

JANUARY 19, 2025

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Catholic Parish

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FILL THE
JARS WITH
WATER.

JOHN 2:7

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday–Friday: 7:00AM, 12:00PM
Saturday: 8:30AM

SUNDAY MASS

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

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 11:00AM, 6:30PM
Wednesday: 5:30PM
Saturday: 3:00PM
Sunday: 4:00PM

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Daily*: 6:00AM–9:00PM

*Closed Monday & Thursday
2:00PM–3:00PM for cleaning

After Hours: 9:00PM–6:00AM
(Code Required)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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✉ AscensionChurch@KCAscension.org

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

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Christian and Haley Gaylord
Michael and Aimee Clardy
Alexander and Chiamaka Okeke
Ms. Kershana Gonzales
Ms. Sherrin Zetmeir
Stephen and Colleen Duffy
Tom and Joyce Blaufuss
Kobi and Darby Mashnoug
Brett and Jen McMahon

BAPTISMS

Isaiah Scott McBroom
Robert Francis Reese
Bernadette Clare Van Hoecke

BANNS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Alex Schannuth and Bonnie LeBeau
Frank Totta and Kara Dold

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Diane Stroh
Wife of Mark Stroh

ASCENSION KIDS

Create a special design for God on this jar:



FATHER GARY PENNINGS
PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever wondered why Jesus' first miracle, the first public display of his divine power, takes place at a wedding? Wedding imagery is quite prominent throughout the sacred scriptures. The Old Testament begins with wedding imagery in the Book of Genesis... "a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and the two become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Throughout the Old Testament, God's relationship with the people of Israel is portrayed in nuptial language. Heaven itself is envisioned as a wedding banquet.

The New Testament too begins with wedding imagery. Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem, Jesus' first miracle takes place at a wedding and St. Paul tells us that marriage is a great mystery because it is meant to symbolize Christ's love for his bride, the Church. At the end of the Bible, in the Book of Revelation, we hear of the wedding feast of the Lamb and we see the Church, portrayed as a bride bedecked with all her jewels, descending from heaven. From beginning to end, the Bible is full of wedding imagery. Marriage seems very important to God.

Last month we celebrated Christmas, the mystery of God coming in the flesh. For all the nostalgia that Christmas brings, rarely is it associated with marriage. Yet, in a sense, Christmas is all about marriage. In the Incarnation (God becoming flesh), heaven and earth, the divine and the human, the eternal and the mortal are wedded. Jesus humbles himself to share in our humanity so that we might come to share in his divinity. He pours himself out completely for his bride, the Church (that's you and me). In Holy Communion, we become "one" with Jesus.

The miracle at the wedding at Cana is one more way that the true meaning and identity of Jesus is revealed. It is, in fact, another epiphany.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **Ascension Praise Band & Choir** | Church
- 4:00PM **Al Anon** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Fearfully & Wonderfully Made Special Needs Support Group** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers & Strong Daughters Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Strong Fathers Raising a Modern Day Knight** | Library
- 7:00PM **Journey** | ACS Classroom 101
- 8:00PM **Mens Basketball (Over 40)** | Gym

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 5:00PM **RCIA Rosary** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **FIRE Youth Ministry** | Youth Center
- 6:00PM **Holy Half Hour & Simple Supper** | Church & Parish Hall
- 6:00PM **How to Plan Funeral** | St. Matthew Rm.
- 6:30PM **RCIA Year 2** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00PM **Men of Prayer/Faith Discussion** | Conf. Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 6:00PM **Marriage Enrichment Series** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:30PM **Celebrate Ascension Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:30PM **Heartache to Healing** | St. John Rm.
- 6:30PM **Weekly Family Rosary** | Church
- 7:00PM **Women of Ascension Line Dancing Practice** | Parish Hall B

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 10:00AM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 6:00PM **Epic: Church History** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Weekly YFF** | Church
- 6:00PM **Year I Class** | ACS Classrooms
- 6:15PM **First Communion Parent Meeting** | Parish Hall A
- 7:00PM **Choir Practice** | Church
- 7:00PM **Catholic Surviving Divorce Group** | Conf. Rm.
- 7:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 8:30PM **Mens Basketball (Over 21)** | Gym

