

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CATHOLIC



PARISH

The Solemnity of Christ the King

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 21, 2021



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:
8:30AM-4:00PM
Friday:
8:30AM-12:00PM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday:
8:15AM, 10:00AM,
11:45AM, 5:00PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday:
7:00AM & 12:00PM
Saturday:
8:30AM

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday:
11:00AM & 6:30PM
Wednesday: 6:00AM
Saturday: 3:00PM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily: 6:00AM-9:00PM
Closed Mon. & Thurs. from
2:00PM-3:00PM for cleaning.
Code needed 9:00PM-6:00AM



*The Son of Man
received dominion,
glory, and kingship*

-Daniel 7:14

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ASCENSION THIS WEEK

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PARISH: THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING WRITTEN BY SARAH STREITWIESER



Celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, I imagine the Solemnity of Christ the King as sort of New Year's Eve celebration – the current year's way of “going out with a bang” before the next year takes its place. It is like an exclamation point, punctuating the year.

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as King over all things for all time. In

overly-simplistic terms, the Solemnity invites us to encounter “Big Jesus” in full-scale power and beauty.

Moments when Christ's Kingship is explicitly revealed are very important in the telling of our stories. In my own story, Christ the King first revealed himself to me in my late teen years, when I was captivated by a sense of Jesus calling. Years later he revealed himself through the process of falling in love with my husband. Not long after that, Christ the King welcomed us into His Church (in the appropriately named “Christ the King” parish in Little Rock, Arkansas!). Still years later, Christ the King formed our family through the miracle of adopted twins.

The Solemnity of Christ the King invites us each to recount our personal “spiritual mountain-top” experiences. Christ the King invites us to know him personally as the King of our own selves and circumstances. But, perhaps there is some error in *only* seeing and knowing Christ through this lens.

The Church, in her Liturgical wisdom, juxtaposes the Feast of Christ the King against the first Sunday of Advent. If the Solemnity of Christ the King calls the faithful to worship “Big Jesus,” then the season of Advent calls us to adore “Little Jesus.” During Advent we are invited to encounter Jesus in utter humility – not as a man, or even as an infant, but as the tiniest form of human life, gestating in his mother's womb. He is perfect love, giving without forcing.

Unlike the booming tone of exclamation marks, Advent-Jesus is so small he could easily be missed. He does not

make himself obvious; encountering him takes patience, repetition, and silence. He whispers to us in the seemingly mundane chores of daily life, in the self-giving, labored-love that our vocations require. He encounters us in daily routines and ordinary occurrences. He is hidden and quiet, small but growing, making his Advent within us.

Christ the King fills our hearts with songs of praise and celebration; Christ-gestating invites quiet contemplation and wonder. Truly, Jesus is not one or the other, but both – all at all times. We are invited to love him in every expression and every season – to sing the bold melody of his grandeur and hum the quiet intimacy of his friendship. Christ the King is reigning while Advent-Christ is gestating, quietly growing within our hearts.

Jesus, make us both big and small enough to love you. Stretch our hearts and minds so that we do not limit you, so that we might know and venerate you as King. Shrink our pride and egos so that in humility we might share your friendship. Draw us to yourself in the grandeur of your kingship and in the quietness of your Advent.



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION JOB OPENING MINISTER FOR MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE & VOCATION

The Minister for Marriage, Family Life and Vocation (MFLV) is the key collaborator with the pastor and the Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation. The Minister serves as the staff point-person in matters related to marriage, family life and vocational awareness and discernment. This full-time ministry position exists to equip and support couples so they can fruitfully live Christian marriage and experience family life illuminated by the truth, beauty and goodness of the Gospel. Additionally, the Minister for MFLV works with the parish Vocation Committee, the parish school and the parish YFF program to help young people discern God's call in their lives and to promote vocations to sacramental marriage, holy orders, consecrated life or other specific ways the Lord might call someone to live out their baptismal call to holiness. To apply send your cover letter and resume to Sharon Weems in the Church of the Ascension parish office.

