

WORSHIP

- I was always weekly plus until pre-Covid. I developed real problems with the Church. I am trying!
- Why does this church not have kneelers? No incense during worship? Candles to light for prayer for the deceased?
- more bible and religious studies
- Contemporary as well as traditional worship songs add to the Liturgy
- parishioners are friendly
- The homily means a lot so a good meaningful homily is really appreciated. Thank You
- It would be nice to have these groups to meet during the am as it's hard for some of us to see at night to drive. Day time bible study group would be wonderful
- EWTN
- "I struggle" was response for Q1 & 2 written directly on the question
- Good youth involvement with faith
- I hope we stay out of politics . that's why I left my last church. Help people but no anti-American speeches. Help everyone. Prayers for our troops, PD, fD, EMT first.
- Hopefully we can start some religious direction policy devoted to the Blessed Mother
- I am a regular visitor when visiting family here
- I am a senior & cannot always participate as much as I would like. I grateful for live stream
- I find more committed Christians and better formation outside of the parish. I appreciate ability of receive the sacraments here.
- Appreciate the adoration/worship music nights offered
- Please challenge me in homilies to live my life different from the world. Please address the myriad of cultural changes affecting us--helping us form our conscience according to the mind of Christ.
- Ascension has come a long way in 2 years with Adoration opportunities, Mary's garden, Tabernacle in worship space, more/improved adult faith series, worship hours, & introduce focus on personal encounters w/Jesus as central to missionary discipleship
- See assessment #3
- Is there a prayer group that meets weekly at Ascension?
- Watch Fr Aar in YOUTUBE; National Shrine in Massachusetts
- I love how active this church is...Mass is great so many parishioners are involved in so many ways
- you should have a big screen and games for infant - 4th grade
- I say a prayer every night and day
- Major Holidays (Christmas/Easter)....These are not holidays...They are HOLY DAYS! Music Prayer Groups. Need more kids masses
- Pray more parishioners attend adoration service
- I attend spirit of God charismatic prayer group once a week
- I can't drive at night
- see comments on assessment #4
- Talk to God as family

- If Ascension offered daily mass at a time other than 9:15 it would be convenient for full time workers to experience the Eucharist in our parish more regularly.
- in college (2hrs 45 mins away) Not a lot of praise and worship opportunities on weekday evenings
- I do not drive at night
- attend programs with several of our grandchildren's families
- I am in a lost state with my life and religion
- Miss the prayer book out front
- would love more praise & worship opportunities
- no rides to participate
- I love Ascension Church for their welcome spirit to all. Music is excellent
- Our music ministry nourishes the faith by adding joy filled praise to the liturgy
- Ascension offers many opportunities to worship. I don't take advantage of them as I should
- I love our church. Gospel & homily should be short & sweet to the point
- If I can be so bold, I'd love to suggest 8:15 time changes to 8:30
- It would be nice to hear Taize prayer occasionally or Tenebrae. Liturgy of the hours sometimes
- Thank you for all the opportunities you provide
- Was attending weekday Mass until schedule wouldn't allow but hoping to restart. You all (leadership) offer so much-praying that the "Spirit" will nudge us parishioners to attend all we have available.

LITURGY COMMENTS

- I am very active in another Catholic Church's activities---nothing for me here for years. I have been a member since the beginning - was on the first parish council and again on one with Bill Dale. We have lost that spark. There is a remoteness. We drove all our kids away--the next generation left. WHY?
- More use of incense on Sunday's during the liturgy. Would like to hear organ music if possible and traditional Catholic music such as Gregorian chants. During Consecration occasionally using different rubrics, such as the lengthier. Recognition of the saints. Kneelers would also be nice during concentration. More frequent opportunities for confession. In addition, I don't think it was appropriate to have these filled out during the Holy Mass. I also respectfully suggest reducing the number of announcements and being given all before or after the Mass, not both. It is distracting from worship.
- Church needs proper kneelers in the pews. Also the use of incense should be used in at least one weekend mass. Such location for candles for prayers. Not enough reconciliation dates/times; perhaps an extra evening/week? Not a traditional Roman Catholic feel' more so a protestant influence.. (sad face)
- I am accustomed to "older" versions of music, so sometimes with "newer" songs or versions I am not aware of. makes me feel out of place
- Proud to be Ascension parishioner
- I would like to hear more contemporary worship music