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 1:00PM **Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" Course** | St. Mark Rm.
- 4:30PM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 5:30PM **The Great Book Series: Everlasting Man** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Covered in Prayer** | St. Luke Rm.
- 6:15PM **American Heritage Girls Meeting** | Parish Hall B
- 7:00PM **Disciples Dwelling (Rosary Garden)** | Youth Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:00AM **Men of Ascension** | St. Mark Rm.
- 12:45PM **Rosary** | Church
- 1:00PM **The Bible and Catechism NOT in a Year** | St. Luke Rm.
- 2:30PM **Mahjonnig** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Cub Scouts #3218 Pinewood Derby Check-in** | Parish Hall A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- ALL DAY **Baby Bottle Boomerang** | Gathering Area
- 6:00AM **Legion of Mary Queen of the Universe Meeting** | St. Luke Rm.
- 7:00AM **Christ Renews His Parish Bible Study** | St. John Rm.
- 7:30AM **Hope Faith Breakfast for the Homeless** | Off-Site
- 8:00AM **Cub Scouts #3218 Pinewood Derby** | Parish Hall A
- 9:00AM **Mary's Prayer Cenacle** | St. Mark Rm.
- 6:00PM **Called to Love Again Divorce Support Ministry** | St. Luke Rm.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- ALL DAY **Baby Bottle Boomerang** | Gathering Area
- 9:00AM **Donut Sunday** | Parish Hall A
- 9:00AM **KofC Free Throw Contest** | Gym A
- 9:30AM **Sunday Scripture Study** | St. Mark Rm.
- 10:00AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** | ACS Classrooms
- 11:45AM **Mass Live Stream: Families with Special Needs** | Nursery
- 1:00PM **Baptisms** | Church
- 1:00PM **ACS Open House & New Family Meeting** | Library
- 1:00PM **AA Meeting** | St. John Rm.
- 3:00PM **ACS Parent Enrollment Meeting** | Church
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JANUARY 19-26



PARABLES & PUBS (YOUNG ADULTS 21-35) • JANUARY 20

7:00PM, Off-Site

Join us at Brew Lab on January 20th for Parables and Pubs! There is no better place to bring a friend, talk about deep things, while sipping on a beverage. With live music, a short parable, and a great atmosphere, we can all hopefully journey to something better. So come on out to the next one, see you soon. Visit KCAscension.org/Parables.



HOLY HALF HOUR • JANUARY 20

6:00PM, Church

We will begin in the Church with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a light dinner in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Register: Scan the QR code



HOW TO PLAN A FUNERAL • JANUARY 20

6:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

Ease the burden on your family by making your wishes known for your funeral service and burial. When the time comes, it can be a great relief to your family members. Join Fr. Stull, as he guides you through the many facets of funeral planning.

Register: Scan the QR code



PRIORITY ONE RETREAT • JANUARY 20

7:30AM, Off-Site

A one day retreat off campus that provides peace quiet and opportunities to encounter the living God. During this retreat, participants will engage in a series of reflective activities designed to foster spiritual growth and personal insight. Departs at 7:30AM from Ascension parking lot in East Lot. Returns at 8:45PM. Cost is \$25; Bring: sack lunch (no heating or cooling available), rosary, money for dinner, journal and bible. Do NOT bring: phone, watches, tablets, alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products.

Register: Scan the QR code



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT
(HYBRID COURSE)

JANUARY 21ST IN-PERSON
KICK OFF, DINNER PROVIDED

VIEW 6 VIDEOS AT HOME

APRIL 29TH IN-PERSON
WRAP UP, DINNER PROVIDED

To Register



CONTACT: MARCIA JACOBSON
MINISTER OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY LIFE & VOCATIONS
913-681-3348 X 151 M.JACOBSON@KASCENSION.ORG

THE MARRIAGE COURSE (MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT) • JANUARY 21

6:00PM, St. Mark Rm.

Start 2025 with a course to help strengthen your marriage. This is a wonderful gift to your marriage while you enhance communication, renew your connection, strengthen problem solving skills, and enjoy fun and inspiration. Contact Marcia Jacobson with any questions. mjacobson@kascension.org

Register: Scan the QR code



HOPE FAITH BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS • JANUARY 25

Before 7:30AM, Drop off in 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.



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG •
JANUARY 25-FEBRUARY 2

All Day, Gathering Area

Help support Advice and Aid by filling baby bottles with your spare change from January 25th through February 2nd. Many thanks for your help!

Sponsored by: Respect Life and Ministry of Care & Social Justice

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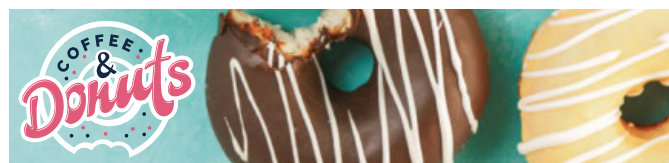
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

KOFC FREE THROW CONTEST • JANUARY 26

8:30AM, Ascension Gym

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 in the Ascension Gym. Registration is at 8:30AM; Contest starts at 9:00AM. Please bring proof of age.

Register: Jay Reinhardt at jkreinhardt@sbcglobal.net



COFFEE & DONUTS • JANUARY 26

After 8:15AM and 10:00AM Masses

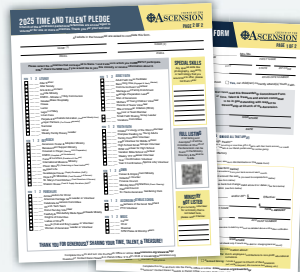
Downstairs in the Parish Hall

AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A
gift
USE IT TO
serve
ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD
stewards
OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE
CF 1 PET. 4:10



“SO, AS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE GIVE!”

