

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

MARCH 31, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY



Catholic Parish

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

Tues: 11:00AM & 6:30PM

Wed: 6:00AM

Saturday: 3:00PM

Sunday: 4:00PM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily: 6:00AM-9:00PM

Closed Mon. & Thurs. from
2:00-3:00PM for cleaning.

Code needed 9:00-6:00AM

EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking
Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has
been raised just as he said." - Mt 28:5b-6

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION EXISTS TO *Proclaim* THE GOSPEL,
Worship WHOLEHEARTEDLY, *Serve* GENEROUSLY, AND *Love* LIKE JESUS.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 4:00PM **Al Anon Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball over 40** | Gym

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- 3:00PM **After School Hangout** | Youth Center
- 6:30PM **Boy Scouts** | Parish Hall
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball Age 21+** | Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- 9:15AM **Parish Staff Meeting** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Family Formation** | Parish Hall
- 6:30PM **Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Cub Scouts Committee Meeting** | Conference Rm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:30AM **St. Mary's Food Kitchen Before 8:30** | Offsite
- 12:30PM **Ladies of Charity** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Monthly Parent Mtng. for WYFF** | Parish Hall A
- Watch Dogs, CRHP & Knights** | Parish Hall B
- Weekly YFF** | ACS Classroom
- Year I** | ACS Classroom
- 7:00PM **Adult Choir** | Church
- AA Mtng.** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Men's Basketball Age 21+** | Gym

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- 8:30AM **Women in Prayer/Small Group Mtng.** | St. Luke Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Mtng.** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **4th Degree Knight Mtng.** | Parish Hall Annex
- Adult Confirmation Class** | St. Luke Rm.
- Cub Scouts Den Mtng.** | Parish Hall A
- Disciples Dwelling** | Youth Center
- MOYC Mtng.** | St. John Rm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **Forgiveness 101 Workshop** | St. Mark Rm.
- 2:45PM **Mahjongg** | St. Luke Rm.
- 3:15PM **Chess Club** | Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:40AM **Marian Consecration Group** | Conference Rm.
- 9:00AM **Easter Egg Hunt** | Parish Hall
- Women of Ascension** | St. Luke Rm.
- 9:30AM **"The Mass" Lent Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:00PM **First Saturday Public Rosary**
- 6:00PM **Special Needs Spring Fling Dance** | Parish Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 1:00PM **AA Mtng.** | St. John Rm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 CONTINUED

- 3:00PM **Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Devotions** | Church
- Boy Scouts Spring Award Ceremony** | Parish Hall
- 4:00PM **Al Anon Mtng.** | St. John Rm.
- 8:00PM **Men's Basketball over 40** | Gym

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter! He is risen! The whole Church rejoices as we celebrate the most hope-filled truth of our Christian faith. God so loved the word that he sent his only begotten Son to save us from the eternal consequence of sin. Jesus, the Word of God *made flesh*, through His saving sacrifice on the Cross has reconciled humanity to God. In rising from the dead, Jesus became the principle and source of our own future resurrection. Through the Easter miracle we are confident that, not only our souls can be saved, but our bodies too can have eternal life in the resurrection of the dead.

At the Easter Vigil, the first celebration of Easter that occurs during the night, we heard these amazing words proclaimed:

"Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice...
Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave, you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault that earned so great,
so glorious a Redeemer!"

Easter, and the holy days that preceded it, should reassure each of us of the blessing we have in Christ Jesus. How precious you are in God's eyes. Yes, you, sinner though you are! "While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). Without the truth of Jesus' saving death and resurrection, life has no real meaning. What hope would we have of anything beyond the grave was it not for God's love revealed in Jesus Christ, the One who overcame death by rising from the grave? Even man's rebellion against his creator, expressed in the "original sin" of our first parents, has, by the mystery of God's love, earned for us "so great, so glorious a Redeemer."

Let the truth about God's love revealed in Christ's passion, death and resurrection give us the faith to "not be afraid" and to rejoice in the Resurrection. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life,




MONDAY 4/1
PARISH
OFFICE
CLOSED

Easter Memorials

Robert, Frances & John Andregg
 John & Pauline Antonelli
 Nicolo, Melania & Mary Antonelli
 Bob & Mary Baldwin
 Bill & Peggy Beeson
 Sylvia Beeson
 Virgil & Mildred Biby
 Blaine Matthew Billinger
 Patrick Bins
 Mary Blaise
 Mr. & Mrs. John Blazek
 Nickie Boltz
 John & Celina Bourquin
 Al & JeAnne Carver
 Matthew Connaughton
 Members of the Cordes and Cheray
 Families: Nancy, Wendy, Francis, Norma,
 Mary Elaine, Florence, Tony, John, Mary
 Ann, Clarence, Joseph, Artie
 Michael Daly
 Members of the Daly & Trager Families
 Gary Denning
 Members of the Doran & Prior Families
 Linda & Pearson Dubar
 Louis & Rita Duchinsky
 Members of the Ebeling & Murphy Families
 Bill Endsley
 Frank & Annie Essner
 David Fields
 Mary & Joseph Fofonka
 John & Terry Ford
 Louis & Lucille Fritz
 Al & Bertie Geiger
 James & Mary Gillespie
 Members of the Glasser & Gottardi
 Families
 Members of the Gress and Quigley Families
 Sandy Griesel
 Stephen & Joseph Harbourne
 Kevin Haeusser
 Vern & Lavon Healy
 Ferrell Heeter
 Elaine G. Herman
 Mike Houston
 Math & Trellis Howell
 Brad Hunter
 Roger & Joan James
 Ray & Adele Jansen

