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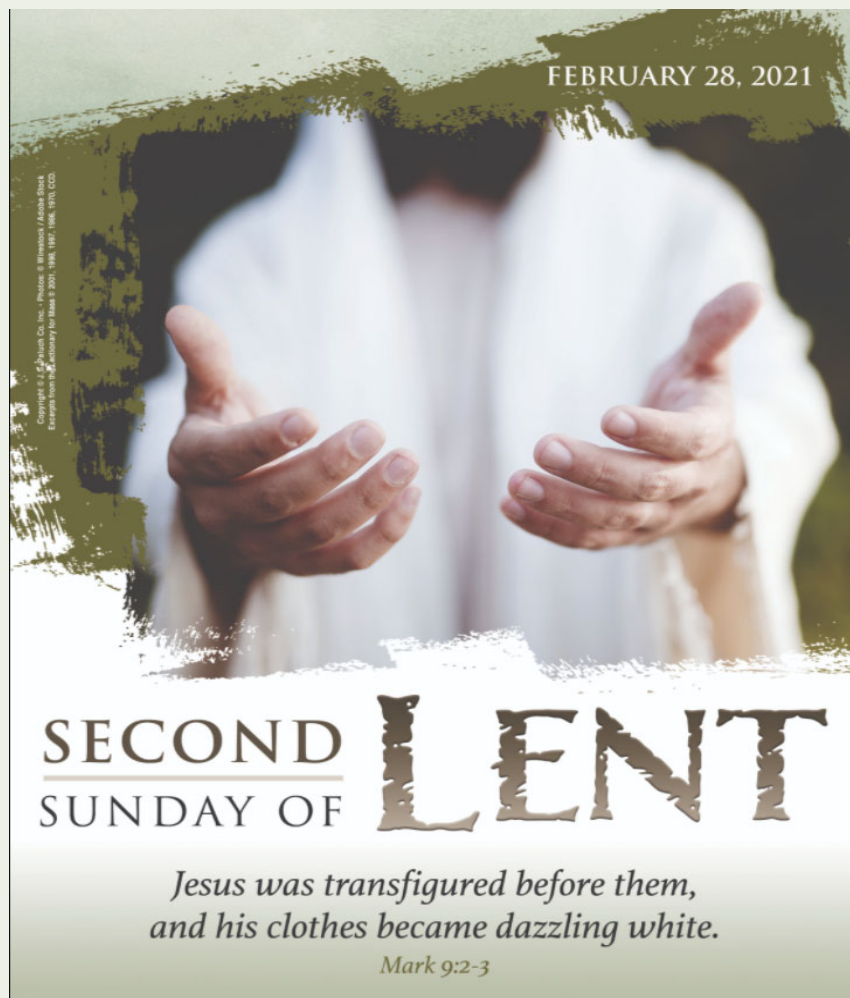
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Edge (Grades 7&8) Wednesdays 6-7:30pm

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:30 pm

Sunday Masses

7:30 am

9:30 a.m.

11:30 am

5:30 pm

(Contemporary Music)

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday: 7:30 am
Sat. 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15-4:25
Wednesday: 5:00 pm
(or by appointment)



**Sign
Language
Mass**

**As a good steward of the Lord's blessings, please remember to consider
your Parish Family or School Endowment in your Last Will and Testament.**





Next Sunday's Readings
March 7, 2021 B

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8-11

1Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

What actions and attributes need to die in you so you can come to Easter?



HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN NIGHTS

5:30-8:00pm (Mass included)

During COVID restrictions, things may change from week to week. Please see our website for additional details regarding each event.

SUMMIT NIGHT

**Tuesday nights, 7:00-8:15pm,
in the Youth Room**

For the teenager who's craving something more and much deeper than our Sunday Life night.

**Cara Giuliano—321-254-1595 ext. 3501
ascensioncatholicteens@gmail.com or
lifeteen.ascensioncatholic.net**

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

We are a Middle School Youth Ministry which helps middle schoolers unleash who they were created to be in Christ.

6:00-7:30pm Wednesdays.

During COVID restrictions, things may change from week to week.

Please see our website for additional details regarding each event.