We want to encourage the participation of all our parishioners, so if you have not yet completed your commitment form, we ask that you take a moment to fill it out either on paper or online, and indicate your financial pledge and ministry involvement for 2025.



Online Form


We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have submitted their commitments for 2025. Your support will allow Church of the Ascension to continue enabling transformational encounters by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

Thank You!

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Karen Newkirk, Minister for Stewardship and Engagement, (913) 681-3348 x160 or knewkirk@kcascension.org.

INTRODUCING THE ROSE PROJECT

Expecting? Trying to Conceive? Experienced a child loss?
We want to pray for you!
This January, under the Sanctity of Life bulletin board, notice the roses. If one of the below situations apply to your family, please take a rose from the basket with the appropriate color and place it in the vase. You may also complete a card so we can pray for you by name.

-  **RED** roses: honoring pregnancy and unborn babies
-  **WHITE** roses: grieving with families suffering a loss (due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, infant or child death)
-  **YELLOW** roses: birth, fostering, or celebrating adoptions
-  **PINK** roses: praying for those desiring to conceive, adopt, or those experiencing infertility

Let us Pray!
HEAVENLY FATHER, we ask that You extend your protective hand over the mothers and women desiring to be mothers of our parish. Please guide them and strengthen them as they continue to fulfill their vocation of self sacrifice and love. May your comfort guide those grieving the loss of a child and your mercy uphold those battling infertility. We pray that they are showered with maternal graces through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother and Saint Gerard. AMEN



MINISTRY NEWS
NEW YEAR..... NEW NAME!
FROM RCIA TO OCIA!

For years you have heard of “RCIA” – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process we use to welcome Adults into the Catholic Faith.

This faith-filled journey is the same but the name has changed! It is now officially known as “OCIA” the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. This change was made to reflect more completely that it is a series of “Rites” that make up the whole process. Each Rite is intended to be a point of encounter with God.

Please pray for the 25 Adults in this year’s RCIA....I mean OCIA!

If you or someone you know is interested to learning more about the OCIA process, contact Liz Willman, Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith at lwillman@kcascension.org or (913) 681-3348 ext. 139



Over the past weeks, we have watched fires move through Los Angeles and other areas of California, causing severe damage and loss of life. Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is assisting now with humanitarian relief through local agencies on the ground and will be present during the recovery period to come.

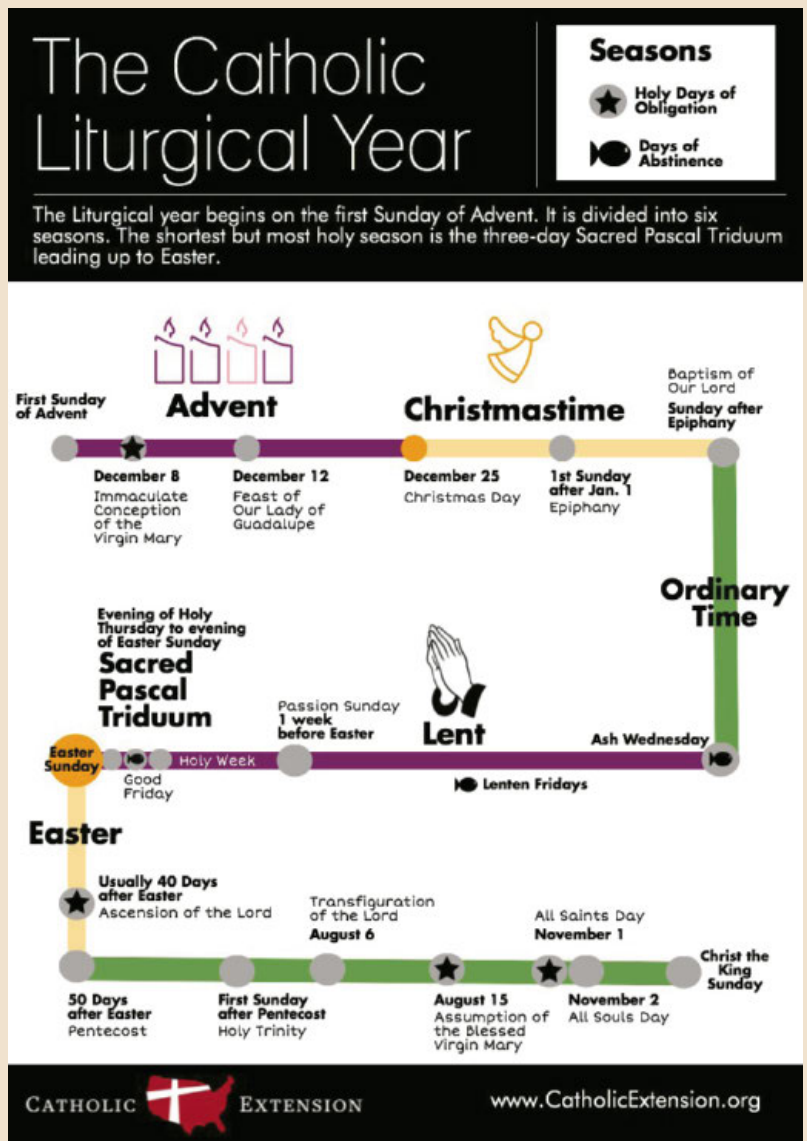
Please give to our special collection on January 18/19 to assist with humanitarian relief efforts and help restore hope in the midst of devastation. All proceeds will be remitted by the Archdiocese to Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, which will in turn provide support and assistance to its diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the areas impacted by these wildfires. You can donate by using the yellow special collection envelopes that will be available in the pews at all Masses this weekend. Please make your checks out to Church of the Ascension and put “wildfire relief” in the memo line. You can also donate online through your Realm profile. Be sure to choose “Disaster Relief” for the Fund.