Art Jeannet
 JoAnn Jeannet
 Glenn Jennewein
 Alan & Mary Jones
 Teresa Kamler
 Ken, Evelyn & Kenny Kelly
 Members of the Kelly & Lampe Families
 Ed & Bernadine Kerstiens
 Members of the Kerwin & Porch Families
 Jim Kiefer
 Shirley Koenigsfeld
 William A. Koski
 Mary Ann Lane
 Scott Leahy
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Marti
 Joe Martin
 Joe & Lynn Martin
 William & Mary McCarty
 Melanie McKenzie
 Frank & Zita Meyer
 Jim Meyer
 Don Moore
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moran
 William Myers
 Charles & Genevieve O'Halloran
 John & Ann O'Leary
 Julia Olinger
 Jan O'Rourke
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pawlowski
 J. J. Pawlowski
 Members of the Peitzmeier Family
 Sandy Peneton
 Opal & John Pfitzner
 James Pyle
 Ed Rafferty, Sr.
 John Rakos
 Joseph Rakowski
 Annabelle Roettger
 Members of the Rosell Family
 Carol Roth
 Ed & Anne Russell
 Elaine Russell
 Glenn & Mary Russell
 Diane Schmitz Carr
 Don Schmitz
 Maurice Schmitz
 Luke Sellhorst
 Derek Settlemeyer

James Sheridan
 Members of the Short & Foltz Families
 Second Lieutenant Justin Sisson
 Alison J. Smeltzer
 Members of the Smeltzer Family
 Harold & Evelyn Somouski
 Robert Stephan
 Members of the Strantz Family
 Milton & Leona Straub
 Members of the Strother Family
 Billy & Dixie Lee Stull
 Bill Sumple
 Matthew Szabo
 Norman Szabo
 H.C. & Sue Teegarden
 John Thesing
 Jim Toyne
 Henry & Gertrude True
 Hilda J. Virgilio
 Ken Voorhes
 Members of the Vosters & Drahus Families
 Bill Weems
 Bernard & Teresa Weiser
 Members of the Wietharn & Rottinghaus
 Families
 George & Mary Alice Willman
 Dale & Leona Young
 Duane Young
 John & Mary Ziegelmeyer

HOSEA...

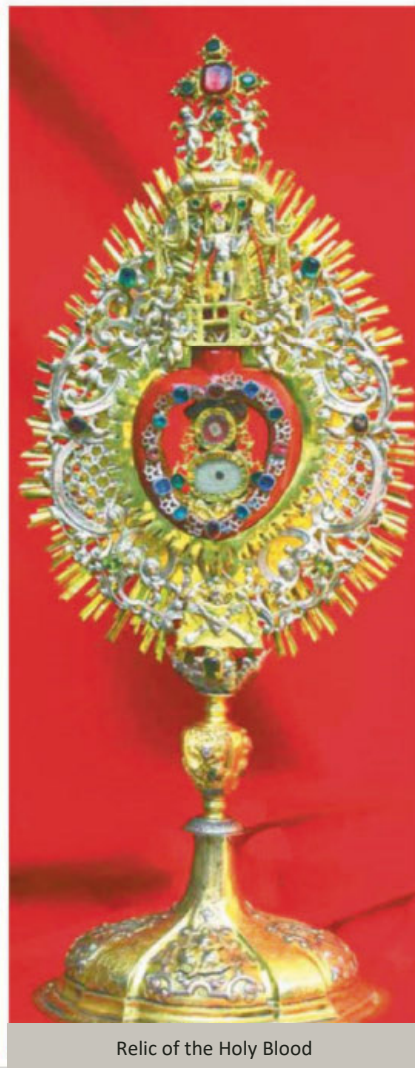
COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Do you have a loved one that you worry about because they are no longer practicing their faith? Do you believe in the power of prayer? Come join the Hosea Prayer group! We are a group of prayer warriors who pray every week for these loved ones to return to God. Every Friday at 3:00PM, the holiest of hours, you will receive an email with a pre-written prayer. And you have the comfort of knowing a group of over 50 faith filled people will also be praying for your loved one! Email Tricia Baldwin if you would like to be added to this group: tbaldwin@acseagles.org.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF ERDING, GERMANY 1417