**Anna Nagy, 321-254-1595 ext. 3501
lifeteen.ascensioncatholic.net**



Are you looking for a way to honor Jesus? Come pray with us at the *Divine Mercy* service this Friday, March 5, and every first Friday at 7:00pm in Church.



Ascension Catholic School
Mission Statement

Ascension Catholic School, founded by the Sisters of Mercy and rooted in the charism of compassion, is a community of Companions on the Journey. We strive to foster the growth of each unique child by living the Gospel values, achieving academic excellence, and serving our global family.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare meets every Monday from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Buescher Center, Room 411. Donations for the workbook is greatly appreciated.

Our upcoming topics/videos.....

Is This Normal?	Complicating Factors
Challenges of Grief	Getting Stuck
The Journey of Grief	Lessons of Grief
Grief and Your Relationships	Heaven
Guilt and Anger	What Do I Live for Now?

No one is expected to share what's going on in your life, you can just come to listen. The GS Team is looking forward to sharing the sessions with you as we also continue on the road to healing. Please contact us because due to COVID restrictions, space is limited.

Paul Kalinosky - 321-795-5642 or
PKalinosky@cfl.rr.com

Karen Mitchell - 321-752-3838 or
KarenLovesChuck@gmail.com

There will be NO meeting on March 15



ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Current plans are for Altar Servers to resume serving at Mass starting on Palm Sunday weekend (March 27/28). It has been about a year since we have used you, and we know that many changes have occurred in that time. Some have moved or have no further interest in serving.

So please let me know what you wish to do. Email me at conley257@aol.com or call (321) 255-2392 to let me know if you do wish to serve or if you wish to be removed from the schedule. Thank you for your help in resuming Altar Server Ministry in the parish.

Frank Conley, Scheduler

Emotional Wellness Warriors

Are there times when you feel down, sad, or melancholy? Moods can fluctuate when we face some of life's toughest challenges like loss of a job, empty nest, chronic illness, aging family member, caregiving, loss of a loved one, or just the isolation of COVID. But when a depressed mood lingers, having the support of others can be part of an effective, uplifting strategy.

Join us the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30pm in the Ministry Building, Room 302. We welcome anyone wishing to join this ongoing group.

Please contact Jason Hoppenbrouwer, LCSW, at 321-698-9155, if you have questions or need additional information.

REVISED Elementary Faith Formation Spring Schedule 2021

Tuesday
4:00 - 5:45 pm

JAN. 12TH CANCELLED

Feb. 2nd
Feb. 23rd
March 23rd
April 13th
May 4th

Wednesday
4:00 - 5:45 pm

Jan. 20th
Feb. 17th
March 3rd
March 31st
April 21st

Wednesday
5:45 - 7:30 pm

Jan. 27th
Feb. 10th
March 10th
April 7th
April 28th



Father Eamon wrote the Commentaries for the Sunday Readings that we use to reflect on! Come ZOOM With Us!!!

- ◆ We proclaim the Sunday Mass readings.
- ◆ We read Fr. Eamon's Commentary to understand.
- ◆ We discuss what it means to us in our lives.
- ◆ We pray for each other, our parish, the world.
- ◆ We focus on God—and it's so very good!

To join ZOOM, get your password!

Call or email today for your password: ldodson@ascensioncatholicsch.org or 254-1595 ext. 3067

Join us Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00pm - Come ZOOM with us or watch on YouTube

Parish website: <https://www.ascensioncatholic.net/> (click on Ascension Catholic Media)

—or Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACCMelbourne>

Prefer an afternoon? Come ZOOM with us...

Join Leigh Osgood-Barry on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm on ZOOM!

Call or email for your password: (321) 254-1595 ext. 3067 or ldodson@ascensioncatholicsch.org

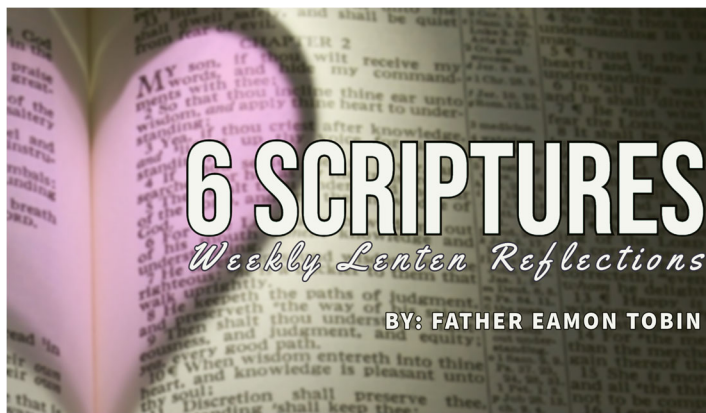


Pray the Rosary With Your Parish Family!

