Easter Celebration

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TO CONTACT THE PARISH

**IMPORTANT CRISIS NUMBERS**
- Post Abortion Healing: 800-788-4400
- Pregnancy & Adoption Support: Catholic Charities of SW Oregon 503-225-3897
- Portland Women's Crisis Line: 503-235-6023
- Alcohol & Drug Youth Line: 503-244-1611
- Hispanic Hotline: 503-893-2350
- Franciscan Province Pastoral Outreach Coordinator (clergy abuse): 1-800-770-8013
- Hispanic Hotline: 503-669-8350
- Portland Women’s Crisis Line: 503-225-5333

**OFFICE HOURS**
- Closed Mondays
- 9:00am - 3:00pm – Tuesday through Friday

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY HOURS**
- Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm & Thursdays 2pm-3:30pm
  (The entrance is located on 76th Ave.)

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER:**
971-220-5764 - Only for emergencies requiring an anointing (for example is someone is near death and requires anointing of the sick.)

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**OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE**

**HEALING OF OUR MOTHER WOUND RETREAT**

**Conference talks:** The mother child relationship the first “look of love”; “The mother, first teacher of the heart, learn to share my heart”; “The mother, the first teacher of a relationship”; “The unloving mother and a human heart walls that block trust”; “The unloving mother and the inability to feel”; “From my mother to Mary, the Mother of Jesus”.

**Presenter:** Father Philip Scott, FJ

**When?** June 1-3, 2018

**Where?** Our Lady Peace Retreat – Beaverton Oregon

**ROOMS AVAILABLE IF DESIRED:** $172 Single occupancy; $344 Double occupancy

(There are only 5 double rooms, otherwise couples use a single room each.)

**COMMITTERS ~ $112 for 6 meals** (Friday evening thru Sunday lunch)

Deposit $50 is due with registration, and goes toward total payment. Remainder to be paid by May 15th make payable to: Sister Mariam Sharbel Vianney For Registration Form please call 503-269-3736 or email grace.an.mercy@gmail.com
Happy Easter! Jesus is risen! Halleluiah!

And now what? What is this risen Lord’s purpose for your life? To what is He calling you? One of the most amazing, beautiful, fantastic things about Easter is that the risen Lord wants a relationship with you. He is continually calling us to a life in Him, in His Church, in His world; He’s inviting you to discover his calling for you in your world.

And what is that world of yours look like? Are you widowed? Are you a student? A parent? Friend? Employee? Neighbor? To what is he calling you as a mother, father, brother, sister? How about as an Oregonian?

Although some of our callings will be lifelong, they will always be growing and changing as we do. Other callings will be for a season. Some callings will come as a surprise. Some callings won’t be revealed until our senior years. But each of us is uniquely and wonderfully made. We are uniquely called to carry the light of the Resurrection to the world in which we live and to the people in our lives.

For the next fifty days, as we read the Acts of the Apostles, we will hear about how the Holy Spirit moved and led the first carriers of the light. Jesus spent time with the disciples before he sent them out and he wants to spend time with us. If we are truly to understand our calling, it will come from spending time with Him and learning to hear his voice of love and affirmation and invitation.

Blessed Easter to you all! I look forward to journeying with you, as we gather to be with and listen to the Risen Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Jaspers
Men’s Group
Join us for a communion service in the chapel followed by refreshments, video presentation and lively discussion.
First Saturday at 8:30am: April 7

Formation Saturdays
Monthly on Saturdays From 9am to 10:15am.
Everyone is welcome. The focus from 9:30 to 10:15am will be directed toward the specific ministry scheduled.

Volunteer liturgical ministers are expected to attend these important formation events.
Altar Servers: April 21
Eucharistic Ministers: May 19

All Eucharistic Ministers must participate in a formation class.
If you are unable to attend the formation at Ascension Parish on May 19, please contact Sharon Grigar at the Parish Office. There is another option for formation presented by Msgr. Gerard O’Connor, Director of the Office of Divine Worship at the Archdiocese at St. Rose of Lima Parish
Saturday, April 21 at 8:00am. 503-281-5318

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt 11:45am

Francis Friends Luncheon
Join us for noon Mass followed by lunch on the 3rd Thursday of the month: April 19.
Volunteers are needed to help this month. Please contact Maria Solis if you are available.