ON HOLY THURSDAY 1417, A PEASANT STOLE A CONSECRATED HOST, WHICH IN THE COURSE OF HIS JOURNEY ESCAPED FROM HIS HANDS AND FLEW AWAY IN THE AIR. HE TRIED IN VAIN TO CATCH IT. IT WAS ONLY THANKS TO THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE BISHOP THAT HE WAS ABLE TO RECOVER THE PARTICLE. A CHAPEL WAS IMMEDIATELY BUILT ON THE SITE WHERE THE MIRACLE OCCURRED. THERE WERE MANY CURES AND WONDERS ATTRIBUTED TO THE VENERATION OF THIS MIRACLE.

READ MORE AT **BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS'S WEBSITE:**



Relic of the Holy Blood



Interior of the Sanctuary



Sanctuary of the Most Precious Blood

A poor peasant of Erding could find no way to improve his economic state, despite working many hours every day. His neighbor on the other hand, who did the same work, succeeded in living prosperously. One day the peasant asked his neighbor how he had succeeded in earning so much and the man confided to him that his success was owed to the fact that he kept the Blessed Sacrament in his house. The poor peasant, ignorant in the faith thought that the Blessed Sacrament was a type of amulet, and decided to imitate his neighbor. He went to Mass on Holy Thursday and after having received Communion, hid the Host in his clothes and left the church with it. During his journey, however, his conscience began to accuse him, so he decided to bring the particle back. During the trip, however, the Host slipped from his hand and disappeared in the air. He searched everywhere, without finding it. Terrorized by what had happened, he immediately ran to inform the pastor, who immediately went to the spot

where the Host had disappeared. As soon as he arrived the priest saw the particle resting on a clump of dirt, emitting a bright light. He approached to pick it up, and it again flew up in the air and disappeared. The priest alerted the Bishop who wanted to go in person to the site of the miracle. And again the Particle flew up in the air. The Bishop and the townspeople then decided to build a chapel in honor of the Eucharistic Wonder. There were so many crowds of pilgrims that flocked there that in 1675, local authorities decided to construct a new and bigger sanctuary in the baroque style. On Sept 19, 1677, Bishop Kaspar Kunner of Freising blessed the new church, which was dedicated to the Most Precious Blood. Various relics were brought to the sanctuary among which was that of the Most Precious Blood of Christ. Since 1992 the sanctuary has been under the care of the monks of St. Paul of the Desert.

ON HOLY COMMUNION DURING PASCHALTIDE

by The Rt. Rev'd Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B.

In Passiontide, the Christian went to holy Communion impressed with these words of the Apostle: 'As often as ye shall eat this Bread, and drink the Chalice, ye shall show the death of the Lord.' He united himself with the divine Victim immolated for the sins of the world, and he died with his Saviour. During Paschal Time, the heavenly Food produces its effects in another manner; it fortifies the life of the soul, and gives to the body the germ of immortality. It is true that in each season of the liturgical year this twofold effect is produced in those who worthily receive Communion, namely, immolation and resurrection; but as, during the days consecrated to the Passion, the application of the mystery of immolation and sacrifice is more direct and more in accordance with the sentiments of the communicant, so also, during Paschal Time, the divine contact of the Body of our risen Jesus makes us feel, in a way that Easter alone can do, that to the holy Eucharist we owe the future resurrection of our bodies.

Our Savior himself teaches us this, where he says: 'Your fathers did eat manna in the desert, and are dead. This is the Bread which cometh down from heaven, that if any man eat of it, he may not die . . . He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up in the last day.'

We shall all resume these bodies of ours on the Last Day, either for glory or punishment eternal; but he that worthily unites himself by holy Communion with the glorious and risen Body of the Man-God contracts an alliance and intimacy with him which forbid this divine Guest to leave in corruption these members made his own by the sublime Mystery.

We must, therefore, approach the holy altar during Eastertide with an ardent ambition for our resurrection, knowing as we do that we then receive into our bodies an element which is to



preserve them even when turned into dust; and which, moreover, confers on them a right to the qualities of glorified bodies, whose beauty and happiness will be like those of Our Lord, after he had risen from the grave.

Now, if our Redeemer does all this for our bodies by means of holy Communion—giving them, by it, the pledge of immortality—what must he not do for our souls, in order to strengthen and increase within them that 'new life,' that Resurrection-life, which is the fruit of Easter, the object of all our past efforts, the reward of all the victories we have gained over ourselves during the



campaign of Lent? Nay, unless this new life be fostered by frequent Communion, it is in danger of growing weak, perhaps even of becoming extinct within us. The Apostle tells us that 'Christ, having risen from the dead, dieth now no more;' we, then, must die no more, for we are risen with him. To this end, we must hunger after the Bread of Heaven, of which Our Lord says: 'If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever.'