Join Father Martin praying the Luminous Mysteries
of the Rosary with Rob & Marleena Pecoraro and their children
on Sunday, February 27, at 7:00pm.

We will gather virtually, quiet ourselves, and pray the
Rosary to prepare for the busy-ness of the week ahead.

Join us by phone, computer or tablet via our parish website at <https://www.ascensioncatholic.net/>. Click on Ascension Catholic Media or Parish
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACCMelbourne>.



Join our entire parish and school committed to
reflecting on the Sunday Gospel for the 6 weeks of
Lent in honor of Father Eamon and Anita Brady.

Contact: ldodson@ascensioncatholicsch.org
or 321-254-1595 ext. 3067

Small Christian Communities Forming For Lent

What's best for You?

Mornings? Afternoons? Evenings?

In person? ZOOM? Online?

Add SCC to your Lenten Observances:

Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels,

Listening to God speak to your heart

Bringing your needs to Eucharist

Becoming a better YOU!

It's not too late to join!

Gospel and Father Eamon's Commentary for 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 7

Opening prayer: (Let us take a minute to consciously acknowledge that we are in the presence of God and ask him to help us to hear the Word he wants us to hear this week.)

Blessed are you, God of the Covenant, you formed Israel as your covenant people. You invite us into a new covenant of love in your Son. Help us to live always in accord with your will. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: John 2:13-25 (Let us listen with our hearts to what Jesus is saying to us.)

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there.

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Commentary:

The Gospel for the next three Sundays will be from John. Many of John's stories have two levels of meaning which we will come back to later. Commenting on this Sunday's Gospel, Fr. Flor McCarthy, SDB, writes: *Jesus' action in cleansing the temple was a protest against the commercialization of religion and the desecration of the Temple. But it went deeper. It was a symbolic action, in the fashion of an Old Testament prophet (see Jer 7:11; Mal 3.1), through which he passed judgement on the Jewish sacrificial system. He was declaring that temple worship, with its ritual and animal sacrifices, was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship.*

He was also protesting at the way religion had become narrow, nationalistic, and exclusive. Israel had failed to fulfil her universal mission to humankind. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a house of prayer 'for all nations.' But the Temple remained the jealously guarded preserve of Israel. No Gentile dared venture, under threat of penalty and death, beyond what was known as the 'court of the Gentiles.' Jesus declared that salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples."

Above, we said that many of John's stories have two levels of meaning, a *literal* meaning and a *deeper* meaning. The literal or historical meaning is about the Jewish temple which had been destroyed for many years when John was writing his Gospel. On a *deeper* level, John is referring to the temple of Jesus' body which will be resurrected and become the new focus of his followers' worship life.

Questions:

1. What word or phrase spoke to you most in the Gospel?
2. What is happening in your life right now that that word or phrase touched you?
3. Name one thing today's Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed and act on?

Closing Prayer:

May God's Word grow strong in our hearts. Amen.

Father Eamon Tobin

ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. Only two confirmed adorers are permitted each hour. No DROP-INS!

The Chapel is sanitized every day by Ascension staff. A Hepa filtration system is in place to help clean the air during the hours of adoration. **Masks are required** and must always be worn inside the Chapel. We ask that you follow the protocol so that we can all be safe.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Lyn Becker at

accadoration2950@gmail.com
or (561) 531-3173. You must have a completed COVID waiver on file, which can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/y2dn2mmk> or obtained from the Church Office.

HOURS IN NEED OF AN ADORER

Monday 12pm
Saturday 5pm

Other hours are available for single adorers. Please email Lyn Becker (see above) if you are interested in reserving an hour. Once confirmed, you will be given the new door code.

ROSARY-MAKING MINISTRY

Rosary Ministry meets on Sundays, 1:00-3:00pm
Buescher Center, Rm. 410

Next meeting: To be announced

If interested, contact Michi Davis at
242-8092 or michidavis@cfl.rr.com.



