



# Church of the Ascension

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**November 21, 2021**

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## **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

### **Daily Mass:**

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. - 8:00 AM

### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**Holy Days:** 7:00 PM Vigil; 8:00 AM Holy Day

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

### **First Friday Adoration:**

8:30 AM– 12:30 PM

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Inquire at the parish office.

**Marriages:** Nine month notice.

**Sick Calls:** Immediately Call (480) 837-1066

**St. Vincent de Paul Help Line:** (480) 837-7287



### **Parish Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Sunday: 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Parish Mission Statement

Committed to build, strengthen, and nurture the Body of Christ.

*Our community welcomes all who come through our doors to worship and seek spiritual nourishment. As a*

*Stewardship parish, we respect and embrace an individual's time, talent and treasure. To join our faith community, please contact the office.*

### Weekend Collection

October 30 - 31

Attendance: 394

November 6 - 7

Attendance: 504

Due to time of printing Plate & ACH Stats will be published the following week.

Average Weekly Plate Income:  
\$12,861



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office at 480-837-1066 to have a name to be added or removed from either list.



*Astrid Asche, Joan Asche, Pati Beers, Ann Blakely, Fr. Phil Bowers, Lorraine Brady, Molly Campbell, Marge Colbert, Cameron Collins, Basil Cousins, John Diggins, Lee Doranzo, Tom Dougherty, Bob Gallagher, Cindy Germscheid, Joe Goyena, John Greenwood, Gary Hollar, Juanita Hollar, Traci Jacobs, Jim Kelly, Maureen Kelly, Kitty Malatak, Anthony Mazzucchi, Jim McCarthy, Ramona McCarthy, Larry Milano, Lynn Milano, Carol Moloney, Ward McCarthy, Angie Pernot, Diana Philip, Melvin Philip, Teresa Roberg, Patricia Sanagorsky, Robert Sanagorsky, Jay Taylor, Jackie Teale, Lynn Tupy, Ike Wamer, Judy Wiggins, Rose Zeidas, and Roxanne Zeidas*

## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Nagel, Brian R., Capt., USAF

Nagel, David M., Capt., Army

Travis, Adam, Lt. Col., AZ National Guard

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) any events listed in this bulletin are tentatively scheduled and are subject to change or be cancelled. Please contact the organization directly to confirm status of the event.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER



+ = Deceased Loved One  
♥ = Wedding Anniversary  
\* = Living Intention

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
<b>Friday</b>	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
<b>Saturday</b>	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

21-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
21-Sunday	10:00am	♥ Phil & Cindy LoCascio 50th Wedding Anniversary
22-Monday	8:00 am	+Walter O'Neill
23-Tuesday	8:00 am	+Carl Walters
24-Wednesday	8:00 am	*Jerry Baker
25-Thursday	8:00 am	+Dee Fett
26-Friday	8:00 am	+Richard L. Frame
27-Saturday	5:00 pm	+Diane Cudzilo
28-Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Marybeth M.C.

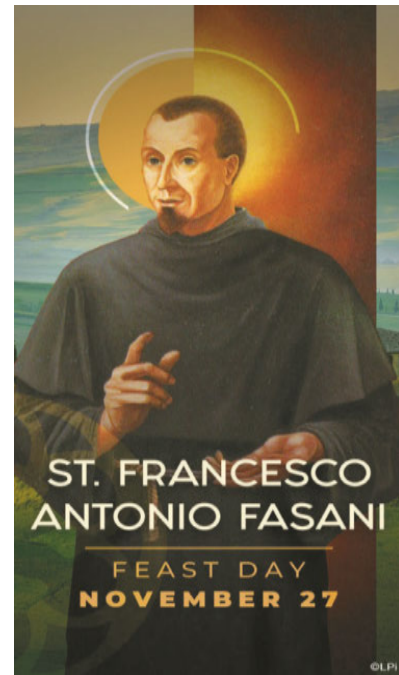
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
<b>Saturday:</b>	BVM
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1st Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 - 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not be taken away,  
his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)



## PSALM

The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)



## SECOND READING

To him who loves us and has freed us  
from our sins by his blood,  
who has made us into a kingdom, priests  
for his God and Father,  
to him be glory and power forever and ever.  
(Rv 1:5-6)



## GOSPEL

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"  
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

# GET INVOLVED

## FAITH ON TAP

Faith on Tap has been cancelled for November. Keep an eye out for the next meeting in the upcoming months.