CATHOLIC



WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?

After last weekend’s celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church began the season of “Ordinary Time.” The term “ordinary” does not imply plain or unimportant, but the word “ordinary” is related to the word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series. It represents to ordered times in our Christian lives when we are neither feasting nor fasting. The graphic below depicts the liturgical year and you can see that Ordinary Time falls after the festive seasons of Christmas and again after the celebratory Season of Easter. It is a time when the graces of Christmas (the Incarnation) and Easter (the Lord’s passion, death and resurrection) are lived out in our day-to-day lives.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00AM **Baby Robl**
by Q & C Robl

12:00PM **+Susan Trynoski**
by Betty Palitto

+Cecile Derosier
by Betty Palitto

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Heather Kelly**
by Lee & Diane Frerker

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00AM —

12:00PM **+Blake Martin**
by Pat & Dotty Healy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00AM **+Paul Jablonski**
by Gress Family

12:00PM **Michael & Gail Tracy**
by Msgr. Raymond Burger

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00AM **+Sharon Andersen**
by Pete & Sue Bugjo

12:00PM **Mary & Marlyn Eckerson**
by Deb Krepela

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30AM —

4:30PM **+Patrice Marie Colletti, S.D.S.**
by Rick & Mary Ann Doran

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15AM **Ascension Parishioners**

10:00AM **+Alvin Cramer**
by Jeanie Cramer

11:45AM **+Mary Sutton**
by Dave & Kim Sutton

5:00PM **+Sharon Andersen**
by Chris & Carol Walker

PRAYERS

FOR OUR SICK

Susan Arp
Bob Barr
Hugh Benson
Charlotte Berndt
Kathy Bins
Lynn Butzen
Jan Cheray
Paul Clinton
Hudson Coffman
Jim Conrad
James Daley
Dan Deasy
Karen Elliott
Susie Evans
Ron Fortino
Megan Freking
Joseph Garrison
Scott Graham
Mary Pat Harpenau
Marsha Hatfield-Baker
Pete Ingles
Joan B. Johnson
Wade Johnson
Larry Judy
Dick Kane
Brian Kellerman
Gabby Kelly
Jerry and Pat Klimas
Jane Godar Kreiter
Ellen & Jerry Lavin
Pam Manning
Dale Marti
Sue Marti
Karen Mathes
Kelly Mayer
Rebecca Meis
Sharon Milde
Forrest Mistler
Jenny Melookaran
Sarah Millsap
Deloris Moore
John Monteil
Joey Monty
Mike Mullen
Kay Myrick
Fred Nelson
Keith Newman
Carmen & John Nodar
Bob Novellano
Rick Ostmeyer
Cathy Oxley
James Palmer
Louise Parizek
Aimee Parsons
Virginia Ranallo
Lilibeth Pinon
Carmen Porterfield
Jack Punswick
Evelyn Rauen

Becky Reed
Amy Reinhardt
Katy Rempel
Heather Rollheiser
Ed Roitz
Mark Rulo
Barbara Schulte
Bob Sherman
Janet Sherman
Carol Stump
Paul Surles
Fr. Tom Tank
Dan Tira
Collin Warrender
Bridget A. Weeks
Griffin Weyforth
Marilyn Wheeler
George Winkler
John Witt
Amy Yabut

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

Bryan Atkins
Jennifer Baalman
Ken Becker
Marissa Bemis
Joe Breault
Amanda Brower
Shari Chang
Brigid Durkin
Lauren Collins
Audrey Cooper
Steve Dougherty
Bonnie Galyean
Kathy Glasser
Bob Gleason
Maureen Godar
Anne Hauser
Colleen Heeter
Diana Heintz
Parker Jantz
Sean Kavanaugh
Bruce Kessler
Janet Kostelec-Voght
Maryanne Lally
Dennis Larkin
Patty LeCluyse
Ellen Loschke
Kerri Martin
Gregg McNeely
Jean Mickel
Michael Momsen
Steve Moran
Brad Morton
Cindy Morton
Mark Murfield
Sally Norbert

