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Dear Family,

As Easter approaches, I find it hard to believe that this time last year, Ascension was closed for ten weeks due to the pandemic. After a difficult year, I am thankful to see some light at the end of this long pandemic tunnel. The physical distance we have had to keep has been painful at times, often lonely, but we are never really alone. We always have our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with us, and your Ascension Family has not left your side.

I am happy to see that more people are attending Mass in person. And I am pleased to announce that beginning March 21, we are adding a third Sunday Mass to our schedule. **Our new Mass times will be: Saturday at 5:30pm, Sundays at 8:15am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm.** We will continue to livestream Mass: Tuesday – Friday at 9:15am, Saturdays at 5:30pm, and Sundays at 8:15am. Dispensation from the Bishop continues, but I hope those of you who are comfortable will join us in person!

We truly are a resurrection people. It is in Christ's dying and rising that we are saved. After not being able to celebrate the joy of Easter in person with my parish family last year, it is with great excitement that I am looking forward to our Easter celebration this year. I cannot wait to joyfully proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

We are hard at work with plans to accommodate as many of our Ascension family members and welcomed guests as possible this Easter while following safety protocols. We are blessed to have Father Joe and Father Ven Ilano assist us on **Easter Sunday**, and we will offer two Masses at both 8:15am and 10:30am – one in the Sanctuary and one in the Community Center (ACC). Please join us in person or online. On the back of this page you will find our Holy Week and Easter schedule.

Ascension continues to fulfill our mission to Proclaim, Celebrate, and Serve. Enclosed you will find a newsletter with a summary of some of the happenings in our parish. Please join our email at www.ascensionvb.org/email to stay connected and learn about upcoming parish events.

God Bless and Happy Easter!



Father Daniel, Pastor