Prayers
PLEASE PRAY FOR our ill parishioners & family members:

If you know of someone in our Ascension community in need of our presence or prayers, please give us a call at our Parish office at 503-256-3897

Women’s Ministry
Ascension Women’s Ministry is bringing women together to grow in friendship, spirit and faith, and to reach out into our community to serve and be witnesses of God’s love.

We Gather:
• For younger women in their 20’s 30’s and mid 40’s on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm in the St. Clare Room.
  The next gathering will be on Thursday, April 12th.
  Contact Person: Annielaurie Lund

• For women in their 40’s and up; the next gathering will be the 4th Thursday - April 26 @ 7:00pm at the Redwood in Montavilla. Please RSVP
  Contact Person: Sharon Grigar

• Our daytime Women’s group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the St. Clare Rm.
  Contact Person: Pat Gomm

We Send:
All Women are invited to serve at Rahab’s Sisters on the 3rd Friday of each month.
We provide dinner and hospitality to women who are marginalized.
Next Training: Friday, April 13 at 5:30.
Next Service Night: Friday, April 20 from 6pm to 10pm.
“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10

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**Family Promise Metro East Shelter**

It is time to step up!

Are you interested in being part of the solution to family homelessness? Ascension Parish is in the process of creating a 501c3 along with several other east side Portland churches to help house families who are homeless and help families transition into permanent, stable housing. This is a parish effort and a community effort, and we need your involvement. Come to this productive meeting, and bring anyone else interested in the cause.

Please contact Sharon Grigar for information.
Next Meeting is Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
3131 NE Glisan Street

**Social Concerns Ministry**

The mission of Ascension Social Concerns Coordination Team is to inspire and support our parish in living out our baptismal call, integrating Catholic social teaching in our community and promoting the dignity of life.

Team Members: Krystle Flerchinger, Shaun Flerchinger, Stella Garcia Lopez, Sharon Grigar, Ely Guerrero, Matt Hathaway, Diana Jenness, Connie Held, Hoa Nguyen, My Phuong Nguyen, Maria Parish, MaryLee Stahl,

If you are interested in serving on our Social Concerns Coordination Team, please contact anyone on the team for information. We meet monthly on the first Thursday.

**82nd Ave Parade of Roses**

Saturday, April 28 ~ Come and join the fun!
Sign up to be in the parade with our Ascension Group!
(Walk or ride your bike.)
Coordinators: Wendy Hein and Kelly Redwine

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“Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12: 28-29

**Congratulations newly initiated Catholics!**

**Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist:**
Thomas Chen, David Contreras, Mark Garcia, Christian Garcia, Adrián Echavarría, Citlali Ozuna, Lizbeth Contreras Silva, Jacqueline Téllez,

**Profession of Faith, First Communion and Confirmation:**
Gerhardt Goeken, Desirae Montiel,

Please continue to pray for these adults receiving their 1st Communion on April 8:
Ariam Jenny Liberato Ortega, Farath Acevedo, Isaias Damian Alvarez, Vicente Cruz Martinez

**Adult Candidates for Confirmation & First Communion**
May 23 at the Cathedral:
Farath Acevedo, Reymundo Gomez Lozano, Jose Sanchez Paz, Hugo Santos

**Adult Candidates for Confirmation**
May 23 at the Cathedral:
Ana Chavez, Elisa Cortez, Diana Mendoza, Rocio Munoz

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgies beautiful, uplifting & prayerful: Art & Environment Crew, Altar Servers, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans, Sound Team, Fr. Jaspers & Staff!

**Eucharistic Minister Commissioning:**

June 2 & 3. This is for ALL Eucharistic Ministers.
If you would like to begin serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Sharon Grigar and plan to attend the formation on Saturday, May 19.

**Marriage Convalidations**
Were you married civilly, and would like to get married in the Catholic church?
Contact Sharon Grigar or Maria Solis at the Parish Office to get started!