Yvonne Pennings
Roslyn Perry
Louis Raymond
Russell Rebman
Mark Reda
Nicole Rizzo
Bernadette Schwarz
Suzanne Schaffer
Olivia Sims
Tom Sims
Colleen Skinner
Lynn Stephan
Robert Michael Stuteville
Stephen Sullivan
John Tucker
Carol Wellinghoff
Hope Wellinghoff
Mike Wellinghoff

ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

Lt, Colonel Diane Caranta,
M.D.;
Captain Tyler H. Cordry, US
Army;
Captain Stephen Cuff, US
Army;
Ensign Edward Dodson, US
Navy;
Corporal Aidan Egan,
USMC;
2nd Lt John Fischbach,
USMC;
Spc. J. Ben Froome II, US
Army;
Corporal Margaret Gould,
USMC;
Senior Airman Courtney
Hinemeyer, USAF;
Larry Homan, US Army;
Lance Corporal Brooke L.
Jalbert;
A.B. Leah Leis, USAF;
Captain Jacob Morin,
USAF;
Alexander Noguera US
Army;
Captain Dan Prior, US
Army;
2nd Lt Tom Stivers, US
Army;
Captain Mitchell R Willis,
Pilot, USAF

Please note: Prior to publishing, permission from the individual you wish to add to the prayer listing must be obtained. Names will be retained for 6 months.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of January 19, 2025



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Don't know what the Adoration Chapel is all about? Come and visit Jesus any time.

Hours that NEED immediate weekly partners: * = HIGH NEED**



Sunday: 5:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM; First Sundays 1:00AM***
 Monday: 1:00AM Tuesday: 4:00AM, 11:00PM
 Wednesday: 7:00AM, 10:00AM, 1:00PM
 Thursday: 1:00PM Friday: 5:00AM***
 Saturday: 7:00AM, 11:00AM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:00PM, 10:00PM
 Plus other subs needed Saturdays at various times

Register: Scan the QR code or contact Debbie Engel at 913-485-8918 or deborasuzanne@gmail.com.



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Are you homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: Patty at (913) 681-3348



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. Interested in cooking and providing a meal, please visit KCAscension.org; Scroll down to the Trending Section, Click Volunteer Sign Ups, Meals for Priests; or scan the QR code.



Contact: Patty (913) 681-3348



FAMILY ROSARY • TUESDAYS

6:30PM, Church

Join the Family Rosary every Tuesday at 6:30PM in the church. Together we will pray for our families, our nation and our world! Blessed Mother, pray for us!

JANUARY



DEMONSTRATION MASS • JANUARY 27

6:30PM, Church

Are you finding Christ in the Mass? Do you know why our Mass is the way it is? Is Mass helping you become who God is calling us to be? Are you missing out on God's message during Mass? We would love for you to join Fr. Gary as he walks us through the processes of our Mass. Come join Fr. Gary in the church as he walks us through a Demonstration Mass. It is a great time to ask questions and to learn more about why Mass is the way it is. **This is an instructional Demo Mass not a full Mass so there will not be a consecration of the Eucharist.*

PROJECT CHRYSALIS • JANUARY 28

6:00PM, St. Luke Rm. (Lower Level)



Are you a member of this club that nobody wants to be in? Project Chrysalis is a ministry for parents or grandparents who have suffered the loss of a child. Our mission is to offer support and hope through scripture and fellowship.

Questions: *Patty in the parish office at pbillinger@kcascension.org.*

IGNITE & KS MARCH FOR LIFE • JANUARY 29

8:30AM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Join us in recognition of the National Day of Prayer for

the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-life rally for the protection of pre-born children and the dignity of women facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies. The morning consists of praise & worship music, motivational speakers, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for LIFE is sponsored by the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. All events are free. Registration requested for the IGNITE rally so that we can communicate in case of inclement weather.

Register: ArchKCK.org/Ignite

SHALOM HOUSE • JANUARY 30

6:30PM, Drop off in St. John Hallway



Shalom House is the only homeless shelter for men in Kansas City, Kansas. We prepare and deliver dinner, and bake desserts for our homeless brothers at Shalom House on the last Thursday of each month. Our next date is Thursday January 30th. If you feel called to serve, please visit our signup by scanning the QR code. Detailed information is available on the signup.

Questions: *Dan Tira at 913-991-7755*

RETROUVAILLE • JANUARY 31

Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Establish healthy, meaningful communication to enhance your relationship while gaining new insights into yourselves as individuals and as a couple. Experience the joy of rediscovering your love.