ASCENSION THIS WEEK

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 7:00AM - Blest Art | Parish Hall A
- 9:30AM - Hebrews | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM - AA Mtg. | St. John Rm.
 - Baptisms | Church Sanctuary
- 2:00PM - Den Meeting Cub Scouts | Conference Rm.
- 3:00PM - Ascension Praise Band & Choir | Church Sanctuary
- 4:00PM - Al Anon Mtg. | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM - Spirit & Life | Library
 - Youth Faith Formation Year I | ACS Classroom 101

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:30AM - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius | St. Martha Rm.
- 3:45PM - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius | St. Martha Rm.
- 5:30PM - RCIA Class | St. Mark Rm.
 - Finance Council | Conference Rm.
- 7:00PM - Boy Scout Troop 218 Mtg. | Parish Hall A/Field A
- 8:30PM - Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym A

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 9:00AM - School Staff Retreat | Church + St. Mark Rm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 6:45PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal | Church Sanctuary
- 7:00PM - AA Mtg. | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM - Men's Basketball Age 21+ | Gym A

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:30AM - Hope-Faith Homeless Breakfast | Off Site
- 9:00AM - Thanksgiving Day Mass | Church Sanctuary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 6:00AM - Men of Ascension | St. Mark Rm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 6:00AM - Legion of Mary | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM - Men's Bible Study | Conference Rm.
- 7:30AM - Hope-Faith Homeless Breakfast | Offsite
- 9:00AM - Rejoice Advent | St. Matthew Rm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 1:00PM - AA Mtg. | St. John Rm.
 - Baptisms | Church Sanctuary
- 3:00PM - Ascension Praise Band & Choir | Church Sanctuary
- 4:00PM - Al Anon Mtg. | St. John Rm.

BLEST ART

NOVEMBER 20TH & 21ST, AFTER ALL MASSES PARISH HALL A



Blest Art will be visiting Ascension of behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support families in the Holy Land.



Blest Art will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. You are invited to visit their display and consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many Families who depend on this form of art for their living.

Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Blest Art does not accept donations.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

YEAR I CONFIRMATION CLASSES will meet tonight, Sunday November 21st at 6:30pm

WEEKLY YFF will NOT meet on Wednesday November 24th due to Thanksgiving break.

Year 1 Confirmation Classes will NOT meet next Sunday, November 28th due to Thanksgiving Break.

WHO DO YOU KNOW that should be in Youth Faith Formation but is not? Invite them to be a part of growing in faith. We would love to have them a part of it!

CATECHIST AND AIDE NEEDED: Our Weekly Youth Faith Formation has 1 large 5th Grade class of students and we need to split the class. Would you be willing to be a catechist or aide for a new 5th grade class? We meet from 6pm to 7:30pm each Wednesday. Prayerfully consider responding to this ministry of handing on the Gospel message to our young parishioners. For more information or to respond, contact the YFF office at 913-681-7683.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME, AND DO
NOT HINDER THEM,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF
GOD BELONGS TO
SUCH AS THESE.



The Ascension Angel Tree



The Ascension Angel Tree is early this year!

Our Angel Trees will be up in the Gathering Area Saturday November 13th through Sunday November 28th. Proceeds will benefit a number of different organizations: Catholic Charities, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, Wyandotte/Olathe Pregnancy Centers, and Advice and Aid.

This is a beautiful way to help those who are without have a blessed Christmas!

AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUTS (GRADES 6-8)

MONDAYS, 3:15PM

YOUTH CENTER

Join us Monday afternoons for snacks, fun, and fellowship! All middle school students are welcome to attend. High schoolers looking for service hours should contact Anna Eftink at aeftink@kcascension.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

PARENTS: All of us need a place where we can go to ask big questions, wrestle with the reality of who God is, and talk about things that matter. We all have a desire for intimacy. Our high school youth ministry has moved to a small group model for this reason exactly. Our young people need this and they need opportunities to dive deeply into their faith with their peers. Our young people also need mentors in the Faith, people they look up to who have walked the path a little further than they have themselves. If your high school teens are interested in participating at all this year with Ascension Youth, please head over to our website and sign them up for a small group.