Steps to Come Back to the Catholic Church

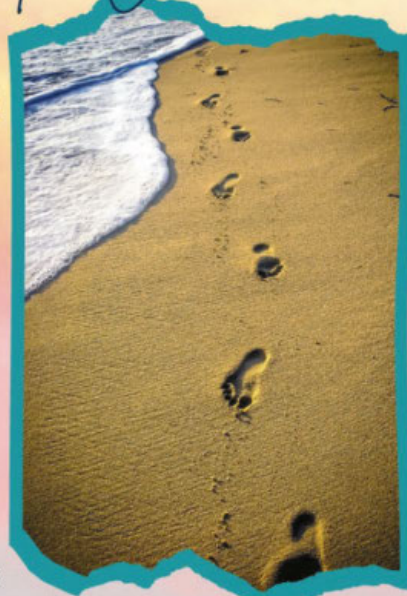
WELCOME TO ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH! HAS IT BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN TO MASS? WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE AND INVITE YOU TO COME BACK.

If it has been a few months, you have made the best step by being here today. We look forward to you joining us each weekend at Mass.

If it has been longer, we invite you to visit with one of our priests or a staff person to discuss the steps most comfortable for you to take in becoming active again.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT (913) 681-3348 OR BY EMAIL:

Fr. Gary (through his assistant Susan Nigrin) at snigrin@kcascension.org,
Fr. Colm frcolm@kcascension.org, Fr. Stull frstull@kcascension.org, or
Liz Willman, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith at lwillman@kcascension.org



Steps to Learn More About the Catholic Church



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, INTERESTED IN LOOKING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH? IF SO, WE INVITE YOU TO START THE PROCESS TODAY!

Contact Liz Willman, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith at (913) 681-3348 or lwillman@kcascension.org to set up a brief, informal visit or phone call to learn more about what is involved in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The first several weeks of the process are designed to be an easy way to learn more about the Catholic faith before you decide to take the classes. Contact Liz Willman today!

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FORGIVENESS EDUCATION WORKS!!!

Forgive...
To Become
FREE

Steps 1, 2 and 3

We will study the "common denominators" of the difficult journey of forgiving others or ourselves, as we study 9 people who have previously taken the class. This is NOT a lecture. Watch a video, small group discussion, large group wrap up is the procedure of the workshop. No one has ever fallen asleep! Come alone or bring friends. Open to all faiths, and you do not have to be an Ascension parishioner to attend.

There is a 12 people maximum.

Friday: 1:00-5:00 PM, Half-Day Workshop

Date: April 5, 2024

Location: St. Matthew/Mark Room

Facilitator: Chuck Jansen

Cost: \$20 (Workbook received at the workshop)



Ascension This Week

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN

APRIL 3 | COME JOIN US!

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION has been a contributor to St. Mary's Food Kitchen for many years. Ascension's day is the 1st Wednesday of the month to provide supplies and prepare a taco salad luncheon. We leave Ascension at 9:15-9:30AM to prep the meal and get things set up. We serve the lunch from 11:00AM-12:30PM, then return to Ascension. It is a real hands-on experience of serving people in need.

OUR NEEDS are for parishioners to donate food to make the taco salads, some to cook the hamburger so we can just warm it up at St Mary's, and for servers the day of.

PLEASE VISIT kcascention.org, scroll down to the "trending" section, & click "Volunteer Signups." Contact Jean Hinman 913-908-9811 or Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314.



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTRY MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 8 | ST. MARTHA ROOM

The International Missions Team will have an informational meeting Monday, April 8th at 7pm in the St Luke room to discuss the interest and plans for a June trip to Guatemala. We typically travel to Guatemala yearly to work with the vulnerable and elderly population in San Lucas Tolimin in a variety of personal ways. This international mission also supports a papal agency, CNEWA, which is involved in organizations in the Near East. Please join us. Contact Ed Herman 913-897-4856 for more information.



PUBLIC ROSARY

APRIL 6, 12:00PM

PARKING LOT

Come join us as we pray the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month at 12:00PM. We will be praying for God's help for our Catholic Church and our Country. We will pray outside if the weather is warm enough and not raining or snowing, at the northwest corner of 127th and Grant Street (or in the church if the weather does not cooperate).



FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Why didn't we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th this year?

On March 25, 9 months before Christmas, every year the Annunciation to Mary is remembered as a solemnity or very special feast day. It is on this day that Jesus became incarnate (flesh) in the womb of the Virgin Mary, after she consented. The fact of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is related in Luke 1:26-38. It is sometimes called "Little Christmas."

Date of the Annunciation is Moved in 2024

However, since March 25 is the Monday of Holy Week, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred to Monday, April 8 [The next available day following the Easter Octave]. This special week remembers the sufferings of Jesus before his death and the Easter celebration; so they take precedence over the Annunciation. In some countries, the Annunciation is a Holy Day of obligation meaning you have to attend Holy Mass (no longer in the USA or Canada).