Knitting With Faith

A group of Ascension Catholic knitters and crocheters meet in **Wickham Park Pavilion #4** at 9:00am on Thursday mornings.

We provide knitted and crocheted prayer shawls for anyone in need of comfort during a crisis, illness, or any trying time, especially in this time of isolation. If you feel lonely, need comfort and support or something to hold onto, let us know. We lovingly knit or crochet prayers into every row of the shawls for your comfort and wellbeing. The shawls are blessed by the priest before distribution.

If you or someone you love is in need of a prayer shawl for any reason, please call Carol at 330-806-8928 or Linda at 315-729-3478 and arrangements will be made to get a shawl to you.



Social Concerns & Food Pantry

Your generosity in support of Ascension Social Concerns and Food Pantry has been overwhelming this past year.

Due to Covid-19, our Annual "Loaves & Fishes Challenge" will be postponed till next year.

Your continued generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend is our monthly Food Drive. We appreciate your food donations.



Pantry Needs: Jelly, Soups, Tuna, Pancake Mix, Condiments, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Vegetables.



HOLY HOUR

Weekly Holy Hour every
Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm, in Church
There will also be an opportunity for
Reconciliation during that time.



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians invites anyone of Irish ancestry who wishes to preserve their Irish heritage to join LAOH. We meet the third Wednesday of each month in the Buescher Center, Room 411, at 1:00pm.

Any questions, please call Eileen Chandler at 321-259-3841 or Doris Cassario at 772-538-4782.

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Monsignor Martin B. Power Council 14573

The Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic gentlemen 18 and older. We have dedicated men of all ages who help meet the Knights' mission of helping those in need and our Parish. Some members participate much less than others because of family and job pressures. We can use your help as little as once per year.

Grand Knight Rob Light @ 321-626-9641
Deputy Grand Knight Eddy Merlet @ 954-882-3687
Membership Director John Miller @ 321-794-6620



Ladies Auxiliary K of C

We invite all ladies of the parish, to join us. Our mission is to support the Knights in Council #14573.

For membership information, please contact
Ginny Reeder at 978-460-1972
Kris Webster at 321-914-7813



DAILY BREAD

Lent is not for giving up, it is for giving. Giving a few hours of your time and love for those in need is a perfect way to show your Christian love. Please consider volunteering with our Ascension team.

The Daily Bread is our local Soup Kitchen, helping the homeless and those in need. It is located in Melbourne, at 815 Fee Ave. Our volunteer hours currently are 10:30am–2:30pm. Daily Bread continues to follow the CDC Covid-19 protocols. Masks are required.

Ascension volunteers are well known for their caring and giving spirit. We are looking forward to hearing from you! Our volunteer days: 2nd Monday, 2nd Thursday, 2nd Saturday, 4th Tuesday and 5th Friday of each month. Please contact the following team leaders if you have questions, and/or able to volunteer:

Mon., March 9: Mary Sipes at 614-395-9030
Thurs., March 11: Ann Reynolds at 336-912-2668
Sat., March 13: Joan Johnson at 321-779-1894
or js1102@aol.com
Tues., March 23: Ginny Crews at 407-376-5984 or
gincrews12@gmail.com



PARTNER SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 PM

We invite rising 7th and 8th grade students and their families to attend the MCC's Partner School Preview Night on Thursday, March 4, at 7:00pm. Join us in person or via Zoom. Kindly RSVP by March 2 at <https://bit.ly/MCCPreviewNight>.

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Ascension Girl Scouts

All Girl Scouts, current and past, are welcome to join us as we celebrate

Girl Scout Sunday

March 7 at the 7:30am Mass

Please wear your Girl Scout pins and vest/sash.



We're looking for you!

Are you wanting to serve at Mass? We are looking for eager volunteers to join our Production team.

Email: info@ascensioncatholic.net



Our Beloved Pastor Father Eamon was a long time member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a third degree Council member who served as our Chaplain. Each year, a number of our Council members go to Orlando to participate in a beautiful and meaningful ceremony to step up to the Patriot Degree and become a 4th degree

Sir Knight member of our Assembly. Father Eamon had planned to attend the ceremony this past November but, unfortunately, because of the impact of COVID-19, he was not able to attend.