GO TO: www.kcascension.org and under the "Ministries" drop-down, click on the Youth Ministry tab. Sign-ups will be the first thing on our page!

QUESTIONS: Contact Anna Eftink at aeftink@kcascension.org.

HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS

NOVEMBER 27, DROP OFF BEFORE 7:30AM

ST. JOHN HALLWAY

Ascension's date for cooking and serving breakfast at Hope Faith Ministries is the last Saturday of the month. If interested in helping, please go to Ascension website at kcascension.org homepage and click volunteer signups to serve or bring food. This is an awesome family activity!



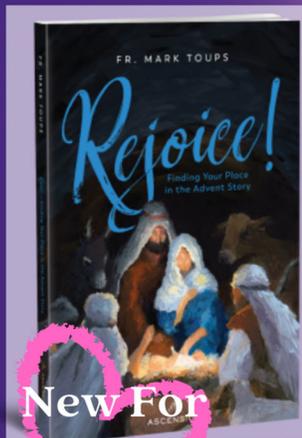
YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS:

Whether you are interested in working directly with teens, happen to be an expert in choosing the best snacks, enjoy doing data entry, love to pray for people, or happen to be skilled in cutting paper the youth ministry department needs you! The Lord has blessed us with an abundance of gifts and abilities. If you are interested in investing in our youth either through ministry of presence or by behind the scenes work (i.e. things that don't involve teens) we have a place for you to get involved!

Scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to let us know how you want to join us in furthering the mission of the Church!



Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story



The latest prayer journal by Fr. Mark Toups is here!

By deepening our appreciation of the places, people and events of the very first Advent, we can encounter the Lord in our own lives and hearts during Advent this year.

Each day in this prayer journal, Fr. Toups provides aids to help guide your prayer...

- **A Word** – to draw out the details of the Holy Family
- **A Reflection** – to learn how the people, places, and events of the first Advent influenced Christ
- **A Psalm** – to help you enter into prayer
- **A Prompt** – to record how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent

During Advent, the ways to use this beautiful resource:

- Individual Prayer
- Form Small Groups – In the Comfort of Your Home
- Join a Class at Ascension: In-Person or via Zoom (Refer to the Registration Form for details)

Cost Only \$5!

Questions? Contact Karen Newkirk, Phone: 913-681-3348 ext. 142, Email: knewkirk@kcascension.org

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER ONLINE at www.kcascension.org

or return this form and payment to the box in the gathering space.

Select your preferred class below OR indicate the quantity of books you'd like to order.

Checks payable to: Church of the Ascension.

Name: _____

If couple attending class, Spouse: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Book Cost:
\$5 each

	Meeting Dates	Meeting Time	Facilitator	# for Class	# for Books
Saturdays	Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18 St. Mark Room	9:00-10:30am In-Person Only	Marguerite Enlow	_____	_____
Tuesdays	Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21 St. Mark Room	10:00-11:30am In-Person Only	Kim Sutton	_____	_____
Thursdays	Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23 * Zoom Only *	7:00-8:30pm Zoom Only	Marguerite Enlow	_____	_____
			Book Only:	(No Class)	_____

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECT CHRYSALIS NOVEMBER 30, 7:00PM ZOOM



Project Chrysalis is a ministry offering hope through Sacred Scripture and community to parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. While this ministry is not a bereavement group, our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture in a time of transformation. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 30th from 7:00-8:15p.m. via Zoom.

For more information and the Zoom invitation link, contact Ken Billinger: 913-634-4210 or kbillinger@archkck.org.