- Vibrant is hard for me to define. Father Daniel gives very true and meaningful homilies
- Need ushers during mass. Inform parishioners during housekeeping to wait for the Priest to be at the lobby before leaving the church after the mass
- This place is so touching in all aspects especially spiritually
- Come as often as my health will let me
- referencing above as a parent or former parent "The Children's Liturgy" was written with no further information
- see comments on assessment #2
- coming from a member of ascension youth this church is super kid approved!!!
- I am not a Catholic but am a born again Christian & this is now my church home
- Love the fact more music with instruments. Great church with good music. I feel comfortable here. Thank You. God Bless
- more relatable & diverse homilies
- Music quality is superb. Would love more worship of in selections
- The horizontal aspect of our relations is very strong, perhaps we need a bit more vertical as a community ie: you are (to our Lord) instead of "we are"
- Worship during Mass is above average compared to area Masses--thanks to an environment set to facilitate this
- We are new to the parish and not that many people don't genuflect prior to taking their seat!!!!
- I love the mix of old and new music--it helps make the mass a true celebration for all ages
- I am a kid not an adult or a teen. I am French and there is some words I don't understand in those questions
- I love school just like mass
- Connect scripture to life..... children's handout for Mass?
- Lots of Vision and Assessment stuff
- the music is enthusiastic & often praise worthy but is not worship orientated
- To an extent our masses are too friendly in that children often distract from the focus of mass
- Been a member of this parish since 1985! Many changes.....mostly good! Father Joe's homilies ARE TOO LONG!!! and he repeats prayers!
- I feel compelled to receive on the hand, I feel that is should be welcomed to express reverence to our Eucharist Lord on this manner by kneeling and receiving on the tongue, if we are called to this
- Would like people reading on the altar pronounce the words correctly & go through names of people prayed for so is to understand them
- While it is lovely to have music at mass I feel the music is too dull and too high for most of us. Livelier music would be better
- Psalms need to be fully recited, not condensed to two verses only
- Music accompaniment is to loud can't hear the cantor. Don't need singing during Eucharist its a time for quiet reflection--the music is a distraction--soft instrumental music during Eucharist would be plenty.
- I was once told by a Priest that when you sing for the Lord, you pray twice.

- A plus is if our parish could have some kneelers. Overall, our parish is very engaged in the worship & liturgy ministries & opportunities. Love being here at our parish
- Sound system has echos--distracts service at times. Parents need to take out children when they are noisy..For new converts need for instructional for responses
- The Deacons who give the homily should not read it but speak it
- love all the music and singers uplifting
- the music is great
- I'd like to hear more about the development and meaning of parts of the Mass, to help people participate, not just observe
- love every part of our celebration
- Our music ministry is the best!
- This mystery is always difficult to rationalize. Get it in traditional and based on historical precedent. Many times "scripture" is not phrased in the context and culture of the times it documents. I find old testament readings particularly difficult to appreciate. Realizing tis common essence to all Western religions. Christians/Jewish/Moslem, it is sometimes difficult to understand the principles and lessons it represents. Many times what it represented does not fit into Christianity principles.
- you have made me feel welcome all the time
- I love the Sunday service music. I love Father Daniel's homilies. He is so passionate to real life experiences
- Sing glory to God at start & end
Music during communion mass it hard to reflect
- Small groups ar the building blocks of a parish whether this is an class about faith, being part of a ministry or anything that makes you part of our larger parish family. I love how all now greet people at the start of mass. All family beyond building
- The music is amazing. The more modern hymns I can relate to more (and I am the daughter of a long time former church organist)! The 50th anniversary was was amazing and moving.
- Our music is somewhat modern. I hope to hear more upbeat music in the future thought.
- "Word of God" has many different meanings!
- Singing is to help pray. Don't introduce new songs enough. Other rituals supported by GRIM, like sprinkling during Eastertide and occ. Incense, anointing of the sick in Mass, Holy Thursday everyone's feet should be washed by leadership and the parish other Catholic are able to carty this out w/o complains that the Mass takes too long.
- I love this parish!
- I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY!
- I find the music to slow for my liking. For me it does not bring enough joy. I realize that is typical of Catholic masses. I wish the music was more uplifting
- I wanted to comment on our beautiful music; however I wish that we could do more verses of both psalm and other songs. Thank you!
- The word of the Lord should not be read from a pamphlet but from a Lectionary! This is comment for the first and second readings.
- I could discuss you the Catholic church is "our" community- one from each Mass. Since I'm new I do know know how you cross all "four" communities together. I can give you a great, funny example of the problem. I have been Parish Council President and also

chairperson of the building committee to build entirely new worship center, 12 classrooms, 4 offices, commons, and gathering plaza. Wife was also parish council president.

- Loved Children's Liturgy of the Word. Found Fr. Daniel's and deacons preaching more meaningful. Do not want to be too critical but one of the priest's preaching style is too "heady" too long.