

ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church 86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 12, 2023



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health! We are nearing the end of the liturgical calendar, which will be capped by the feast of Christ the King two Sundays from now. Logically enough, these last three Sundays remind us of "The End." In

faith formation classes, one of the questions being asked is, "What are the four last things?" The answer: death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

Every year, we are reminded of the reality of death when we celebrate All Souls Day. In the Philippines, many of us "commune with the dead" by eating, playing, praying, and even sleeping over the tombs of our dear ones. These celebrations became occasions for family reunions - the dead included. We mourn our dead. But we celebrate life. We affirm life through our reunion and feasting.

The gospel reading today speaks about preparedness and readiness to meet the bridegroom at a moment's notice. Incidentally, some of the details of the parable might seem strange to us or even unchristian. The parable has raised some questions such as, "Are the five wise virgins not selfish in not sharing their oil with their five foolish companions?." "Is Jesus praising selfishness?" "Is not the bridegroom being harsh by not admitting the latecomers?"

To understand the parable we have to look at its cultural background, which reflects the Jewish wedding customs at the time of Jesus. The marriage ceremony consisted in the transfer of the bride from her father's house to the house of the groom. When the groom went to the bride's house, which could happen at any time, they were greeted by the waiting bride and her bridesmaids (the virgins in the parable). Then the bride and the groom, together with their friends, in the light of oil-fueled torches, danced and sang their way to the groom's house. The bridesmaids carried the torches to light the way. Then they had a great celebration at the groom's house, which went on for a week.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

4th Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



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Yolanda De Castro Director of Stewardship In Jesus' story the groom had not yet arrived at the bride's house. When the arrival of the groom was announced, the five foolish virgins realized they did not have enough oil to light their lamps. They asked the other virgins for a share of their oil, but they were refused. They had no choice but to go and buy oil. While they were gone, the groom arrived, and went in procession to the groom's house. Then the doors were locked. When the foolish virgins returned, they cried, "Lord, Lord! Open the door for us!" But they were refused admittance to the wedding feast.

The difference between the two groups of virgins in the parable is that the five wise virgins had foreseen the possibility that the bridegroom might be delayed. Consequently, they had taken the precaution of providing themselves with a reserve of oil, something the five foolish virgins failed to do. Only the wise virgins were able to fulfill their duty when the bridegroom finally arrived. They were ready with their lamps. The foolish ones were unprepared and therefore were shut out. The parable nicely ended with the moral of the story: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

All that Jesus says to us in today's gospel parable is meant as a warning. This warning is a sign of his love for us, and he wants us to be ready for the coming of the Bridegroom. There are at least two warnings.

First, it warns us that there are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute. It is far too late for a student to be preparing when the day of the examination has come. It is too late to acquire a skill, or a character, if we do not already possess it, when some task offers itself to us. Second, it warns us that there are things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil when they discovered they needed it. We cannot borrow a relationship with God; we must possess it for ourselves. We cannot borrow a character; we must be clothed with it. Or to put it in the modern context, a father cannot say that he does not have to go to Mass on Sundays because his wife and children are going regularly. Indeed, there are certain things we must acquire for ourselves, for we cannot borrow them from others.

The warning is for us to be ready for the coming of the Lord, the Bridegroom. It is when we live life in its fullness that we are most ready to meet him. Life in its fullness does not mean "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." It is not Cinderella squeezing every bit of enjoyment and partying before the clock strikes at twelve. Living life in its fullness is really dying every day so that others may have life. This is how Jesus lived his life. As Jesus himself said, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24).

Praying for you all, Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit



CHURCH OFFERING

November 5, 2023

1st Collection - \$5,715.00 2nd Collection - \$1,946.00 November 5th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds

Upcoming Collections

November 12th - Fuel Offering

November 19th - Catholic Campaign for Human Development

November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day Offering

November 26th - Church Maintenance

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes take place at the Ascension School, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (across the street from the firehouse). The classes run from September through June. Classes are for children in grades 1 through 8th. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time, as well as birth certificate. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in volunteering for the Faith Formation Program, please call the Parish Office at 718-335-2626

or e-mail ascensionfaithformationoffice@gmail.com

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.

For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335 -2626.