Source: catholicnewsworld.com



The Annunciation by Paolo de Matteis, 1712, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis. The white lily in the angel's hand is symbolic of Mary's purity[n 3] in Marian art.

Upcoming Events

ASCENSION

FEAST DAY

Celebration



Please register here for planning purposes (free-will donations accepted at the door):



SATURDAY | MAY 11TH
5:30 - 7:30 PM | PARISH HALL

PASTA DINNER, CUPCAKES, COTTON CANDY AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Save the Date

DETAILS & REGISTRATION WILL BE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

*** HOLY HALF HOUR & SIMPLE SUPPER ***
 MONDAY, APRIL 15

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

SATURDAY, MAY 11
 FOLLOWING 4:30PM MASS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



SUNDAY, JUNE 2



BBQ WEEKEND



JUNE 7-8



FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5



Find us Here



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Have you heard?!

ASCENSION

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

K-8 NOW ENROLLING!




Open camera & scan for more information!

CATHOLIC ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events

WE'RE HOSTING

VBS 2024

MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive

JUNE 3-7

Registration Opens: April 1

VBS THIS SUMMER!




**WOMEN OF ASCENSION
SPRING SERVICE PROJECT**

ADVICE AND AID PREGNANCY CENTER HAS ASKED WOA TO PUT TOGETHER GIFT BAGS FOR THE DADS OF THE FAMILIES THAT RECEIVE AID AND ONGOING COUNSELING AT THE CENTER.

- 1 Please consider purchasing a gift from our Amazon wish list here by April 25th:
- 2 Join us on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 in the St. Mark room to put the gift bags together and enjoy fellowship, appetizers & drinks

REGISTER HERE:





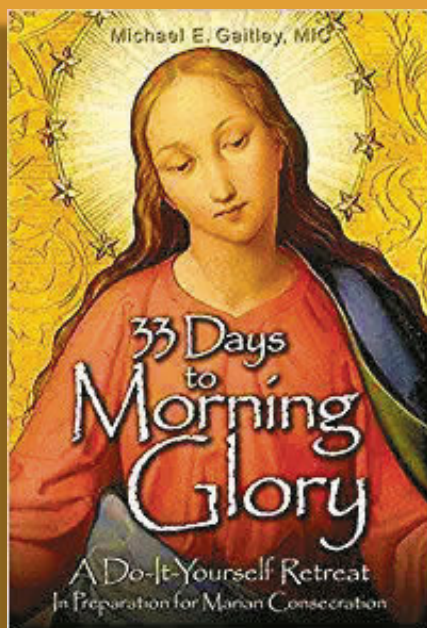
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - 8:15AM MASS

Due to a lack of volunteers we are not able to continue it for the remainder of the year. If we are able to get more volunteers beginning in the Fall then we can continue it at that time.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE APRIL 21

Confirmation Practice for all Confirmation Candidates will be Sunday April 21st from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Begin in the church.

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY



Please join us on Saturday mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM for a 5-Week "33 Days to Morning Glory" do-it-yourself retreat to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. It includes a few pages of daily reading and reflection, plus a weekly video.

This is for those who are totally new to this idea, as well as those who would like to re-consecrate themselves. It is for those who want to have a better understanding of Mary's role in our salvation, and for anyone seeking a deeper relationship with Mary or with Jesus. We would love to have you join us on this journey.

Saturday Study Dates: April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, with the Consecration on Monday, May 13

Time: 9:15-10:30 AM

Meeting Location: Church of the Ascension

Facilitator: Debbie Engel

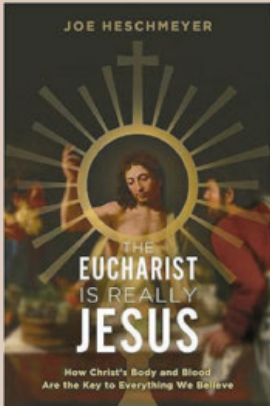
To Register: Scan the QR Code, visit kascension.org or call the parish office (913) 681-3348



Please purchase your own copy of the book online, or contact Trinity House Catholic Books and Gifts, 6731 W 119th Street in Overland Park, (913) 652-0080 for book availability.

Upcoming Events

THE EUCHARIST IS REALLY JESUS



RESCHEDULED for May 1, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 PM (there is no need to re-register if already registered)!

The Eucharist Is Really Jesus Talk + Q&A with Joe Heschmeyer

Church of the Ascension's Christmas gift to parishioners is now coming to life! Come hear author Joe Heschmeyer talk and answer questions about The Eucharist Is Really Jesus.

In the book, Heschmeyer first explains how Catholic belief in the Eucharist is biblical and reasonable. If you're used to thinking of Communion as a purely symbolic ritual, you'll find here a compelling defense of the ancient doctrine of the Real Presence. But even if you already believe it, Heschmeyer shows how that's not an end, but just the beginning.