THE CALIX SOCIETY DECEMBER 3, 7:00PM CHURCH SANCTUARY

The Calix Society (www.calixsociety.org) is a national association of Catholics in 12-Step recovery (AA, NA, OA, Al Anon etc.). For us, the spirituality of the 12-Steps is greatly enhanced when practiced in the context of our Catholic Faith. If you have been active in your 12-Step group for six months or more, and would like to talk with other Catholics about how they've incorporated their Catholicism into their Steps, call Neil at 913-645-7244, or Mary at 913-747-5039.



EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & SACRISTAN TRAINING AND COMMISSIONING DECEMBER 4, 10:00AM CHURCH SANCTUARY

Training and commissioning for both new and existing Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) and Sacristans will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 10AM in the Church. All existing EMHCs whose last commissioning was more than three years ago must attend - all others are strongly encouraged to attend since a number of procedural changes have been made of which you need to be apprised. Any new parishioners who wish to join either of these ministries should note the following qualifications for these positions:

- A person baptized and confirmed and at least 16 years of age
- If married, then in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church
- Love of the Eucharist with faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- Desire to grow in personal relationship with Christ in the Eucharist
- A registered member of Ascension Parish
- Weekly participation in the Eucharist
- Willingness to serve as needed and available
- Commitment to serve as assigned or to obtain a replacement.



Those who do not meet these qualifications should discuss their situation directly with Fr Gary. We are in need of dedicated people in both ministries and ask that you prayerfully discern if you are being called to serve. For questions, please contact Craig and Judy Arnold at hooverandg@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 6 SIGN UP NOW IN THE GATHERING AREA

Remember your loved ones by helping Church of the Ascension beautify our sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Envelopes are available on the table in the gathering area and can be placed in the locked box. Please print clearly so the information in the bulletin is accurate. A suggested donation of \$20.00 is appreciated.

SENIORS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR SHUT-IN

If you are a senior and are homebound or shut-in and are in need of assistance to get groceries or prescriptions, we have volunteers who are willing to help. Please notify Patty in the office at pbillinger@kcascension.org. Stay in and stay healthy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POP the Trunk! Food Collection

On Saturday December 11th, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM

The Ascension Knights are hosting a "drive up" food collection. The Catholic Charities truck will be in the Ascension parking lot.

Just pull your car up and **"POP" the Trunk!**

Our volunteers will take your food donations and load them into the truck!

Not currently shopping? We gladly accept check and cash donations!



The most needed items:

Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Rice.

Canned Items:

Meat, Tomatoes, Black Beans, Tomato Soup, Tuna, Peas & Fruit.

For questions, call Joe or Johnette Martin 913-481-8663.

Save the Date!



Where:

Church of the Ascension Parish Hall

When:

Sunday, December 12th 9AM to 3PM

Note:

Appointments recommended
& masks required

Sign-up Visit:

kcascension.org

Trending at Ascension,
Community Blood Center!

Winter Blood Drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

OREMUS: A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Weekday: Tuesdays

Time: 10:00 - 11:30AM

Dates: January 4, 2022 – February 22, 2022

Facilitator: Marguerite Enlow

Location: St. Mark/Matthew Room

Materials Cost: \$20 - includes a workbook and online video access for one year



Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God’s voice in your daily life and know how to respond? With video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, *Oremus* teaches you the essentials of a fruitful prayer life. Following Church Tradition and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn to talk to God and hear his voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments. You will become more aware of his close presence, will learn to overcome distractions and dryness, and will recognize desolation and consolation as normal prayer experiences.

REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

Weekday: Wednesdays

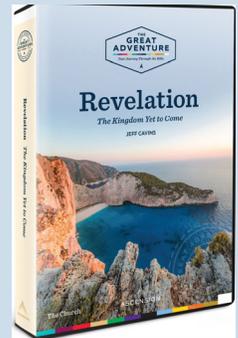
Time: 10:00-11:30AM OR 5:30-7:00PM

Dates: January 5, 2022 – March 23, 2022

Facilitator: Kim Sutton

Location: St. Mark/Matthew Room

Materials Cost: \$30 - includes a workbook and online video access for one year



Perhaps no book of the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. This program shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Explore the Church’s teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

REGISTER BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

AFTER DECEMBER 12TH, YOU’RE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CLASSES, BUT YOU WILL NEED TO SECURE YOUR OWN MATERIALS SINCE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Questions? Contact Karen Newkirk, Phone: 913-681-3348 ext. 142, **Email:** knewkirk@kcascension.org

REGISTRATION FORM (DUE DECEMBER 12)

REGISTER ONLINE at www.kcascension.org or return this form & payment to the box in the Gathering Space.

