring hurt or anger or resentment.
10. Know each other's weaknesses, help each other to grow, but never use them against each other.
11. Choose your battles wisely. Some things you can live with in patience, others require challenging the offense, repentance, change.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> (5th cent. Greek bishop & Doctor of the Church)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Irenaeus</b> (2nd cent. Turkish missionary priest, bishop & martyr; disciple of St. Polycarp who was himself a disciple of St. John the Evangelist)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Apostles</b> (St. Peter, a Galilean, was the "rock" on which the Church is built; St. Paul, a Roman citizen, brought Christianity to the Gentiles; this day honors their martyrdom in Rome)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</b> (honors Christians martyred in Rome during Nero's persecution in 64 AD)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Junipero Serra</b> (18th cent. Spanish Franciscan friar, "Apostle of California;" patron of vocations, Hispanic Americans, California)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jun 25	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Annie Adriano (L)
Jun 26	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Robert P. Mandal +
		5 p.m.	Andrea Beltran +
Jun 27	Mon	8 a.m.	Cris Borromeo (L)
Jun 28	Tue	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 29	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 30	Thu	8 a.m.	Mabel Chang (L)
July 01	Fri	8 a.m.	Carlo Santiago +
July 02	Sat	9 a.m.	Miguel & Jenni Leano (L)
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
July 03	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners

Since gold and silver, which are only corruptible metals, are purified and tested by fire, it is but reasonable that our faith, which surpasses all the riches of the world, should be tried.

—St. Peter Claver

## THANK YOU

June 19, 2011	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

**While the financial information is not available this weekend, we thank you for your continuing support of the parish.**

**When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.**

—German proverb

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- If you or someone you know, who is unbaptized and older than 7 years, or a baptized Christian and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, call us.
- If you are a baptized Catholic, but for one reason or another never completed your Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, you're not alone; call us.

"The sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the foundations of every Christian life." (Catechism, 1212).

Please speak with Fr. Hao at the Parish Office at (408) 725-3939 for more information. We are forming our next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which will begin in late August.