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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Chair – Keith Bailey
Vice Chair – Alan Edwards
Secretary – Christa Read
Darla Black, Tonya Fuerte, Gina Lundberg,
Blanca Perez, Luis Roda & Luis Zafra.
The Pastoral Council meets the First Tuesday of each month from August through June.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION: Page 2 inside

ENGLISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
9:00a.m-10:00a.m. Grade K to 8
Sunday, 10:30a.m. Pre-School

ADULT EDUCATION: See Inside.

YOUTH GROUP: See Youth Ministry section inside.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Masses
5:00p.m. (English)
7:00p.m. (Español)

Sunday
8:30a.m. and 10:30a.m. (English)
Preschool open during the 10:30a.m. Mass (September to May)
12:30p.m. (Español)

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30a.m.
Thursday: 12:00p.m.

Holy Days: See Bulletin

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:
Saturdays: 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. and by appointment.

MINISTERIO HISPANO - páginas 5 y 6
CATECISMO PARA NIÑOS EN ESPAÑOL:

CONFESIONES:
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971-275-5256 - Only for emergencies requiring an anointing (for example is someone is near death and requires anointing of the sick.)

OFFICE HOURS
Closed Fridays
9:00am - 3:00pm – Monday through Thursday

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Hours
Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm & Thursdays 2pm-3:30pm
(The entrance is located on 76th Ave.)

IMPORTANT CRISIS NUMBERS
Alcohol and Drug Youth Line:  503-244-1611
Archdiocese Director of Child Protection
(Cathy Shannon): 503-233-8302
Franciscan Province Pastoral Outreach Coordinator (clergy abuse):
(Angelica Jochim, MFT) 1-800-770-8013
Hispanic Hotline:  503-669-8350
Portland Women’s Crisis Line: 503-235-5333
Pregnancy & Adoption Support: 503-238-5196
Post Abortion Healing: 800-249-8074

Parishioner Emergency Assistance
503-256-3897, x21

PARISHIONER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
503-256-3897, x21

Sat 2/18:  
*5:00pm Mass
*5:30pm Ensayo del coro jóvenes en español
*7:00pm Misa en Español

Sun 2/19:  
*8:30am Mass
*9:00am Children/Parent Faith Formation
*10:30am Youth Mass
*11:00am Spanish Choir
*12:00pm No RCIA
*12:00pm High School Group Retreat
*12:30pm Misa en Español

Mon 2/20:  
PRESIDENT’S DAY
Parish office closed
*8:30am Mass
*7:00pm Buenaventura Fraternindad
*7:00pm AlAnon

Tues 2/21:  
*8:30am Mass
*9:00am Rosary
*7:00pm Clases de Catecismo

Wed 2/22:  
*8:30am Mass
*5:00pm Al-Anon
*6:30pm Choir Rehearsal
*7:00pm Grupo de Parejas
*7:00pm Grupo Carismático

Thur 2/23:  
*12:00pm Mass
*6:30pm Escuela San Andres
*7:00pm Finance Council
*7:00pm Coping with Life Alone
*7:00pm Holy Hour Choir Practice

Fri 2/24:  
Parish Office Closed
*8:30am Mass
*7:00pm Grupo de Oración

Sat 2/25:  
*5:00pm Mass
*7:00pm Misa en Español

Sun 2/26:  
*8:30am Mass
*9:00am Children/Parent Faith Formation
*10:30am Mass
*11:00am Spanish Choir
*12:00pm RCIA
*12:30pm Misa en Español
*3:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Mtg.

It is the fun and delicious event we’ve all been waiting for!
Sunday, March 5
2pm-7pm

IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20
February 19th, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Welcome to Ascension Parish!

If you would like information on becoming a member of this parish community, please visit the hospitality table this weekend.

We Invite You to Read Next Sunday’s Readings: February 26, 2017

Reading I: Isaiah 49:14-15
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

“Ascension Catholic Church is a vibrant, Franciscan inspired Christian Community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel through word, worship and service.”

