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

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Chair – Darla Black
Vice Chair – Gina Lundberg
Secretary – Alan Edwards
Agustin Gomez, Daniel Gomez, Anne Martin, Adriana Nava, Virna Ocando
The Pastoral Council meets the Second Saturday of each month from August through June.

FAITH FORMATION / CATECISMO
English
9:00a.m-10:00a.m. Grade K to 8 Sundays
12:15pm – 1:30pm Adults Sundays
Español
7:00pm – 8:15pm Martes

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

Sunday
8:30a.m. (English)
10:30a.m. (Bi-lingual)
12:30p.m. (Español)

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

Holy Days: See Bulletin

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSIONES:
Tuesdays: 6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m., and by appointment.
Martes de 6:30p.m a 7:30p.m., o con previa cita.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER:
971-220-5764 - Only for emergencies requiring an anointing (for example if someone is near death and requires anointing of the sick.)
Welcome to Ascension Parish!

We Invite You to Read Next Sunday’s Readings: August 25, 2019

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4

This Week in the Parish

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

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Youth, Young Adult & Outreach Coordinator
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Offertory Collection:
2nd Week in August 2019:
$7,859.62
2nd Week in August 2018:
$7,052.40

Second Collection-
Building and Maintenance: $1,203.33

Mass Attendance: 8/10-8/11
Saturday:
5:00pm: 97
7:00pm: 130

Sunday:
8:30am: 114
10:30am: 170
12:30pm: 372

Total Weekend Attendance: 883

August 18th, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Thank you!

What a great picnic we had to start this month! Thank you to all who helped put it together from the Mass to the food to the entertainment. I think it may have been the most well-attended since my arrival. One parishioner encountered a man on the way to the park and invited him to attend, and he ended up helping cook the hotdogs! It is good to be together relaxing, praying, eating, and playing.

August and September can be two of the most beautiful months here in Oregon. May we take time to glorify the Creator of such beauty! May the beauty also refresh us in our attitude of gratitude, strengthening us as we go forward to “proclaim the gospel through Word, Worship, and Service” (Ascension Mission Statement).

The Church is called to be a sign of hope proclaiming God who is creator, lover, and redeemer. May our prayer, unity, and fraternity continue to grow. As the country continues to experience violence and division, may we the Church be a witness of faith, hope, and love.

God bless,

Fr. Jaspers

COMMUNITY

Ascension church invites you to its
Mexican Fiesta!
Friday, September 13, 2019
From 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
Price: $40.00 per couple / $20.00 per person

It includes a meal, drink, dessert and entertainment. Tickets are on sale after Mass Saturday 7pm or Sunday 12:30 pm.

You can also buy them at the information table or in the office T-F 9-3.

Limited availability.
Adults 21+ only.

For more information you can call María Solís at 503-256-3897 or Ana García 503-891-9798.

Blood Pressure Screening:
Volunteers are needed in order to continue this ministry.
Please contact Ruth Lopez for information.

Francis Friends
Francis Friends is a light lunch meant to bring all parishioners together to build community through social time and food after praying together at the noon mass on the third Thursday of every month. This ministry runs on volunteer time & resources and monetary donations. Any questions or interest in serving, please contact Ruth.

Thank you to all who joined us this month!
See you next month September 19th.

Support for Catholics in the Holy Land
A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses next weekend to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped from 20% to less than 1%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.”

May God be with you and may God richly bless his people for now and forever. Amen.
WORSHIP

Prayers

*In thanksgiving for the life of: Maureen Polen, Maria de la Luz Arredondo & Fr. Jose Luis Nero*


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

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**Q: What does it mean to have a Mass “offered” for someone?**

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one’s soul.

We find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

*Excerpts taken from article of the Arlington Catholic Herald.*

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**AYM**

**Ascension Youth Ministry**

Follow us on Facebook: [Ascension Youth Ministry PDX](#)

Ruth Lopez, ext. 14, rlopez@ascensionpdx.org

**Middle School and High School Youth Groups:**

Registration for middle school and high school youth are now open.

Register at the information table after mass.

**Young Adults:**

This is a group for young adults aged 18-35 years old, who are interested in building a community in faith with young adults around the area.

Meet Wednesdays @ 7pm in St. John Vianney Room

Join us at St. Mary's Cathedral for Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Tim Furlow, followed by a BBQ in the courtyard with games and live music. **FREE. All young adults are invited. Saturday, August 24.**

**Youth Confirmation:**

Registration now open! Please fill out a YOUTH GROUP registration form and check off YES for confirmation. Ages 15-17 in High School.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

FOR THE WEEK

*Please contact the Parish Office for Mass intentions.*

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“Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.”

Romans 12:9-13

It can be easy to lose heart and lose hope when we look around us and see many people in despair and in need. As baptized Catholic Christians, we are each called to prayer & action to love and serve our brothers and sisters.