Select your preferred class below and if you need materials. Checks payable to: Church of the Ascension.

Name: _____

If couple attending class, Spouse: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

		<u>Facilitator</u>	<u># for Class</u>	<u># for Materials</u>
Oremus	Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am	Marguerite Enlow	_____	_____ (\$20 each)
Revelation	Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am	Kim Sutton	_____	_____ (\$30 each)
Revelation	Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm	Kim Sutton	_____	_____ (\$30 each)

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN

DECEMBER 10, DROP OFF BEFORE 8:30AM

ST. JOHN HALLWAY

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Kitchen has discontinued their hot lunch for sack lunches.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need 15 people to make 15 lunches every month.

SUGGESTED LUNCH ITEMS: Sandwiches, chips, dessert, fruit, etc. Details on the sign up genius. Please sign up on the web site under volunteer opportunities. Great for service hours!

QUESTIONS: Contact Jean Hinman at 913 908-9811.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

DECEMBER 11, 9:00AM (AFTER MORNING MASS)

CONFERENCE ROOM

The Bereavement Support Ministry at Church of the Ascension meets the second Saturday of every month in the Conference Room, unless otherwise noted on the parish calendar, after 8:30AM Mass for support and education. Our next meeting is on Saturday December 11. Questions? Contact Patty in the office at 913-681-3348.



bereavement
support
group

GUADALUPE HOUSE

DECEMBER 14, DROP OFF BEFORE 4:30PM

ST. JOHN HALLWAY

Our Lady of Guadalupe House is an organization run by the Sisters of the Fraternity Missionaries of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The Sisters reach out to the poor and homeless in Kansas City, Kansas, and Ascension provides them with supplies needed for their ministry. If you are interested in supporting the Sisters with their cause by donating supplies, please visit the Church of the Ascension homepage at kc.ascension.org, and click on Volunteer Signups/Guadalupe House. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. **Our next date is Tuesday December 14.**



ZOOM (GRADES 9-12) CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 6:00PM

YOUTH CENTER

Why are we advertising a month in advance? So you have plenty of time to round up that one-of-a-kind ugly Christmas sweater and to get yourself prepared for building gingerbread houses, of course! Friends, get ready for the merriest of gatherings! All high schoolers are welcome.

COVERED IN PRAYER

COMBINED NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 6:00PM

ST. LUKE ROOM



Covered in Prayer is having a combined meeting for the months of November and December to make blanket kits, separate fabric, talk and generally enjoy each other's company! You can come and pick up material and take it home, or you can stay and learn how to make blankets. We send over 150 blankets each year to parishioners and friends who are ill or hurting, so your help is needed. No need to be an expert seamstress. We gratefully accept donations of cotton, fleece and flannel materials and yarns. We look forward to meeting you on Thursday evening!

CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN DIVORCE MINISTRY

DECEMBER 18, 6:00PM

GATHERING AREA

Do you feel anxiety and sadness instead of joy as the holidays approach because of your broken relationships? We invite you to an evening of fellowship & peace as we learn from Fr. Joel Haug about how we can heal and move toward a brighter future. We will meet in the gathering space on Dec 18 at 6:00PM. Email Katie at calledtolove143@gmail.com with questions.



MEALS FOR PRIESTS

If you are interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit our webpage at kcascension.org and click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests. If you have questions, please contact Patty in the parish office at 913-681-3348.