Community: Unchurched and those who seldom attend a church.
Crowd: Irregular Attendance
Congregation: Members
Committed: Members committed to Maturing/Growth
Core: Involved in Ministry

From the Pastor: Feb 4th Pastoral Planning Day

Thank you for your prayers during January; the pastoral planning day was a successful day of reflection, teaching, and planning. We began with Morning Prayer (Laudes), followed by a session focused on the five circles of participation. Then we went back to the chapel for Mass—the readings of the day were providential! After time for fellowship and food, we dove into the 5 purposes of Church life, Gather and Send, and Acts 2:42-47:

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles [Catechesis/Discipleship] and to the communal life [Fellowship], to the breaking of the bread [Mass/Worship] and to the prayers [Liturgies/Sacraments and Devotional life].”

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals together with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved [Evangelization].”

-Acts 2:42-47

5 Purposes for Church
Worship (of God).
Evangelization (of people in our communities).
Service (to others).
Fellowship (with other believers).
Discipleship-(growth as a believer).

Finally, we brainstormed practical measurable activities for an ideal parish and then prioritized them for our parish. This week, the staff began the long process of strategizing and implementing these ideas. More specifics will follow in the next weeks.

God bless and love you!

In Christ,
Fr. Jaspers
OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Second Week in February 2017: $6,953.52
Second Week in February 2016: $6,848.62

Contact Person: Melanie vanderVeen
extension: 14

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In thanksgiving for the life of:
Alvin Toulou, father of Melanie van derVeen


If you know of someone in our community in need of our presence or prayers, please give us a call.

Please help us keep our list current by letting us know when your loved one is better. Thank you!

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Ascension Youth Ministry

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A special thank you to Ely Guerrero who helped chaperone and to all the parents who brought dessert!
And lastly, a huge thank you to Mike and Kris Sonnleitner and Marylee Stahl for hosting the Net team in their homes for two nights and for providing hospitality. Thank you for your graciousness!

ASCENSION SHELTER THANK YOU
A big thank you to the following volunteers who welcomed guests to our shelter: Florence Dezieh, Josh Taylor, Regina Maimone, The Vegas, Sharon and Rudy Grigar, Helen Darst, Karen Anderson, Kris and Michael Sonnleitner, Marylee Stahl, Cheryl Bela, Meggan and Jim McKenzie, Annie Lund, Kathy McDonnell and TK Adams, Paulo Gomez, Nancy Benjamin, Mary Fisher, Hoa Nguyen, Elena Esquivel, Heidi Moses, Rudy Grigar III, Hanna Nguyen, Diana Jenness, Genevieve Williams, Dick and Jean Halton, and anyone who jumped in to help set up and clean up.
It is volunteers like you who keep our Parish such a welcoming community.

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Thank You
Dear Ascension Parishioners,
Thank you for another amazing month of supporting the Traveling Crib! Despite the wild weather, the crib was overflowing with clothes, diapers, blankets and baby items. We are grateful for all of your gifts and are pleased to share them with new moms and babies!
Blessings,
Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support Staff

OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE...
Grief Recovery Weekend
Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death, divorce or permanent separation?
A Beginning Experience Weekend can help with the healing from such a loss. The next opportunity to attend one will be the weekend of March 10 - 12, in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center.
The retreat consists of presentations by Beginning Experience team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. It begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of $195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangements may be made for payment. Partial scholarships are also available. Single rooms are available for an additional $20.
For more information, call Judith by phone: 503-949-4592 or email ludholtz@gmail.com. Another option is to go to the website www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org
Ascension Catholic Church
Lenten Opportunities 2017

Ash Wednesday ~ March 1
7:00 am Mass – All Community
12:00pm Mass - All Community
6:00 pm Mass - English
7:30 pm Mass – Spanish

Parish Communal
Reconciliation Service
This service provides an opportunity for individual reconciliation
Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm

Fridays
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Adoration 12:30pm to 7pm

Faith Sharing Groups
V Encuentro

5th Encounter
Join a Group!
Groups in Spanish, Bi-lingual & English
This is an All-Community Opportunity!
Begins Week of March 6 and continues for 5 weeks.

Lenten Parish Mission
Presenter: Fr. Jerry Burns
Pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Sumner, WA

Thursday, March 16 7pm English
Friday, March 17 7pm Spanish
Saturday, March 18 9:30-11:30am English
Childcare Available ~ pre-register!

