

# Church of the Ascension

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NOVEMBER 06, 2022 — THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever  
(2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

**Psalm** — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

**Second Reading** — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts  
(2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

**Gospel** — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die  
(Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

## ETERNAL LIFE

What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel.

The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

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## Catechetical Ministry

Loy Oppus-Moe,  
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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

## Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

Church of the Ascension offers faith formation, youth ministry, and sacramental preparation programs to help families build a relationship with Christ and deepen their faith. Faith Formation sessions are held immediately after the **9 am Sunday Mass** typically from 9:55 am to 11:00 a.m.

Are you interested in volunteering for our programs?

Please email [loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org](mailto:loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org) or call the parish office at (408) 725-3939.



## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK November 6 - 12, 2022

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives whether it be to marriage, to the single life or to the priesthood or religious life. While the Catholic Church honors all

vocations, the week of **National Vocation Awareness** is the Church's annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and consecrated life of both men and women.

*Please pray for vocations, asking our Lord for a generous response to God's call for priests, deacons and consecrated men and women.*

## Catholics and Voting Responsibilities

Catholics are encouraged to vote as part of responsible stewardship. As Catholics, however, they enter the voting process with more than secular beliefs; certainly voting should be based on individual consciences but these should also include Catholic values as shaped by Church teachings.

Perhaps no issue has been as controversial as the abortion issue. “Since *Roe v. Wade* the Catholic bishops of the United States have consistently taught that abortion is an objective moral evil. But many Catholic politicians continue to confuse the line between fidelity to moral truth and political obligations...Voters too have wondered if it is permissible to vote for a candidate who takes a strong stand on social justice issues but who defends abortion consistently.”\*\*

Catholic politicians have fired back at bishops who criticize their pro-abortion stance, but the responsibility of bishops is the pastoral care of souls; their position as shepherds of the truth implies a duty to instruct Catholics on the Church’s principles and magisterium statements.”\*\*

The answer is obvious: “You simply cannot claim to be a faithful Catholic and support abortion laws or a political candidate or party that supports abortion policies....The Second Vatican Council document *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, speaking of the obligations of the laity, urges all to ‘strive to please God rather than men, always ready to abandon everything for Christ and to endure persecution in the cause of right.’”\*\*

Leading up to the November 8 elections, abortion remains the single most serious and urgent social issue of our time. Abortion is an intrinsically evil act. “An intrinsically evil act is something that is always wrong no matter the circumstance. No policy goal, no public good, no sweet-sounding campaign promise can ever justify it.”\*\* In a culture that encourages compromise and tolerance, it is easy to rationalize: evil becomes acceptable; absolute truth becomes relative; lies sound like truth; abortion is renamed reproductive health and murder becomes respectful. \*\*(*Catholicanswers.com*)

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> (oldest & highest ranking basilica; cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Pope St. Leo the Great</b> (5th cent. Bishop of Rome & Doctor of the Church)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Martin of Tours</b> (4th cent. French bishop & founder of first monastery; patron of beggars & against poverty, against alcoholism)
	<b>Veterans Day</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Josaphat</b> (17th cent. Polish/Lithuanian monk, martyr; patron of Ukraine)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 05	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	The Leano Family
Nov 06	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Evelyn Tanner +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Nov 07	Mon	8 a.m.	Conchita Bernardez +
Nov 08	Tue	8 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
Nov 09	Wed	8 a.m.	Paul Lenarduzzi +
Nov 10	Thu	8 a.m.	Celia Zapata +
Nov 11	Fri	8 a.m.	Cory Crawford (L)
Nov 12	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Anthony Lau (L)
Nov 13	Sun	7 a.m.	Mia Park (L)
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	Charlene & Frank Figione +

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

**Men's Club in-person Meeting**  
Worner Hall/Lounge Room  
Friday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m.  
**All men of Ascension are invited!!**

**Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume.**  
—*St. Augustine*



You are invited to join us in celebrating our Ascension Men's Club Memorial Mass held for our departed members and wives on Saturday, November 19 at 9AM



## THANK YOU

Oct. 30, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$3,668
WESHARE	\$1,214
TOTAL	\$4,882

## VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It allows unlimited late-term abortions—for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars.

Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation but with reasonable limits—Prop 1 destroys this common-sense limit. —*CAcatholic.org/prop1*