WEEKLY PRAYER

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00AM +Cecilia Sanjuan by Malou Nix
Sean Nix by Malou Nix

12:00PM +Harold Schafer by Gerry Schafer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00AM +Alfred Kolher by Lois Herr

12:00PM +Joyce Steward by Joan Johnson

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00AM Waters Family by the Waters Family

12:00PM +Marvin Sommer by Steve and Chris Wolf

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00AM Living & Deceased of the Ken Rethman Family
by The Rethman Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:00AM +Bill Culpepper by Knights of Columbus

12:00PM +Timothy Pereda by Family
+Dcn. Jack Thesing by Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30AM +Jim Horak by Ascension Parishioners
+Jan Kruse by Ascension Parishioners
+Carole Edstrom by Ascension Parishioners
+Thomas Owens by Ascension Parishioners
+Dr. Robert Wurtz by Ascension Parishioners

4:30PM Ascension Parishioners
Fr. Mohan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:15AM +Lillian Knight Meradith by the Mark Boden
Fr. Gary Family

10:00AM +Mark Reed by Jim & Tricia Baldwin
Fr. Loehr

11:45AM +Teresa Montesana by Shirley & Bob Chenoweth
Fr. Gary

5:00PM +Ellen Johnson by Shirley and Bob Chenoweth
Fr. Mohan

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PARISHIONERS:

Bob Barr, Greg Bono, Dorothy Brandwein, Robert Bouler, Hudson Coffman, Karen Elliott, Megan Freking, Scott Graham, Marsha Hatfield-Baker, Jody Hearron, Steve Hester, Baby Harrison Higginbotham, Jackson Hirt, Bob Howard, Pete Ingles, Corky Jacobs, Kathi Jacobs, Joan B. Johnson, Larry Judy, Carrie Kilgore, Jerry and Pat Klimas, John Krim, Mary Lausten, Dale Marti, Joe Martin, Karen Mathes, Kelly Mayer, Michael Mayerske, Sarah Millsap, Don Moore, Alice Mumford, Fred Nelson, Carmen and John Nodar, Cathy Oxley, James Palmer, Carmen Porterfield, James Pyle, John Rakos, Becky Reed, Amy Reinhardt, Katy Rempel, Phil Rominger, Logan Runnells, Vince and Suzy Santa Maria, Karen Schemmel, Barbara Schulte, Celeste Sharp, Carol Stump, Frank Sullivan, Paul Surlis, Fr. Tom Tank, Bill Thomas, Denise Tomas, Sally Virgo, Marilyn Wheeler, George Winkler, Sandra Woodard, Emy Yabut, Fred Zielinski

RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS:

Salma Akhter, David Angelo, Paul Armijo, David Backstrom, Tom Bales, Lynn Baldwin, Colleen Barbour, Craig Beaumont, Benita, John Bergman, Pam Bond, Robert Bozk, Amanda Brower, Colton Joseph Brower, Adalynn Brunton, Dianne Burns, Ardith Cantral, Brian Cavanaugh, Joanna Cohen, Joanne Cohen, Erica Lea Darling, Molly Debocelle, Mike Diekemper, Ellen Dodson, Debbie Duddleston, Kay DuPree, Roberta Edgett, Randy Edwards, August Ehart, Harold Ehlert, Eric Fladung, Cole Fletcher, Michael Fong, Jim Fredrickson, Kat Fredrickson, Kelly Fry, Tom Fry, Larry Furguson, Sage Gilliard, Larry Giovannoni, Jim Gloriod, Betty Godar, Mark Godar, Maureen Godar, Jim Gottardi, Greg Gundlach, Tim Hanlon, Walter Hellebusch, Ruth Ann Hickman, Griffin Hinman, Sherina Huber, Wendi Johnston, Chad Jones, Sean Kavanaugh, Mary Kinsley, Stephanie Klein, Donna Kuenzel, Jerome Kuenzel, Jackie Kuwysz, August Larson, Jacob Legleiter, Ron Legleiter, Hardy Lewis, Ellen Locke, Ellen Loschke, Chris Lundgreen, Jack Maher, Judy Malnar, Michael Marti, Karen Martley, Michael Maskill, Charles Mayer, Carol McClemons, Martin McGuire, Melanie McKenzie, Suzie McKinley, Maurya McLellan, Sr. Marie Micheletto, Jenn Miller, Rodney Moyer, Deana Muth, Lou Newman, Kevin Nestor, Dennis Onnen, Yvonne Ontiveros, Machel Perry, Bobbi Peterson, Ray Peterson, Alex Pujado, Stephanie Pyle, Sue Radke, Mary Radliff, John Rempel, Ann Ries, Nancy Rohla, Debbie Rottinghaus, Tom Rowe, John Schaberg, Barbara S., Janis Schneider, Jim Schultz, Brenda Scott, Rita Sheftall, Olivia Sims, Lou Sinos, Paricia Russell, Thomas, Pat Trumm, Ernesto Valencia, Patricia VanCoillie, Cindy VanLeeuwen, Celesta Vaska, Donna Vitt, Mary Winn, John Wise, Tera Wolfe