Register Here

Knowing that the Eucharist is really Jesus becomes a master key to understanding: -The cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter Sunday -How to worship God in spirit and truth, according to the Bible -The meaning of our own bodies and their immortal destiny -How to love God and each other every day, like the saints ...and more essential aspects of our lifelong walk with Jesus.

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 PM

Where: Parish Hall

* Complimentary books are still available in the Parish Office from 8:30-4:00, Monday through Thursday, 8:30-noon on Fridays.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council will be electing new members this year. If you are interested in being considered for nomination to the Council, please use the QR code to submit a form. Those who submit their names will be reviewed by Fr. Gary who will then choose, based on the applications, a slate of nominees. Applications will be open now through mid-April and elections will take place at the end of April.

Purpose of the Council:

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to serve as a consultative body to the pastor, to assist him in fostering pastoral activities and provide for continued growth of the parish.

Areas of Pastoral Focus (as referenced in canons 528-529 of the Code of Canon Law)

- Liturgical formation of parishioners and fostering participation in the liturgical life of the parish
- Education of children and adults in matters of faith
- Fostering and nurturing of a sense of "community" in the parish
- Evangelization of the unchurched and non-participating Catholics
- Establishing a hospitable and inviting culture of welcome
- Witnessing to Catholic social doctrine by engaging in acts of service
- Engaging in ongoing pastoral planning for the parish in harmony with regional and archdiocesan plans and initiatives
- Fostering ecumenical dialogue
- Promoting effective communication and cooperation within the parish community
- Making recommendations to the pastor and Finance Council concerning funding of parish programs



Scan to apply

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Spring Fling

Dinner & Dance

Adults 18+ with Special Needs
Parents or Caregivers Welcome

SATURDAY | APRIL 6
6:30-9:30PM | PARISH HALL

JOIN US AT ASCENSION FOR:

- ROSATI'S ITALIAN DINNER
- MUSIC & DANCING
- CONNECT WITH OTHER ADULTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

ATTIRE: CASUAL
GOOD WILL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

RSVP BY MARCH 31

QUESTIONS: CATHY OXLEY 30XLEYS@GMAIL.COM



Christ Renews His Parish

Join Us!

WOMEN'S WEEKEND
APRIL 13 & 14

MEN'S WEEKEND
APRIL 20 & 21



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT

Deepen your prayer life with a Christ Renews His Parish Retreat weekend. This 2-day retreat will give you the opportunity and the resources to make lasting changes in your relationship with Jesus. This is the perfect chance to invest a weekend in your own spiritual growth. What are you waiting for? Use the QR code above to visit Ascension's Christ Renews webpage. There, you will also find registration links and answers to frequently asked questions

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lisa Connor: 913-485-1578; lisaconnor20@gmail.com
Brian Hornung: 913-558-2934; hornung@everestkc.net

Drive-Up FOOD COLLECTION

Saturday, April 13, 10AM-2PM

Ascension Parking Lot-Look for the Catholic Charities Truck

WHAT WE NEED

tomato/spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, tuna/canned meat, mac and cheese, soups

We gratefully accept cash and check donations! Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ministry of Care/Social Justice.



Questions? Contact David Whitaker@913-626-2676, or Johnette Martin @ 913-481-8663.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MINISTRY

APRIL 13, 9:00AM (AFTER MASS)

ST. LUKE ROOM


The Bereavement Support Ministry at Church of the Ascension meets the second Saturday of every month in the St. Luke Room, unless otherwise noted on the parish calendar, after 8:30AM Mass for support and education.

bereavement support group

CALLED TO LOVE AGAIN DIVORCE MINISTRY

welcomes you to ongoing monthly events where you will find support, friendship and healing. Next meeting is April 27, 6pm at Pope Pius X Parish in Mission, KS. Please visit our website at:

www.thecall2love.com/called-to-love-again or email us directly at: katie@thecall2love.com



Upcoming Events

GUADALUPE HOUSE-TUESDAY, APRIL 9, ST. JOHN HALLWAY, DROP OFF BY 4:30PM

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 kcascension.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, April 9.

SHALOM HOUSE—THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We serve dinner and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. Our next date is Thursday April 25. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup. Questions? Contact Dan Tira at 913-991-7755.

COVERED IN PRAYER-THURSDAY APRIL 25, 6:00PM

Covered in Prayer is the “blanket making” ministry of Church of the Ascension. We gather on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm 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 300 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!



HEARTACHE TO HEALING—THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Heartache to Healing is a social support group for those widowed early in life. Come join us on Thursday, April 11th for Game Night! Bring your favorite game, or just come and enjoy ours, at 6:30pm at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, in the St John’s room. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share while we visit and play board/card games. Your emailed RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary, to Laura at khaeus1@hotmail.com, or Heather at hmbimpens@gmail.com, or Damon at damon452@yahoo.com. Come meet some new friends and pray and play with us! We look forward to meeting you!

