



# Church of the Ascension Participate in Our Mission!

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October 21/22, 2017

## Participation Weekend

This weekend we asked all of our Ascension families to complete and present their Participation Cards. This program is very important to the ongoing work of our Parish. Our hope is that this time of prayer and reflection has opened us to all the things God has given every one of us. We also hope that by recognizing God's many gifts you have been filled with Gratitude to our God and have been led by the Spirit to Trust in God and to participate more fully in the life of our Parish family.

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17: *"the measure of your own free will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you....No one shall appear before the Lord empty handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, you God has bestowed on you."*

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### A note to anyone reading this online who missed Mass at Ascension this weekend:

We know that people travel or unforeseen things happen. There will be extra Participation Cards in the Commons next week. Please take the time to fill one out and place it in the offertory basket or give it to our Priest or one of our Deacons after Mass. Thank you.

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### Is Online Giving for you?

Online Giving is available to our community. Online giving is an efficient way to give. It can save our Parish time and money and ensure a regular, consistent income. To start, visit our website at [www.ascensionvb.org](http://www.ascensionvb.org) and choose the Online Giving tab. Call Lisa at the Business Office if you have questions: 757-495-1886 extension 422.

# Natural Disaster Relief

Our parish has second collections for natural disasters with the direction from our Diocese who is given recommendations by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We have recently taken up a second collection for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. These hurricanes were quickly followed by Hurricane Maria and with the earth quakes in Mexico.

Next weekend, October 28 and 29, 2017 Ascension will be collecting monies to help the victims of Hurricane Maria and the earth quakes in Mexico. We will not have a second collection but invite you to place a check or envelope in the regular collection clearly marked for natural disaster relief. Ascension will divide the monies collected between these two relief efforts. If you prefer to send you donations directly please send them to the following addresses:

Office of National Collections, Hurricane Maria Fund, P. O. Box 96278,  
Washington DC 20090-6278

or

Office of National Collections, Mexico Earthquakes Fund, P. O. Box 96278,  
Washington DC 20090-6278

**For Hurricane Harvey Ascension Collected:        \$10,729.87**

**For Hurricane Irma Ascension Collected:    \$ 6,416.10**

**Thank you for your generosity. Please keep all the victims of these disasters in your prayers during their time of recovery.**