PLEASE NOTE: SICK LIST

Due to privacy laws, only names requested by a family member will be added to the sick list. We will retain the names on the prayer list for 6 months. The names of those removed from this publication will be sent to the Ascension Prayer Line for ongoing prayers. If you have any updates, please email Patty at pbillinger@kcascension.org.

WEEKLY PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY

FOR OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS:

Captain David Baska, USAF; First Lieutenant Lt. Tyler H. Cordry, US Army; Captain Stephen Cuff, US Army; Lance Corporal Matthew Fischbach, USMC; Lt. Colonel Jason Caranta; Corporal Margaret Gould, USMC; PVT Jacob Hearn, US Army; Senior Airman Courtney Hinemeyer, USAF; Larry Homan, Army; Lance Corporal Brooke L. Jalbert; Captain Jacob Morin, USAF; Captain Dan Prior, US Army; 2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US Army; Sergeant Luke Talken, USMC; Captain Mitchell R Willis, Pilot, USAF.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are in need of several adorers - if you'd like to join as an adoration sub or weekly partner, please sign up at this link: https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/28/enrollment/Ascension_Parish.

A personal entry code will be assigned for you to enter between the hours of 9:00PM and 6:00AM, if you desire to do so; otherwise, stop in to say hello to Jesus any time during the day.

HOURS THAT COULD USE IMMEDIATE HELP:

- Mondays** - 1AM* beginning January
- Tuesdays** - 12AM*, 1AM* & 2AM*
- Wednesdays** - 4AM*
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Questions? Contact Debbie Engel at deborasuzanne@gmail.com

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING | One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

PSALM | The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

SECOND READING | Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

GOSPEL | For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHRIST THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

Family Faith

Reflecting on Today's Mass

NOVEMBER 21ST | 34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Given the Kingdom

The Readings

Daniel's Vision of the Son of Man • Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms 93:1a, 1b-2, 5

Praise to Jesus Christ • Revelation 1:5-8

The Blood and Water • John 18:33b-37



Key Passage



To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
(Revelation: 1:5b-6)

Adult Question

In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?



Child Question

How can you show that you honor Jesus as the king of your life.

Reflect



Jesus Christ is the ... ruler of the kings of earth. -Revelation 1:5
"My kingdom does not belong to this world" -John 18:36

Jesus is the King of Heaven and Earth! Yet Jesus isn't like earthly kings who are wealthy and powerful and make people do whatever they want them to. Jesus wants what is good and right for everyone in the world. He doesn't want power for himself - he wants everyone to be treated with justice and to have what they need to live joyful lives. Can Jesus be the King of your heart? He wants to be. He wants to work together with us to bring about a Kingdom of love and equality.

Dear Lord, thank you for being an awesome God. You are the most gentle, loving, just, kind, glorious, powerful king in all of heaven and earth. We love you and invite you into our hearts.