**Group Wedding at Ascension!**
We will be offering a group wedding on September 28 in Spanish and October 12 in English. Register now with Maria Solis or Sharon Grigar.
This is an option for convalidations!
ESCUCHANDO EL LLAMADO QUE NUESTRO SEÑOR TIENE PARA CADA UNO DE NOSOTROS

¡Resucito! ¡Aleluya!
¡Feliz Domingo de Pascua para todos!

¿Y ahora qué? ¿Cuál es el propósito que este Cristo resucitado tiene para ti? ¿Qué es lo que Él te está invitando a hacer? Una de las cosas más maravillosas, hermosas y fantásticas de la Pascua es que el Cristo resucitado desea tener una relación íntima con cada uno de nosotros. Él está continuamente llamándonos a vivir en Él, en Su Iglesia, en Su mundo; Él te está invitando a descubrir cuál es el llamado que tiene Él para ti en tu mundo.

Y, ¿cómo es tu mundo? ¿Eres un estudiante? ¿Un padre o madre de familia? ¿Un amigo? ¿Un empleado? ¿Un vecino? ¿Qué es lo que te está llamando hacer en tu rol de mamá, de papá, de hermano, de hermana? ¿Que tal como residente de esta ciudad? ¿De este país?

A pesar de que algunos de nuestros llamados son por el resto de nuestras vidas, estos siempre se mantendrán cambiando y creciendo con nosotros. Otros llamados llegaran de sorpresa. Algunos llamados no se nos verán revelados hasta llegar a ser personas de la tercera edad. Pero cada uno de nosotros somos únicos y estamos maravillosamente hechos. Hemos sido llamados particularmente a llevar la luz de la Resurrección al mundo en el que vivimos y con todas las personas en nuestras vidas.

Por los siguientes cincuenta días, al leer los Actos de los Apóstoles, escucharemos como es que el Espíritu Santo movió y guio a los primeros portadores de la luz. Jesús pasó tiempo con sus discípulos antes enviarlos a proclamar su palabra, y Él quiere pasar tiempo con nosotros. Si realmente queremos entender su llamado, este vendrá al pasar tiempo con Él, y aprender a escuchar su voz que te invita, que está llena de amor y afirmación.

¡Que Dios los bendiga esta Pascua! Estoy feliz de comenzar este viaje con ustedes, al reunirnos para escuchar a nuestro Señor resucitado.

En Cristo,

Padre Jaspers
Gracias a todos los que nos ayudaron a que esta Cuaresma, Semana Santa y Servicios de Pascua estuvieran hermosos, llenos de inspiración y de oración.

Gracias al grupo de decoración y ambientación, a los acólitos, ministros de Eucaristía, lectores, sacristanes, equipo de sonido, al Padre Jaspers y a todo el personal de la Ascensión.

**Desfile de la Avenida 82**
Sábado, 28 de abril ~ 9:30am
Te invitamos a caminar representando a tu parroquia con el grupo que participara en el desfile.

Y si no puedes caminar con nosotros entonces te invitamos a venir y ser espectador echarnos porras cuando nos veas pasar.

¿Es muy divertido!
¿Deseas ayudar a organizar el evento?
Comunícate a la oficina parroquial para más información (503) 256-3897.
El desfile comienza en Eastport Plaza y termina en las calles SE 78th & Yamhill.

**BODAS COMUNITARIAS**
Parejas que vivan en unión libre, o estén solamente casadas por el civil y deseen casarse por la iglesia, tendremos bodas comunitarias el 28 de septiembre del 2018 aquí en tu parroquia.
Parejas interesadas por favor de hacer una cita con la Señora María Solís durante las horas de oficina.
Las oficinas están abiertas de martes a viernes de 9:00am a 3:00pm.

**LOS 5 LENGUAJES DEL AMOR**
Varios feligreses se han unido a grupos pequeños para leer y discutir el libro “Los 5 lenguajes de amor.” Si te perdiste la oportunidad de unirte a un grupo, pero te gustaría leer este libro, las copias están disponibles para su compra en inglés o español por solo $10. Visita la Mesa de Bienvenida después de la misa para adquirir tu libro.