Therefore, we have arranged to conduct a special ceremony to posthumously name him a Sir Knight member of our Assembly. We will have two engraved plaques to dedicate and bless. One will hang in the Knights meeting room and the other will be sent to Fr. Eamon's family in Ireland.

The ceremony will be livestreamed in our Church immediately after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, **February 28**. Please join us. Everyone is cordially invited.



BREVARD LAPS FOR LIFE

This event is a walk-a-thon fundraiser designed to raise money to fund ultrasound equipment used by Pro Life Counseling Centers.

**Saturday, March 13, 2021
9am to 12pm**

**Melbourne Central Catholic High School
154 E. Florida Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901**

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Long Sleeve Relief Project

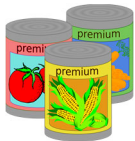


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DONATE LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS TO HELP MIGRANT WORKERS OF FELLSMERE

Collection runs through Holy Thursday

Please place all shirts in the receptacle located outside the church each Sunday. Email marissa.spies@gmail.com with any questions.



Knights of Columbus **40 CANS FOR LENT** **Program**

The Knights of Columbus Martin B. Power Council 14573 is challenging all parishioners to join them in their 40 CANS FOR LENT Annual Food Drive. The plan is simple: purchase and donate one can of food per day for the 40 days during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday, February 17, and ending Good Friday, April 2. Donations can be brought in all at once or weekly. Put the cans in the baskets already designated for food collection. Our goal is to increase the donations given to our food pantry while living the Gospel value of feeding the hungry.

To accept this challenge, please text or email Be Duong (321-704-6407 / beduo@yahoo.com) or Doug Blair (321-412-2191 / dougblair54@gmail.com).

Our goal this year is 10,000 cans. That goal can only be reached with your help. Please make this one of your Lenten sacrifices. Thank you.

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Wedding Anniversaries

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Please pray for those in the nursing homes.

Pray for our Armed Forces Personnel here & overseas

Joseph Marci, Robert Crowl, Bryan Calenda, David Barlow, Dylan Traver, Marty Martinez, Jonathan Martinez, Bryan Satterwhite, John Kinsora, Josh Grier, Robert Grover, Rory O'Connor, Alex Ritner, Kyle Mimbs, Kristin Agresta, Andrew Nemethy, Lance Freeberg, Theresa Mavity, Matthew Hammond, Daniel Amulong, Dr. Jerry Higman, Margaret-Anne Sytxma, Matt Maurer, Daniel Sosa, Ray Romano, Matthew Cavalcante, Chad Bloomstine, Logan Solio, Nick Owens, Nicholas Jon DeDominici, Benjamin Frederick DeDominici, Reece Sampieri, Andrew Conklin, Sebastian Marzano, Nico Del Pozo, Dominique Hogan

History of Salvation

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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Mass Intentions For The Week



**Week beginning Monday, March 1, 2021
and ending Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Mon. 7:30 am	† James Thorstad
	† Lewis Saunders, Jr.
Tues. 7:30am	† Joe & Kay Rooney
	† Irene Day
Wed. 7:30am	† Grace Clancy
	† Gilberto Lopez
Thur. 7:30pm	† Cathie Hurd
	† Robert Gessler
Fri. 7:30am	† Paddy Brennan
	† Fr. Dan Freitas
Sat. 9:00am	† Leo Shumaker
	† Ana Colon
	4:30pm
	† Lena & Dan Giannatto
	† Thomas Stankos
Sun. 7:30 am	† Francisco Longhi
	† Barbara Katana
	9:30 am
	† Frank Baker
	† Ernesto Sangalang
	11:30 am
	† Florence McCaffrey
	† George & Janet Binns
	5:30pm
	People of the Parish

Deacon Sergio Colon
is celebrating 30 years of
Holy Orders as a Deacon
on March 2.

**So take a moment and
congratulate him.**

Family Crusade Rosary

For decades, the Filipino community has gathered as families on the first Saturday of the month to pray the rosary. They are now inviting our parish community to join them in this beautiful effort to honor Our Blessed Mother. Join Ralph and Joy Turingan and the many families in the Mary Garden just north of the church at 3pm March 6th to pray the rosary.