ASCENSION BOOK CLUB

Our book for April is The Last Garden in England, by Julia Kelly. We will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 in the St. Mark Room. For details call Linda Cook at 897-3201. Come join our discussion!



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Upcoming Events



Save the Date

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-Friday, June 7: Tasting & Party
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- Team sign ups deadline: **May 20**
- Early bird team registration through **April 1: \$50**
- Regular Registration **April-May 20: \$75**




Please enter Team Name & contact information for Team Captain at registration

QUESTIONS?
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We have 2 tracks to chose from. One that is for the typical pilgrim and another for those who have finished high school and might be in their 20s. [KCASCENSION.ORG/MEXICO](https://www.kcascension.org/mexico)

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of a continued journey of surrendering her same-sex desires to Jesus in pursuit of the greater love she has found in Him. Through her personal testimony she helps give others insight into how to love those around them who identify within the LGBTQ community and also gives hope and direction to those who may have same-sex attraction or struggle with their identity.

She loves sharing God The Father's heart with everyone and strives to be totally transparent, to help others know they are safe to do the same, not only with God but with one another.

Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, The Lila Rose Show, Conversations with Jackie & Bobby, Ascension Presents, Encounter Ministries, EWTN, TBN, CBN, Catholic Answers, 700 Club and much more.

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We are looking for volunteers to provide simple meals for 30 people:

MONDAYS | ST. MARK RM. | 5PM

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MAIN DISH | SIDE | DESSERT

Questions? Contact Chris Slack on the RCIA Team: 913-461-8319

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Weekly Prayer

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

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Rita Kopp, Mother of Jeff Kopp

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MEALS FOR PRIESTS

Do you love to cook? We have three priests with hearty appetites! Meals for Priests is a ministry that provides meals one day per week for our beloved priests. If you are interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit our webpage at kcascension.org; scroll down to the Trending section, click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests. Or use the QR Code. If you have questions, please contact Patty in the Parish office at 913-681-3348.

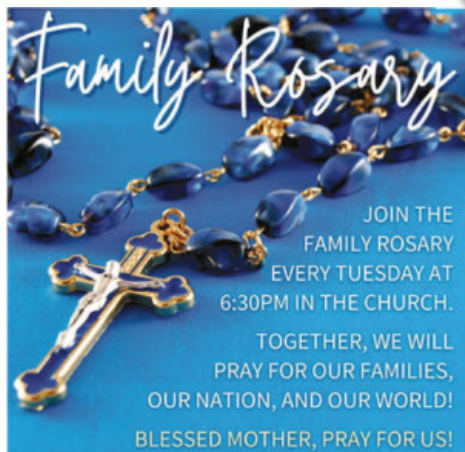


CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be on Retreat April 6-7! Thank you! If you could pray a Rosary for our candidates that would be most appreciated!

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Patty in the parish office: 913-681-3348.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 AM +Tom & +Cathy Owens by Megan & Rodney Ratzlaff
8:00AM +John McEwen by Lorraine McEwen
12:00 PM +Susan Trynoski by Monday Morning Gathering in Prayer Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00AM —
12:00PM +Dcn. Jack Thesing by Mary Thesing
+John P. Ryan by Mary Thesing

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7:00AM +Peg Engle by Lois Herr
12:00PM Karina Charipova by Gress Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:00AM Memorial Mass
12:00PM +Matthew Kale by Nancy Kale
+Stephen Wilson by Larry & Susie Wilson
+Mary Divine by Janet McNeely
+John Tank by Judy & Craig Arnold
+Lisa Lopez-Galvin by Clune Family
+John Krim Jr. by Marilyn Stephan

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7:00AM +Don Toler by Knights of Columbus
+Merle Harpenau by Knights of Columbus
8:00AM +Thomas DeVore by Keith & Molly Johnson
12:00PM +Annette Shobe by Kathryn Welch & John Wright

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:30AM +Alice Mumford by Ascension
+Megan Gregson by Ascension
+Keith J. Abercrombie M.D. by Ascension
4:30PM +Susan Trynoski by Kathy Brown

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:15AM Ascension Parishioners
10:00AM +Joanne McMahan by Dorothy & Adult Choir
11:45AM +Alison Smeltzer by Family
5:00PM +Donnie Schneiders by Judy & Craig Arnold



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 01, 2024



Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



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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: secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/enrollment/Ascension_Parish. A personal entry code will be assigned for you to enter between 9:00PM - 6:00AM if you desire to do so; otherwise, stop in to say hello to Jesus any time during the day.

HOURS THAT NEED ADORERS ASAP

Saturdays - 10AM, 3PM, 7PM

Plus many subs needed for Spring Break

HOURS THAT NEED PARTNERS:

Sundays - 6PM

Fridays - 4PM

Saturdays - 10PM (other subs needed Saturdays at various times)

Questions: Debbie Engel:

deborasuzanne@gmail.com.