Special Teen Presentation with Fr. Jaspers:
9:30 - 11:30 Saturday, March 18th

Growing as Disciples
With Father Jaspers:
Thursday Evenings 7pm
Conference Room
March 2, 9, 23, 30

Scripture Study
“INTO THE HEART OF GOD”
9:30am on Thursdays ~ Begins March 9
Led by Natalie Ettlin & Don Gainer
In this video & discussion series, Jean Vanier retraces the steps through the Holy Land of the events & accounts of the Gospel of John, bringing viewers further into the heart of God, whose boundless love for humanity manifests itself in the life of Jesus.
NOTAS DEL PARROCO

Community/Comunidad: Los que no pertenecen a una iglesia y quienes de vez en cuando van a la iglesia.
Crowd/Multitud: Asiste Irregularmente
Congregación/Congregación: Miembros
Committed/Comprometidos: Miembros realmente comprometidos a madurar y crecer.
Core/Núcleo: Participan en algún ministerio.

De parte del Párroco:
Feb. 4, Día de Planeación Pastoral
Gracias por sus oraciones durante el mes de enero; nuestro día de planeación pastoral fue un día exitoso de reflexión, enseñanza y planeación. Comenzamos con la oración de la mañana (Laudes), seguido por una sesión enfocada en los cinco círculos de participación (mencionado arriba). Al terminar nos dirigimos a la capilla para celebrar la misa – ¡las lecturas del día fueron providenciales! Después de convivencia y comida, nos enfocamos en los cinco propósitos de la vida de la Iglesia, Reunir y Enviar, y en Hechos 2:42-47:

“Y perseveraban en la doctrina de los apóstoles [Catequesis/Apostolado], en la comunión unos con otros [Compañerismo], en el partimiento del pan [Misa/Adoración] y en las oraciones [Liturgia/Sacramentos y Vida Devota].”

Y sobrevino temor a toda persona; y muchas maravillas y señales eran hechas por los apóstoles. Todos los que habían creído estaban juntos, y tenían en común todas las cosas; y vendían sus propiedades y sus bienes, y lo repartían a todos según la necesidad de cada uno. Y perseverando unánimes cada día en el templo, y partiendo el pan en las casas, comían juntos con alegría y sencillez de corazón, alabando a Dios, y teniendo favor con todo el pueblo.

Y el Señor añadía cada día a la iglesia los que habían de ser salvos [Evangelización].”
-Hechos 2:42-47

5 Propósitos de la Iglesia
Adoración (de Dios).
Evangelización (de la gente en nuestras comunidades).
Servicio (a otros).
Compañerismo (con otros creyentes)
Discipulado (crecer como creyente).

Finalmente, reunimos actividades prácticas y mensurables para lograr una parroquia ideal y luego las pusimos en orden de importancia para nuestra parroquia. Esta semana, el personal comenzó el largo proceso de formar estrategias y a implementar estas ideas. Más detalles se darán en las próximas semanas.

Que Dios los Bendiga.

En Cristo,
Padre David Jaspers
Parroquia Católica Ascensión
Oportunidades de Cuaresma 2017

Miércoles de Ceniza ~ 1\textsuperscript{ero} de marzo
7:00am misa – Toda la Comunidad
12:00pm misa – Toda la Comunidad
6:00pm misa - Ingles
7:30pm Misa - Español

Viernes
12:00pm: Viacrucis en inglés
12:30pm: Adoración

Confesiones en Comunidad
Jueves, 6 de abril 7:00pm - Bilingüe
(Este servicio da la oportunidad para reconciliarse individualmente.)

Misión Cuaresmal de la Parroquia
Presentador: Padre Jerry Burns
Jueves, 16 de marzo 7pm Ingles
Viernes, 17 de marzo 7pm Español
Sábado, 18 de marzo 9:30-11:30am Ingles
Habrá cuidado de niños- registre con anticipación

Presentación especial por el Padre Jaspers solo para Adolescentes
Sábado, 18 de marzo 9:30-11:30am Ingles

Estudio de la Biblia
“EN EL CORAZÓN DE DIOS”
(en inglés)
9:30am todos los jueves
comenzando el 9 de marzo
Guiado por Natalie Ettlin & Don Gainer
En esta serie de videos y conversación Jean Vanier sigue los pasos por Tierra Santa viviendo el Evangelio de Juan, llevando a la audiencia más profundamente al corazón de Dios, quien muestra su gran amor por la humanidad por medio de la vida de su hijo Jesucristo.

Creciendo como Discípulos
Con el Padre Jaspers:
Jueves a las 7pm
Salon de Conferencias
Marzo 2, 9, 23, 30