

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.*

Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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LIFE AFFIRMING LETTER OF BISHOPS

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 30, 2022**

CALIFORNIA BISHOPS COMMIT TO WORKING FOR FAMILIES

The approaching 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade comes at a historic moment. The nation stands on the precipice of potentially overturning Roe v. Wade. At the same time, the Governor and state legislators have issued calls to make California a “sanctuary” destination for women seeking abortions from in and out of state. However, asking to increase the number of abortions in California completely misses a vital, life-affirming point. California is already uniquely situated to respond actively to the needs of women, children, and families. Over the years, the California Catholic Conference has supported the state’s dynamic efforts to build programs for our most vulnerable populations, lifting families out of poverty and affirming the inherent dignity of each person.

With Pope Francis, we believe that abortion attacks the “sacredness of human life,” and that “it is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” At this pivotal moment, we, the Bishops of the Dioceses of California, commit to a vision for our state that honors women with life-affirming support and practical resources so that all families can thrive, and so that no woman feels trapped into the devastating decision to end a life by abortion.

—January 20, 2022

To see the entire letter and signees, visit dsj.org

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as

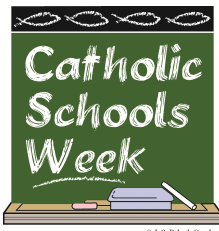


Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world.

So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

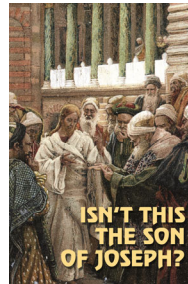
January 30—February 5, 2022

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States to help showcase what makes Catholic schools the best



when families are looking to find the right school for them. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.

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Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

—Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

TO BE A PROPHET

Today’s readings show us what it is like to be a prophet. As Jeremiah recounts his call, God warns him that he will need strength and perseverance to withstand the hostility he will face from “Judah’s kings and princes” and “its priests and people” (Jeremiah 1:18b). God also assures him that they “will not prevail over you, for I am with you” (1:19). The psalm reflects both of these struggles as well as deliverance from them (“salvation”).

This is exactly what Jesus experiences in today’s Gospel. After he claims that his own mission is the same as what Isaiah proclaimed, at first the people marvel at his “gracious words” (Luke 4:22). Soon, however, they become suspicious, skeptical, and hostile, even threatening to kill him. But just as God promised to deliver Jeremiah, so Jesus “passed through the midst of them and went away” (4:30).

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FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION

Each week through February, there will be a question based on the Synod. You are invited to reflect on them prayerfully – but it’s not a test! 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.

CELEBRATION

“Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our everyday life and mission in our community? How do they inspire the most important decisions? How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy? What space is given to participating in the ministries of lector and acolyte? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

Liturgy Notes

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Doctors of the Church

Just days ago, Pope Francis named St. Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church. What is a "doctor of the Church" and who are they? The folks at Catholic Culture provide a list of the doctors and explain what the title means: A title given since the Middle Ages to certain saints whose writing or preaching is outstanding for guiding the faithful in all periods of the Church's history." *

Originally there were only four Western Fathers of the Church who were considered great Doctors of the Church: Sts. Gregory the Great, Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome. Since the early days, however, the Church has officially added many more names to the original four, so that with the addition of St. Irenaeus, there are a total of 34 "Doctors of the Church." †

Included in the 34 are only three women: St. Teresa of Avila (1515-82), a Spanish Carmelite nun and mystic and first woman Doctor; St. Catherine of Siena (1347-80), mystic and second woman Doctor; and St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897), a French Carmelite nun.

*—catholicculture/org

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday** **St. John Bosco** (19th cent. Italian priest & founder of Salesians; patron of editors, publishers, magicians, juvenile delinquents)
- Wednesday** **The Presentation of the Lord** (40 days after the birth of Jesus, this feast celebrates Jesus' first appearance in the temple; also called Candlemas day as this is the day when candles are blessed)
World Day for Consecrated Life
- Thursday** **St. Blaise** (4th cent. Armenian bishop & martyr; patron of throats, veterinarians)
St. Ansgar (9th cent. French archbishop & missionary; patron of Scandinavia)
- Friday** **First Friday**
- Saturday** **St. Agatha** (3rd cent, Sicilian virgin & martyr; patroness of breast cancer & burn patients, rape victims)
First Saturday

THANK YOU

Jan. 23, 2022	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$1,952 \$ 528	N/A
TOTAL	\$2,480	N/A



Faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
—1 Corinthians 13:13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** 2 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Jer Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

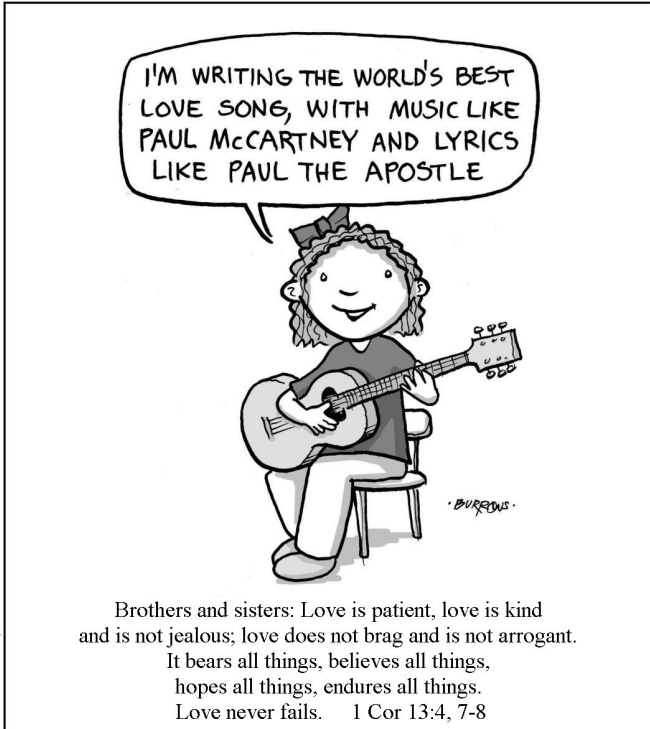
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Jan 29 Sat 9 a.m. The Austin Family
5 p.m. The Bastholm Family
- Jan 30 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. Bette Fiorentino +
11 a.m. Justin Austin (L)
5 p.m. Martin Leano (L)
- Jan 31 Mon 8 a.m. The Brazzano Family
- Feb 01 Tue 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 02 Wed 8 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Feb 03 Thu 8 a.m. The Diem Family
- Feb 04 Fri 8 a.m. The Maldero Family
- Feb 05 Sat 9 a.m. Joan Braddi (L)
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- Feb 06 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
11 a.m. Evelyn Tanner +
5 p.m. Erin Braddi (L)

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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FREE RESOURCES - BOOKS, MUSIC CDS, VIDEOS, AUDIO CDS

All parishioners and friends and family are invited to borrow material from **Ascension's Free Lending Library.**



The library holds Catholic books, videos, music, brochures, & pamphlets.

Why? To grow in our Faith through spiritual enrichment -- you will find many inspirational stories, prayer aids, and helpful information for children, teens, families, young adults, and materials for all ages.

Where? Worner Hall
When? Sundays
from 9am to 12 noon

Come check-out a book or two and see how it can enrich your life.