Saturday, November 11th

5:00 PM Anna Marie Maranan (L)

Sunday, November 12th

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Maria Assumption Montebon

11:30 AM Stephen, Maggie Sweeney, Raju Hoover &

Mary Theresa

1:00 PM Almas en el Purgatorio

Edgar Toxqui (L) & Familia (L) Francisco Guaman, Mercedes Fajardo

Luis Tixi, Sebastian Bermejo Nicolas Bermejo, Maria Shao

5:00 PM Reginald King

Antonio Alialy

Monday, November 13th - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00 AM Dita Leyland

9:00 AM Rachael & Val Tavaris

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 AM Zeferina Mascarenhas 9:00 AM Marilyn Manahan (L)

Wednesday, November 15th St. Albert the Great, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Lolando (L) & Amelia Farillas (L)

9:00 AM John & Catharine Erskine

Thursday, November 16th - St. Margaret of Scotland;

St. Gertrude, Virgin

7:00 AM Stephen Miranda (L) & Madelin Antaya (L)

9:00 AM Fe Dejano (L)

<u>Friday, November 17th</u> - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM Truong Luu (L)

9:00 AM Jose Navarro & Maura Serafico

Saturday, November 18th - The Dedication of the Basilicas of

Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne,

Virgin, BVM

9:00 AM Teresa Gomes & Anestina Gomes

John & Brid Roarty Ravindra Sarma (L) Julia Castillo Jose Rosado (L)



Please pray for:

Deceased members of our families



Pray for the Sick:

Rosa Tan, Carmen Moredo, Sandra P. Carvajal. Julissa Martinez, Luis Arnulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Elie Fornilda, Jose Reynel Vigoya, Joel Rivera, Sursatti Shaw, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria Daulo, Jose M. Rosado,

Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubiela Arenas, Enrique Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresita Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco, Nazarette Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guiab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Renato Go, Leticia Maranan. To add names, please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIALS

November 12 - November 18



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated In Loving Memory of

Consuelo Vergara Sanchez

Sanctuary Lamp will burn In Loving Memory of Leani Alnica Auxilio





Altar Flowers has been donated In Loving Memory of

(please contact the Rectory Office to request a flower memorial)

Altar Candles will burn In Loving Memory of Antonio Alialy



Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



EUCARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024 Series of Short Catechesis on the Eucharist

Who is the *minister* of the Eucharist? The minister of the Eucharist is the priest and the bishop. They act *in persona Christi*, meaning, "in the person of Christ." In the New Testament there is only one priest, Jesus, and all those called to the priesthood, from the Apostles till the last ordained presbyter, act on his behalf. This means that whenever we look at the celebrant of the Mass, with the eyes of the body we see a man, but with the eyes of faith we see Jesus Christ himself. As Jesus said: "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me" (Matthew 10:40).

What is the matter of the Eucharist? The matter of the Eucharist is the unleavened bread and grape wine. Following the example of Jesus during the Last Supper, the bread must be made of flour from wheat, without yeast, salt, or any other ingredient. The unleavened bread was used by the Jews since they left the land of Egypt, and commemorates the haste of the departure (Exodus 12:17). The wine must be "the fruit of the vine" (Matthew 26:29), and it has to be pure, meaning, without any addition of chemicals, coloring, or preservatives. The matter of the Eucharist cannot be changed because, during the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist by using bread and wine, as it is written: "He took bread...He took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine" (Matthew 26:26-29). The Mass is invalid if we use any other matter, such as rice-cake or coconut wine. The Church herself has no power over those things which were established by Christ himself and which constitute an unchangeable part of the Liturgy, namely: the minister, the matter and the form.

What is the form the Eucharist? The form of the Eucharist are the words of the Consecration, namely: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you. Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." The form of the Eucharist cannot be changed because it corresponds to the very same words used by Jesus to institute the sacrament of the Eucharist during the Last Supper.



United in Communion, United in Charity

Summary Report as of November 6, 2023

Goal: \$51,617 Pledged: \$42,965.06 Received: \$37,042.36

To donate on-line: https://catholicfoundationbq.org/ annual-catholicappeal/Checks can be made out directly to:

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Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo, lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información y para los requisitos de los padrinos.

Clases de Educación Religiosas Para Adultos

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Clases De Educación Religiosa para Niños/Jóvenes

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de 8:45 AM a 11:00 AM de septiembre a junio. Las clases toman lugar en la Escuela Asunción, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (frente la estación de bomberos). Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas y voluntarios para el programa de educación religiosa. Animamos a los que puedan a compartir su fe Católica, su tiempo y talento. Si le interesa, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial, 718-335-2626.