Register: HelpOurMarriage.org; 800-470-2230

FEBRUARY



Live the Mass
A REFLECTIVE RETREAT

Join Us!
FEBRUARY 1, 2025
 8AM-6:30PM
FEBRUARY 2, 2025
 7:15AM-11:45AM MASS

  **The Veil Removed**

CLICK FOR DETAILS & REGISTRATION

LIVE THE MASS: A REFLECTIVE RETREAT • FEBRUARY 1-2

8:00AM, *St. Mark Rm.*

Looking to get more out of the Mass? Come join us as we explore the history of the Mass and how it joins heaven and earth. This fast moving retreat will give you a greater understanding and appreciation for the Mass. *Note: This is not an overnight retreat.* Saturday, February 1st: 8:00AM–6:00PM Sunday, February 2nd: 7:15AM–12:45PM (Concludes with attendance at the 11:45AM Mass)

Register: Scan the QR code

ST. MARY'S FOOD KITCHEN • FEBRUARY 5

7:30AM, *Off-Site*



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 9:30AM to prep and get 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. We need parishioners to donate foods, cook the hamburger, and servers the day of. Please visit KCAscension.org/GetInvolved/ServiceOpportunities to see full details!

Questions: Dorothy and Michael Eagan 913-526-8314



JIM COSGROVE
Mr. Stinky Feet

We hope your family can join us for a
Mr. Stinky Feet concert!
February 8 at 10:00AM
Parish Hall

To Register



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MR. STINKY FEET CONCERT • FEBRUARY 8

10:00AM, *Parish Hall*

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Register: Scan QR code

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drive-up Food Collection
Let's Make a Difference

Saturday February 8
10:00AM-2:00PM
PARKING LOT

Suggested Items

- cereal ✓
- canned soup ✓
- canned beans ✓
- dried pasta ✓
- pasta sauce ✓

- Can't be here on February 8th? No worries! You can always drop-off your donation in the food bin, located in the St. John hallway.
- Prefer not to donate food? The Knights will be collecting cash and check donations for Catholic Charities after Sunday masses that weekend.

DRIVE-UP FOOD COLLECTION • FEBRUARY 8

10:00AM, *Parking Lot*

Your help is needed! Catholic Charities' food pantry supplies

UPCOMING EVENTS

are still at an all time low. If you are able, please help us care for our neighbors in need. Suggested Items: cereal, canned soup, canned beans, dried pasta and pasta sauce. We accept unexpired foods only. The Ascension Drive-Up Food Collection is on February 8th from 10:00AM–2:00PM. You can always drop off donations in the food bin located in the St. John Hallway. The Knights will gratefully accept all cash and check donations before and after all Sunday masses.

Contact: David Whitaker at (913) 626-2676 or Johnette Martin (913) 481-8663

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP • FEBRUARY 8

After 8:30AM Mass, St. Luke Rm.

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. Our next meeting is on Saturday February 8th.



GUADALUPE HOUSE • FEBRUARY 11

Drop off by 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 scan the QR code. Please drop off supplies to the Parish Hall by 4:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Sign-Up to Donate Supplies: Scan QR code

Marriage Enrichment

Speaker:
Sebastian D'Amico

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S VISION FOR THRIVING MARRIAGES

TO REGISTER



SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2025
9:15AM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WITH SEBASTIAN D'AMICO • FEBRUARY 15

9:15AM, St. Matthew Rm.

This is a wonderful start to the Saturday for you and your spouse. Topic: Understanding God's vision for thriving marriages. Nursery care is available (beginning at 9:15AM) for children over one year old. For planning purposes, this must be indicated on your registration. Those under one are welcome to join you at the event.

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LINE DANCING LADIES' NIGHT




**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
6:30-9PM | PARISH HALL**

OPTIONAL PRACTICE DATES/TIMES:
JANUARY 21, JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 7
AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

EVENT IS FREE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES



LINE DANCING LADIES' NIGHT • FEBRUARY 18

6:30PM, Parish Hall

Join Women of Ascension for the 4th annual line dancing

event in the Parish Hall. We'll provide the instructor, snacks and drinks. This event is FREE. Get energized, a little exercise and make new friends! OPTIONAL Practice Nights in Parish Hall: 1/21, 1/16, 1/28 and 2/7 from 7:00PM–8:30PM. Please let us know which nights you would like to attend if interested.

Register: Scan QR code

Question: Debbie Engel at DeboraSuzanne@gmail.com



SILVER SOIRÉE
BEAT THE WINTER BLUES
BINGO BASH
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
6:00 - 8:00 PM

B I N G O

All parishioners 60+ are invited to join us for a Mexican fiesta and BINGO night

REGISTRATION FEE IS \$10 PER PERSON

REGISTER HERE: 

SILVER SOIREE: BINGO BASH • FEBRUARY 19

6:00PM, Parish Hall

All parishioners 60+ are invited to come out and beat the winter blues with a Mexican fiesta and bingo night. Wednesday February 19th from 6:00PM–8:00PM in the Parish Hall. A catered nacho bar and drinks will be provided, along with bingo games and prizes. Our special guest Fr. Stull will give a brief talk at intermission. The registration fee is \$10 per person. We hope to see you there!

