

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

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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LENTEN OFFERINGS

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

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 06, 2022**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

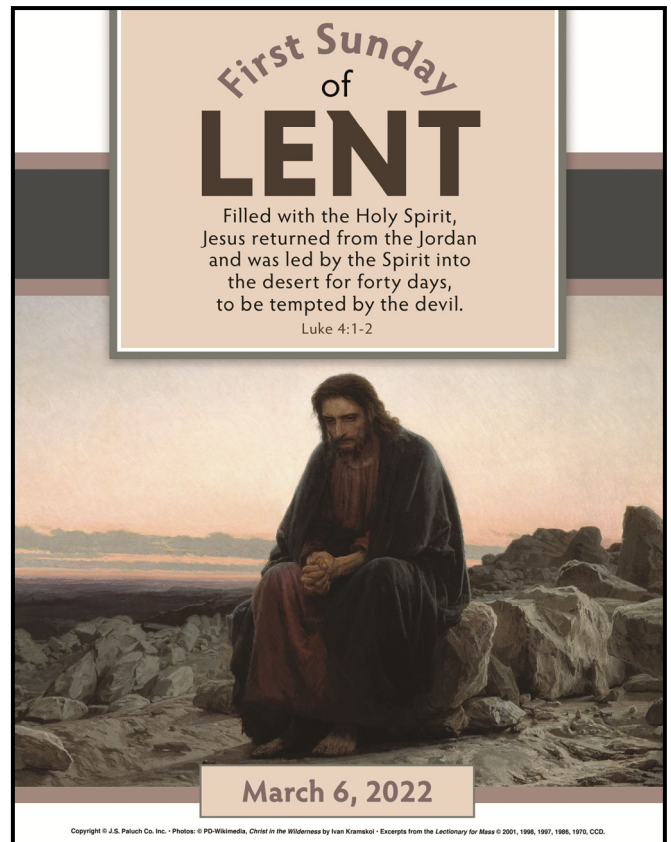
Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God's presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God's ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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

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.

To date we have pledges/donations of **\$50,036 (68%)**.

**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)

Feast of St. Joseph: March 19, Saturday 8:00 am
(please bring canned goods for the St. Joseph's table)

Lenten Reflection (with Fr. Chris Bennett):
—March 24, Thursday, 7:30-8:00 pm
—March 31, Thursday, 10:30 am-12:00 noon

Lenten Reconciliation (with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament): April 2, Saturday—9:45—11:00 am

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.

DISCERNING AND DECIDING

In a synodal style, we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? How can they be improved? How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchical structures? Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God? What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice? What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

Liturgy Notes

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Some Lenten Suggestions

The Church encourages spiritual growth in ourselves through the main emphases of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving (service or charity). Here are some suggestions you may consider including in your walk through Lent.

Prayer

- Add a Mass: daily, weekly, maybe just ONE in Lent.
- Participate in the Stations of the Cross: if you cannot make it on Friday, say it on your own.
- Say a prayer for someone who hurt you.
- At the end of day, thank God for one happy happening.

Fasting

- Fast from TV: one program, one evening per week.
- Fast from a “less than healthy” snack.
- Drink a regular coffee instead of a latte.
- Fast from gossip.

Almsgiving

- Find a way to compliment someone every day.
- Do something for another without looking for praise.
- Balance your life by spending time connecting with other people.
- Buy some extra food for food barrels.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT

This inspirational book of daily six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent is available for a donation.

Please pick one up;
share one with a friend!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday** **Saints Perpetual & Felicity** (3rd cent. Roman martyrs; patronesses of mothers, expectant mothers, butchers, ranchers, Carthage & Catalonia)
- Tuesday** **St. John of God** (16th cent. Portuguese religious, founder, Order of Brothers Hospitallers; patron of hospitals, nurses, the mentally ill & the dying)
- Wednesday** **St. Frances of Rome** (15th cent. Italian wife, mother, mystic & religious foundress, Benedictine Oblates; patroness of Benedictine Oblates, car drivers, widows)
- Sunday** **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

THANK YOU

Feb. 27, 2022	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,091 \$1,229	N/A
TOTAL	\$5,320	N/A



What does Scripture say?
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—
—Romans 10:8-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.

—Anonymous

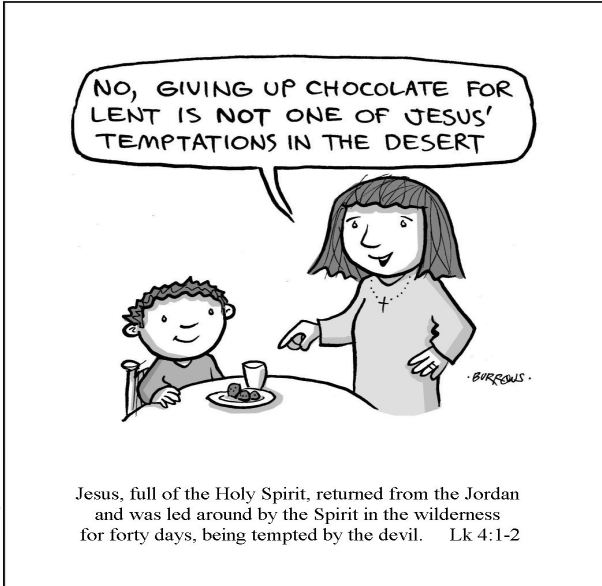
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar 05 Sat 9 a.m. All Parishioners
5 p.m. Julie Ann Smith +
- Mar 06 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Bill & Pat McSweeney +
5 p.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 07 Mon 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 08 Tue 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 09 Wed 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 10 Thu 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 11 Fri 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 12 Sat 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
5 p.m. Rissa Ipapo (L)
- Mar 13 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Jim & Liz Maldero +
5 p.m. All Parishioners

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



MEN'S CLUB IN-PERSON MEETING

Friday, March 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Worner Hall/Lounge Room

LENTEN GIFT OF READING PROJECT

The Youth Faith Formation families have adopted the **Gift of Reading Project** as their Lenten service activity beginning March 1, 2022 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!

ROSARY & FAITH TALK

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly

Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon

Friday, March 11th, 2022

11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Rev. James Okafor, Parochial Vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and share a faith talk.

This event will be in-person & virtual on Zoom

Please register to attend in person or virtually (due to CDC guidelines, seats are limited at the hall):
(408) 447-5433 or email
admin@ghswomenscenter.com.

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