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2023 Unidos en Comunión Unidos en Caridad

Más que nunca, necesitamos su ayuda para difundir la luz de Cristo en nuestra ciudad y vecindarios contribuyendo a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2023. Su participación lo une en la fe con otros en la iglesia para hacer buenas obras durante tiempos desafiantes con nuevas formas innovadoras:

Haga su donación hoy en Annual Catholic Appeal.org o envié un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255. Para donar en línea: https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

Registro Parroquial

Si asiste a esta Iglesia le sugerimos que se registrese como miembro de nuestra parroquia. Formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Los sobres de donación vienen con registro y utilizándolos nos permiten darle un informe de sus contribuciones para fines impositivos. Tener su nombre en nuestros registros es la única manera que tenemos de certificar que usted es un católico practicante, ya que tenemos que hacer para personas que se les pide que sirvan de patrocinadores (padrinos) de bautismo o confirmación.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays @ 9:30 AM

Tuesday: Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena @ 9:30 AM | Novena Mass

@ 7:00 PM (1st Wednesday)

Thursday: Rosary Making Ministry - to request supplies and/

or pick up rosaries, please email:

marie panas@msn.com

Friday: Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction

1st Friday @ 9:30 AM Mass

Our Lady of Fatima | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

& Black Nazarene

1st Friday – Angelus | Rosary | Novena to Our Lady

of Fatima @ 6:00 PM & Mass @ 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group & Choir 3rd Friday 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church)

Saturday: 2000 Hail Mary

1st Saturday @ 9:30 AM

Lady of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace

2nd Saturday @ 9:30 AM

El Shaddai

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church)

Sunday: Ascension Parish Rosary Society

1st Sunday @10:00 AM

Religious Education Children's Choir

2nd, 3rd, 4th and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 11:15

AM-12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group and God the Father of All Mankind Devotion

Prayer Group

4th Sunday @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Lower Church)

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (**Church**) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Church)

CFC Christian Life Program*

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and if applicable 5th Sunday

@ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

4th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6 PM (Lower Church)



EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution (for parishioners in need): Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens will be distributing Thanksgiving turkeys on a first come first served basis on Monday, November 20th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, 104-11 37th Avenue, Corona, NY 11368.

Donate your car: Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will accept your car, any condition, any model, running or not. Money goes back to your local parish. Call 718-491-2525 or visit website: svdp-brooklynqueens.org

Saint's Corner:

St. Leo the GreatNovember 10

Leo was born around the year 400. He served as deacon under Pope Celestine I and Pope Sixtus III. In 440 Pope Sixtus III sent Leo on a diplomatic mission to Gaul (the old name of France). While he was there, Pope Sixtus died and Leo was elected pope while still in Gaul. He returned to Rome for his consecration in September 440 and was pope for 21 years.

Leo governed the Church in difficult times and, in order to understand his greatness, we must understand what were the difficulties he was facing. They were on three fronts.

One of these fronts concerned the papal primacy. This word *primacy*, as applied to the pope, means his state of being first of all the bishops, not only in rank and dignity, but in pastoral authority. The primacy of the pope, then, is that full supreme and universal authority over all the bishops and faithful of the Church which belongs by divine right to the bishop of Rome as the successor of St. Peter, who received such primacy among the apostles directly from Christ. In Leo's time, the doctrine of the papal primacy was challenged by some Christians in the East, especially the emperors of Constantinople, who occasionally convoked councils on their own authority. Leo vigorously overruled them.

The second front on which Leo had to fight was the heresy of the Manichaeans who taught that physical matter and the body are evil. Thus they denied the humanity of Jesus. Against this heresy, Leo wrote clearly and abundantly, defining the Catholic doctrine. At the Council of Chalcedon one of Leo's writings, a famous letter called the *Tome to Flavian*, was read which explained that Christ had two natures - human and divine. Upon hearing Leo's explanation, the Council members exclaimed, "Peter has spoken by the mouth of Leo."

The third front was the "Barbarian invasions." In Leo's time, he had to face two such invasions. In the year 452 he had to deal with Attila the Hun and his hordes of savages. This man was notoriously cruel that he had been nicknamed "the Scourge of God," because he destroyed everything he found on his way. When he approached Rome to destroy it, Leo went to meet him. He managed to convince Attila not to destroy Rome. Leo risked his own life in an effort to protect his flock. He was truly a good shepherd.

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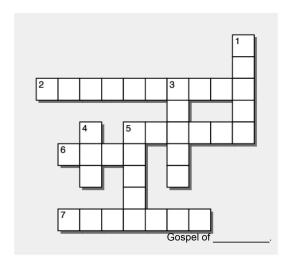
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Office of any changes in address or phone number.				
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basket Thank you				

Children's Section:



Sunday Gospel Activities

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Across

2. The person who marries the bride is 1. These were used to provide light. 3. When you have everything you need, 5. The pouch where the oil was carried you are ___ _ to go. for the lamps is called 4. Lanterns needed _ to burn to 6. Based on good reasoning or provide light. information: showing good sense or 5. A meal with lots of food! "It was a judgment thanksgiving 7. Today's Gospel reading is from the

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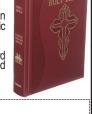
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