Each one of us is called to be a light in our neighborhood, our workplace, our city. There are many opportunities and needs. Here are a few ideas:

**Rahab’s Sisters**
Prepare &/or serve dinner once a month for women who are marginalized.
Contact Person: Sharon Grigar

**St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Food Pantry**
Contact Person: Marylee Stahl

**Francis Center**
Food & Clothing Pantry
Contact Persons: Don Gainer or Steve Lindbeck

**Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS)**
Prepare dinners, Clothing closet, Children’s Activities
Contact Person: Diana Jenness

**Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMfIrJ)**
Contact Person: Kris Sonnleitner

**Catholic Charities**
There are too many opportunities to list in this bulletin! See their website. You will be amazed.
https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/services/pope-francis-center/volunteerism/

**Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Picnic**
Bring your own picnic and enjoy an evening outside with your neighbors! Sunday, Aug 18th from 6-8pm. At 55th & Hawthorne, on the lawn of Western Seminary. FREE!!!
Bouncy house, live music by Sunfish, and a raffle! (WEAR YOUR ASCENSION T-SHIRT!)
Brought to you by the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association.

**Social Concerns Coordinating Team**

**Mission Statement**
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.

**Nuestra Misión**
La misión del equipo de coordinación de Preocupaciones Sociales de Ascensión es inspirar y apoyar a nuestra parroquia a vivir nuestro llamado bautismal, integrando la enseñanza Social Católica en nuestra comunidad y promoviendo la dignidad de la vida.

**There are 7 Key Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**
* Life and Dignity of the Human Person
* Call to Family, Community and Participation
* Rights and Responsibilities
* Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
* The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
* Solidarity
* Care for God’s Creation

**We Are Sent…out into the Community**
Here are areas where our parish is involved:

**Service**
- Rahab’s Sisters
- Family Shelter
- St. Vincent De Paul Society
- Francis Center
- JOIN
- PASO (Ministry to incarcerated youth)

**Justice**
- Advocacy - Letter Writing
- Bread for the World Offering of Letters
- Voter Registration

**Outreach**
- Montavilla Street Fair
- 82nd Ave of Roses Parade
- Publicity to Neighborhood

**Charity**
- Traveling Crib
- CRS Rice Bowl

**Prayer Service Team**
¡Gracias!

¡Qué gran picnic tuvimos para comenzar este mes! Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a organizarlo, desde la misa hasta la comida y el entretenimiento. Creo que pudo haber sido el más concurrido desde mi llegada. ¡Un feligrés se encontró con un hombre camino al parque y lo invitó a asistir y terminó ayudando a cocinar los perros calientes! Es bueno estar juntos relajándose, rezando, comiendo y jugando.

Agosto y septiembre pueden ser dos de los meses más bellos aquí en Oregon. ¡Hay que tomarnos el tiempo de glorificar al Creador de tal belleza! Que la belleza también nos refresque en nuestra actitud de gratitud, fortaleciéndonos a medida que avanzamos para "proclamar el evangelio a través de la Palabra, la Adoración y el Servicio" (Declaración de la Misión de Ascensión).

La Iglesia está llamada a ser un signo de esperanza que proclama a Dios creador, amante y redentor. Que nuestra oración, unidad y fraternidad continúen creciendo. A medida que el país continúa experimentando violencia y división, que nosotros la Iglesia seamos testigos de fe, esperanza y amor.

Dios los bendiga,

Padre Jaspers
La iglesia Ascensión te invita a su ¡Fiesta Mexicana!
Viernes 13 de septiembre, 2019
De las 6:00pm a las 11:00pm.
Costo del boleto: 40.00 por pareja ó $20.00 por persona

Incluye una comida, bebida, postre y entretenimiento.
Adultos solamente.
Los boletos ya están a la venta después de misa sábado 7pm o domingo 12:30pm en la mesa de información o en la oficina en de M-V de 9-3.

Cupo limitado.
No niños. Solo mayores de 21 años.
Para más información puedes llamar a María Solís al 503-256-3897 o Ana García 503-891-9798.

¿Qué significa mandar decir una misa "ofrecida" por alguien?
Un individuo puede pedirle a un sacerdote que ofrezca una misa por varias razones: por ejemplo, en acción de gracias, por las intenciones de otra persona (como en un cumpleaños) o, como es más común, por el descanso del alma de alguien que ha muerto. Uno nunca debe olvidar las gracias infinitas que fluyen del Sacrificio de la Misa que benefician el alma de uno.

No solo encontramos que los orígenes de esta práctica datan de la Iglesia primitiva, sino que también reconocemos claramente su importancia. Cuando enfrentamos la muerte de alguien, incluso una persona que no es católica, que se ofrezca una misa por el descanso de su alma y ofrecer nuestras oraciones es más beneficioso y reconfortante que cualquier otra tarjeta de simpatía o ramo de flores. Es apropiado, beneficioso y apreciado que se ofrezca una misa en ocasión de un cumpleaños, aniversario o necesidad especial.

Extractos tomados del artículo del Arlington Catholic Herald.

OFRENDAS DOMINICAL Y ASISTENCIA
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