## Old Small Faith Community

Looking for a group to join? Consider the Old Small Faith Group. This group reads the next Sunday's readings and they pray the Rosary on Tuesdays from 9:30am—11am, November thru June. If interested and for more information contact Ruth at (480) 837-9350.

*Make Sundays more meaningful!*

## Catholic Coffeehouse

Every Sunday at 11 AM - Noon in the parish conference room with Deacon Phil. Grab your coffee & donut and join us. All are welcome!

### Upcoming Topics:

- November 21 - Jesus the Man
- November 28 - Advent



## Andre House

On the 3rd Tuesday & 4th Thursday of each month, our parish has a group serving dinner to the less fortunate at Andre House in downtown Phoenix.

This is a very worthwhile opportunity to help those in need. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the following:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Jennifer Mintzer  
480-837-1066

### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

Gerry Davis  
602-550-1097

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## 13TH ANNUAL FOUNTAIN HILLS Interfaith Thanksgiving



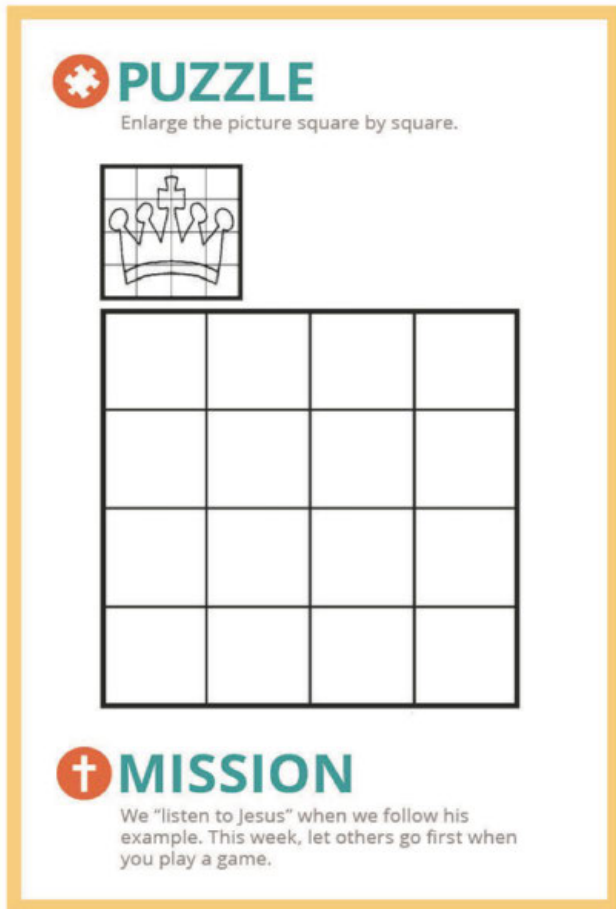
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more information regarding Religious Education at Ascension contact Virginia O'Brien in the parish office at email: [familyfaith@ascensionfh.org](mailto:familyfaith@ascensionfh.org) or at 480-837-1066.

### Adult RCIA

#### MAYBE NOW IS THE TIME?

Any adult interested in learning more about faith, or the sacraments, or actually wanting to receive the sacraments, please contact Deacon Phil for more information .



#### Sharing the Gospel

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Instead of using his power selfishly to get whatever he wanted, Jesus used his power to free people from sickness, from death, and from evil. Jesus came to tell us the truth about God. Now we need to listen to the voice of Jesus and follow his example.

**Sacrament Preparation Candidates and Parents** keep up the good work!! Your church attendance and commitment shines for all to see. We are almost halfway through the curriculum and you're doing great.

#### Changes to Mass

##### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

##### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

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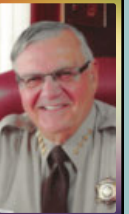
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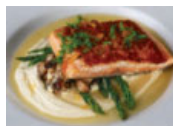
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