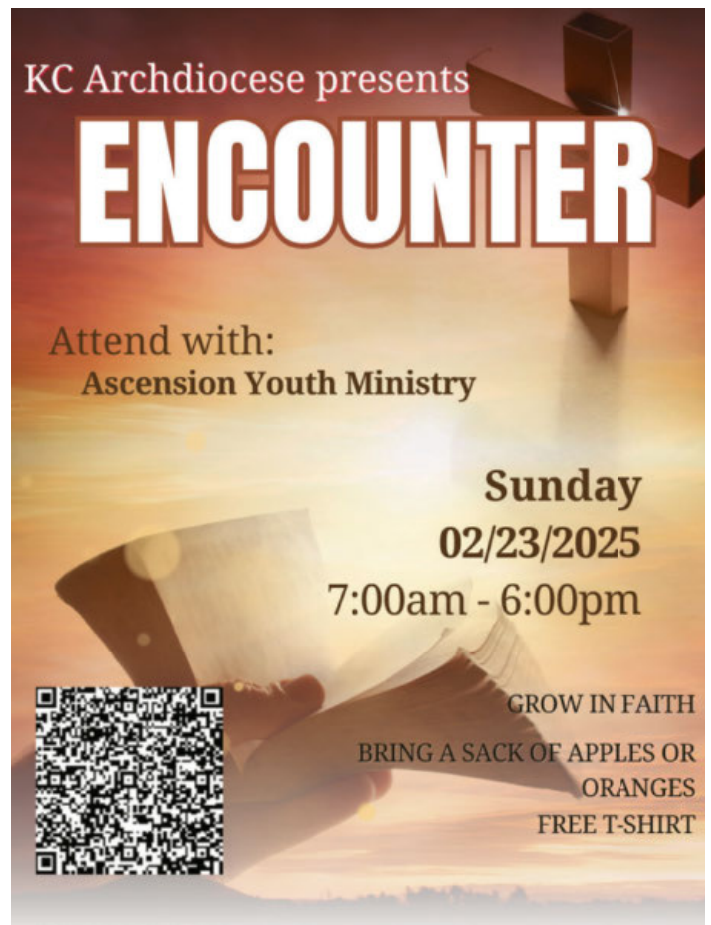
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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP • FEBRUARY 19

6:30PM, St. Luke Rm.

If you are caring for a loved one in need, we invite you to join us the 3rd Wednesday of each month for an evening of community connection with others walking the same beautiful and often challenging path. Bring your questions, stories, concerns, and leave with coping skills and spiritual support for the road ahead. Sponsored by Catholic Community Health.


Questions: Michelle at 913-484-2222



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Sunday
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ENCOUNTER: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY • FEBRUARY 23

7:00AM, Off-Site **COMMUNITY EVENT**

Encounter is a one-day event at Prairie Star Ranch, which aims to transform students through engaging activities, inspiring talks, and worship. We will leave from Ascension at 7:00AM and return at 6:00PM. We will provide a t-shirt, but participants can receive a bonus shirt by donating a bag of apples or oranges for Catholic Charities on the day of the event. We are also looking for parent chaperones. If you are interested, please email or text Mary Beth (785) 221-1063

Register: Scan QR code





ASCENSION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



FAMILY OF THE MONTH AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Trent and Geri Teager, our Family of the Month, and Conner Richenburg, our Knight of the Month, for December.

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

Join other Knights on Saturday mornings to Peacefully Pray for Life, 9:30AM–10:00AM, in front of Planned Parenthood. Park in the west parking lot of Ottawa University, 4370 W 109th St, Overland Park, KS and join the group led by prayer vigil leader, Mike Bartkoski. Also, please join other Ascension Knights attending the Kansas Pro-life March & Rally on Wednesday, January 29th in Topeka, KS.

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 Jordan Steel at railroad@aol.com.

KNIGHTS CHOIR

Contact Patrick Kershaw at captkershawret@icloud.com if you are interested in joining.

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, please pray for Seminarian Ronald Aries from the Philippines whom the Ascension Council has sponsored through Unbound.org Holy Hours dedicated to Vocations occur every Friday at 1:00PM and Saturday at 11:00AM in the Adoration Chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS

Thank an Altar Server and their families whenever you can for their commitment and devotion!