Pray



Discuss



What are some ways I can live as though Jesus is the king of my heart? If Jesus came to visit our home today, what kind of "royal treatment" would we give him?

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Preparing for Next Sunday

All: make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Family: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgement and justice, both now and forever. (Isa 9: 1-2; 5-6)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Family: Thanks be to God.

Leader:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Family: Amen.



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KNIGHTS CHOIR: Contact Dan Tira at tirad@umkc.edu or 913-451-2341 if you are interested in joining.

PRO-LIFE: Please join fellow Knights praying in front of Planned Parenthood, 4401 W. 109th St., Overland Park, every Saturday from 9:30-10:00AM. For more information, contact Rick Lane at crlane@kc.surewest.net or 913-710-7810 OR Jim Baldwin at jim_baldwin@att.net or 913-609-0118.

CHARITY FOOTBALL RAFFLE: The Knights are holding a charity football raffle. All net proceeds from ticket sales by an Ascension Knight will benefit local charities supported by the Knights. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100 (all under one name). Drawings are held weekly for 17 weeks during the upcoming NFL season from September 9 thru January 9. Each week, for the first 17 weeks, thirteen tickets will be drawn for the following prizes; 1 - \$500 winner; 4 - \$100 winners; 8 - \$50 winners. The Knights of Columbus football season raffle tickets are still available at \$25 each or 5/ \$100 for drawings every Saturday during the remaining NFL season. The Knights of Columbus of Ascension Parish are proud to announce that for the second time in four years the Council sold the ticket that won the Kansas City Chiefs season tickets plus parking pass. All prices from this point forward are cash prizes... there are 13 cash prizes each week so there are plenty of chances to win \$500-\$50 each week. The final drawing on January 9 will be for the entire weekly prize money. One ticket will win the \$1,100. Please contact Phil Glasser at phil.glasser@yahoo.com or call 913-663-1971 for information or to purchase tickets.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Set for Sunday, Dec. 5 at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant at 91st & Metcalf. Cost is \$20 per person. Knights and their guests are invited. Social hour will start at 5:30PM. Dinner starts at 6:30PM. Sign-up on the Knights' website, ascensionkofc.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Knights' Mass every Friday morning at 7:00AM
- Officers' Meeting: Monday, December 6 at 7:00pm (Location TBD).
- MOYC Advent Breakfast: Saturday, December 11, 9:00-11:30AM (Parish Hall)

For the above events and more, additional details & sign-ups can be found at www.ascensionkofc.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE

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WOMEN OF ASCENSION

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2: Advent by Candlelight | 6:00PM | Parish Hall

JANUARY 8: Trivia Night | 6:30PM | Parish Hall



Visit <https://kcascension.org/women-of-ascension/> for more information and to register for events.

Questions? Contact Marcia Jacobson in the Parish office at 913-681-3348.

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MINISTRY NEWS

SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

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- Pope Francis, Laudato Si (211)

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For those now gone but whose laughter lasts.

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and her unborn child,
for the mother chasing little ones
whose noise is heard by all but bothers none,
For work, for friends, for neighbors, for church, for You,
we pray and give great thanks.

Amen.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING CROWDED WITH GRATITUDE

Lord God,
Our hearts are crowded with gratitude
as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.
We have come to this our feasting table
with great joy and eagerness,
for we are truly grateful to you, our God,
for all that we have been given.
We pause now and, in silent prayer,
do thank you for the great generosity of Your gifts.

We also thank one another for gifts -
especially for the gifts of love and affection
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for all who are present at this our feast
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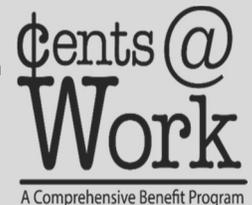
May You, our God, bless this Thanksgiving feast
and all of us who shall share it
in your holy name.

--Hays, Edward; Prayers for the Domestic Church: A Handbook for
Worship in the Home (Kansas: Forest of Peace Books, 1979), 122.

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