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth." -J. R. R. Tolkien



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAMILY OF THE YEAR & KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2023

Congratulations to Joe and Johnette Martin our Family of the Year. Joe and Johnette have spent countless hours supporting the Knights and the Ascension Parish. Congratulations to Fred Randazzo our Knight of the Year. Fred regularly participates in Knights activities including food rescue, tootsie roll donations, Fish Frys, and monthly food collection efforts. Many, many people in need have benefited from Fred's efforts. Congratulations again!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to JD and Stephanie Martin our Family of the Month and John Cazzato our Knight of the Month for March.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS: The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's organization open to all Catholic men ages 18 and over. Interested in joining the Knights? Contact Brian Kellerman at bgkellerman@yahoo.com or 913-515-6454.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD DRIVE: 2nd Full weekend of each month. Drive up food collection 10-2 on Saturday, Cash donations accepted after all Masses.

PRAYERS: Join us in prayer for our seminarians from Ascension – Alex Rickert, Michael Santamarina, Jack Oxley and ALL others including Trey Niesen and Matthias Saiiki. Also, our fellow KofC brother Michael Uhlmansiek as an Aspirant for Permanent Deacon. Holy Hours dedicated to Vocations occur every Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 11am in the Adoration Chapel.

ASCENSIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONS:

Congratulations to Connor Mullane for winning the 2024 State competition. Conner is 11 years old and attends Ascension School. He is now a 2-time State Champion as he also won last year.

KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIPS: Ascension 10932 is once again offering scholarships to young men and women who are entering their Freshman Year of High School or College. Eligibility includes the children or grandchildren of deceased or dues-current active Knights of Columbus Ascension Council 10932. High School applicants must be planning to attend a Catholic high school. College applicants must plan to attend an accredited private, community, vocational or public college as a full-time student. Applications are on the Ascension Knights of Columbus website, www.ascensionkofc.com. Applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2024 to Mark Lewandowski at marklewandowski60@gmail.com. Feel free to contact Mark with questions.

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Council Meeting: Monday, April 29, 7:00pm (Parish Hall B), preceded by the Rosary at 6:30pm.
 - Officers' Meeting: Sunday, April 7, 6:15pm, Knights Room (Annex)
 - Knights' Mass Friday mornings @ 7am with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
 - 2024 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com
- Upcoming Events:
- 4th Degree Exemplification 4/13. Holy Trinity, Lenexa, KS
 - KofC Sporting Clays Tournament 4/20, Augusta, KS
 - Men's Christ Renews His Parish 4/20&21, Ascension
 - St. Thomas Aquinas Walk for Life 4/28 starting at St. Thomas Aquinas
 - Italian Dinner 5/11 in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm Mass
 - Advice and Aid WALK FOR LIFE, 6/1
 - Ascension BBQ Contest – Burgers and Brats, 6/7
 - Pitching for Priests – Altar Server Recognition Tailgate, 6/21
 - Save the Date - KofC Golf Tournament, 10/7 Falcon Ridge



RESPECT LIFE CORNER | AT EASTER

We, as the People of Life, celebrate Easter for it is the day our Lord conquered death. It is His victory over the evil one. Consequently, it is our victory as well. Given the joy and hope of the Easter season, this is an excellent time to reach out to our sisters, brothers and all impacted by procured abortion to let them know God's mercy heals all wounds. If you or a loved one is carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion, please come back to God who is love and mercy. Hope and healing can be found at Project Rachel, a confidential, nationwide Catholic ministry based in forgiveness for all those suffering after an abortion, Catholic and non-Catholic. If this would aid you or someone you know, please take action "now". For more information, call Ann Marie at Project Rachel, 913-621-2199, or e-mail projectrachelkc@archkck.org or go online to www.hopeafterabortion.com. If you are not from this area, the website has a map which identifies Project Rachel locations nationally. Our warmest wishes for a blessed and happy Easter season.

RUNNIN' WITH THE REVS GAME

All are invited to cheer on your favorite priest or student player at the **Runnin' With the Revs** basketball game on Monday, April 8th at St. James Academy in Lenexa or Monday, April 15th at Hayden High School in Topeka. Both games begin at 7 pm. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from area Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations collected will benefit our seminarians.



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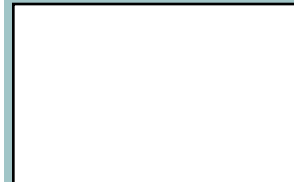
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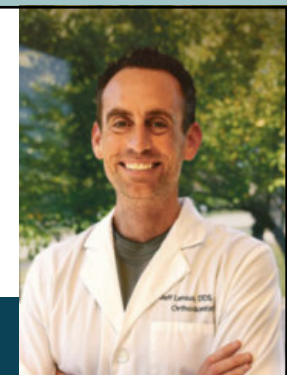
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