JOIN US FOR MASS AND MEETINGS

- Council Meeting: Monday, January 27th, 7:00PM, *Parish Hall B*, preceded by the Knights Vocation Holy Hour and Rosary at 6:00PM.
- Officers' Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 6:15PM, Annex (*Knights Room*)
- Knights' Mass Friday mornings at 7:00AM with breakfast following at Hy-Vee
- 2025 Dues can be paid at AscensionKofC.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JANUARY 26:** Annual Ascension Knights of Columbus Free-throw Contest, 9:00AM, *Ascension Gym*
- **JANUARY 29:** Kansas Pro-life March & Rally, *Topeka, KS*
- **FEBRUARY 8 & 9:** Food Collection for Catholic Charities
- **FEBRUARY 9:** Knights Masses with Honor Guard, Ushers and Choir, 11:45AM Mass
- **APRIL 6:** Knights Masses with Honor Guard, Ushers and Choir, 11:45AM Mass

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- Fourth Degree Officers Meeting, 2/6, 7:00PM, *Annex (Knights Room)*
- Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting, 2/11, 6:30PM, Parish Hall B
- Fourth Degree Knights interested in joining the Fourth Degree Honor Guard please contact: Dave Jones at 913-825-9828 or Pat Healy at 913-244-6544.

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Infant Baptism



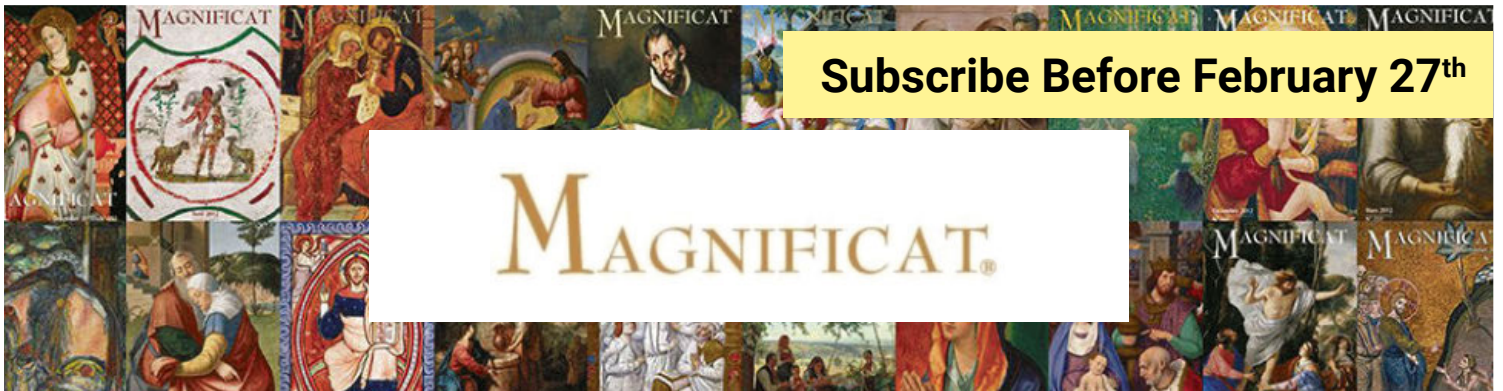
If you are pregnant or planning a new addition to the family, please contact the parish office.

Baptism class is offered monthly & required for new parents.

Class and forms must be completed prior to selecting the baptism date.

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CCC 1213

Contact the parish office at 913-681-3348



Subscribe Before February 27th

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What is BREATHE?
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When is it held?
It is held on the third Saturday of the month from 4-7pm. Some dates are flexible depending on holidays and other school related dates (Thanksgiving, spring break, prom, graduation etc.) Our proposed dates for the 2024-2025 calendar year are as follows:

October 19 2024	April 12 2025
November 30 2024	May 17 2025
January 4 2025	June 21 2025
February 15 2025	July 19 2025
March 22 2025	

What is needed?
We are searching for a school that would be willing to be the permanent host site for our monthly events and be able to store our belongings so that we aren't needing to transport them. We would need access to a cafeteria or adequate space for eating for up to 100 people, access to a gym for activities and 4 to 5 classrooms for various activities, nurses station, and a quiet room. It is also preferred to have access to a gated playground for outdoor play when weather permits.

If your school would be willing to be our permanent host or even host a few events throughout the year, Please contact Josh Ruoff at the special needs ministry office of the Archdiocese at (913)647-3054 or by email at jruoff@archkck.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you are carrying a heavy cross or going through a difficult season, please do not shoulder the burden alone. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to intercede on your behalf.

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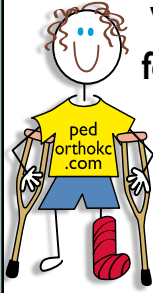
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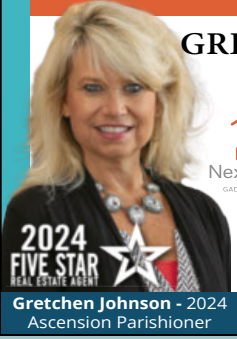
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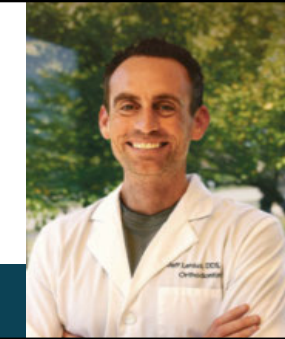
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