

# Church of the Ascension

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## Masses

### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m. (in the church)  
5:00 p.m. (drive-in)

### **Sunday**

7:00 a.m. (all Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Masses are  
11:00 a.m. inside the  
5:00 p.m. church)

### **Weekday**

\*M—F 8:00 a.m. (in the church)

### **Holy Days**

Mass times as announced

## Reconciliation

By appointment

## 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 is currently not open to the public, yet we monitor phone calls and voice messages, especially Mon.—Thur. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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Happy 4th  
of  
July!

**GIVING THANKS FOR OUR  
FAITH AND OUR FREEDOM**

**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.

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 04, 2021**

### AMERICA FIRST

America first, not only in things material,  
But in things of the spirit.  
Not merely in science, invention, motors, skyscrapers,  
But also in ideals, principles, character.  
Not merely in the calm assertion of rights,  
But in the glad assumption of duties.  
Not flouting her strength as a giant,  
But bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded  
world like a Good Samaritan.  
Not in splendid isolation,  
But in courageous cooperation.  
Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and  
peoples,  
But in sympathy, love, and understanding.  
Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which  
ends inevitably in chaos and disaster,  
But in blazing a new trail along which, please God, other  
nations will follow into the new Jerusalem where  
wars shall be no more.  
Some day, some nation must take that path—unless we  
are to lapse into utter barbarism—and that honor I  
covet for my beloved America.  
And so in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all  
my heart and soul, “America First.”

—G. Ashton Oldham, Episcopal Bishop in Washington D.C.,  
September, 1924

**For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your  
freedom to serve one another in love.**

—Galatians 5:13

**Equal rights for all, special privileges for none.**

—Thomas Jefferson

### 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 04, 2021



Where did this man get all  
this? Is he not the carpenter,  
the son of Mary?

—Mark 6:1-6

### NO BAD NEWS

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want  
to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t  
take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to  
snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we  
miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on  
the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the  
townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse  
to allow others to display the talents that can be good  
news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and  
discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts  
and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how  
familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to  
accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or  
“strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us  
discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how  
amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and  
discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring  
bad news.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



It’s Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of  
Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long  
ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on  
the political scene.

As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing  
the same name by penning “Charles Carroll of Carrolltown”—a defiant “come and get me if you dare”  
postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll’s brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the  
Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task  
formally.

Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could  
not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in  
the vernacular, English.

His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at  
the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church  
throughout the world.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Liturgy Notes

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## Prophets

The Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) teems with prophets, intermediaries between the divine and man. These were people who, having received “revelations” or inspired messages from the Holy Spirit, were God’s spokespersons or divine interpreters to the community. Like teachers, they sought to inspire truth; like lobbyists, they promoted God’s desires.

In the New Testament, it is Jesus, prophet and teacher, who illuminates God’s active presence in the world and ushers in God’s Kingdom. As evidenced in the Hebrew Scripture, prophets were often targets of persecution and opposition; no less was Jesus opposed, scorned and persecuted.

The Hebrew Scripture contains the prophecies and teachings of many important prophets; these formed a narrative of God’s plan of salvation. The “revelations” of Jesus, the ultimate prophet, expanding and reinterpreting earlier prophets have become the fundamental bases of Scripture, Tradition and Liturgy in the Catholic Church.

**All our freedom—personal, economic, social, political—freedom to buy, to work, to hire, to bargain, to save, to vote, to worship, to gather in a convention or join in mutual association—all these freedoms are a single bundle. Each is an indispensable part of a single whole. Destruction of any inevitably leads to the destruction of all.**

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Independence Day</b> (a day that commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Anthony Zaccaria</b> (16th cent. Italian cleric & founder of 3 religious orders; patron of Barnabite Order & Angelic Sisters of St. Paul)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Maria Goretti</b> (20th cent. Italian virgin martyr; patroness of rape victims, teenage girls, modern youth)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Augustine Zhao Rong &amp; Companions</b> (87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries, from the mid-17th century to 1930, were martyred because of their ministry)

## THANK YOU

June 27, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Year to Date
NEEDED		N/A
COLLECTED		N/A
WESHARE		N/A
TOTAL	\$	N/A

Due to holiday transmission, the financial information is not available this week.



**My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.**  
— 2 Corinthians 12:9

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
<b>Sunday:</b>	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jul 03	Sat	9 a.m. The Diem Family 5 p.m. All Parishioners
Jul 04	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. All Parishioners 5 p.m. All Parishioners
Jul 05	Mon	8 a.m. Celia Baylon +
Jul 06	Tue	8 a.m. Madeline Griffin +
Jul 07	Wed	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Jul 08	Thu	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Jul 09	Fri	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Jul 10	Sat	9 a.m. Natalie McKeever (L) 5 p.m. All Parishioners
Jul 11	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. Cesar Munita + 5 p.m. Nicanor & Luz Beltran +



## EVENTS

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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### **MEN'S CLUB BBQ IN-PERSON MEETING** Friday, July 9th, 6:00 p.m.

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the Ascension Men's Club is resuming its in-person monthly meetings.

To celebrate this occurrence, a BBQ will be held for Men's Club members in the BBQ area outside the rear of the Classroom section of Worner Hall. The event will consist mostly of a social get-together celebrating the resumption of in-person meetings.



### **IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL ON ZOOM ROSARY & FAITH TALK**

Guadalupe Hope Society presents their monthly Virtual Zoom Rosary on  
**Friday, July 9th, 2021**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**



Rev. Robain Lamba, Parochial Vicar at St. Nicholas & St. William, will lead the Rosary and give a reflection talk.

This virtual event is free to attend.

Please register to attend: (408) 447-5433 or email [admin@ghswomenscenter.com](mailto:admin@ghswomenscenter.com).

This event can be found on our website also:

<https://www.guadalupehopesociety.org/events> and on eventbrite.

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Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
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Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Musicians - 9 a.m.	Cheryl Snyder	408 674 4361
Musicians - 11 a.m.	Barbara Mandal	408-921-7319
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sun	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
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Marriage Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939

### Community and Service

Men's Club	Chuck Schoppe	408-867-9229
Handcrafters	Ruby Hauffe	408-725-3939
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Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak Harry Stice	408-857-1075 408-996-7842
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Ascension Cares	Peggy Schoppe	408-867-9229
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Marie Maraschin	408-218-2704
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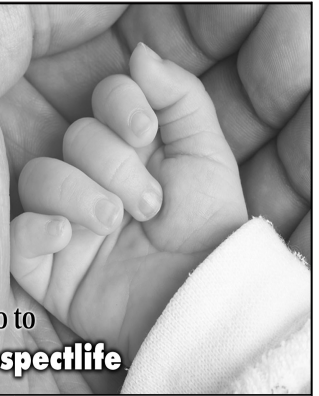
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