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*Welcome!*

## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

4:30PM

### SUNDAY MASSES

7:30AM

9:30AM [ livestreamed ]

[  ASL sign language ]

11:30AM

5:30PM

[ contemporary music ]

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30AM

Wednesday 6:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM

[ Rosary following Masses ]

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:15PM

Tuesday 5:00PM

Wednesdays 5:00PM

[ or by appointment ]

Wise  
Men  
Still  
Seek Him



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

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WHERE IS  
THE NEWBORN  
KING OF  
THE JEWS?

”

MAGI FROM THE EAST



## 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### CLERGY

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**RECEPTION DESK** ..... Ext. 3050

**HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM**  
[closed for lunch 12:30PM - 1:30PM]

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please email [accparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:accparishcouncil@gmail.com)

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**321-254-1595 • [www.ascensioncatholic.org](http://www.ascensioncatholic.org)**  
*U.S. Department of Education School of Excellence*  
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade

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#### FAITH FORMATION

Pre-K3 through 6th Grade. See website for information.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Ascension Catholic Life Teen - Sundays 6:45PM - 8:30PM  
Edge (Grades 7 & 8) - Wednesdays 6:00PM - 7:30PM

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### ASCENSION SOCIAL CONCERNS OFFICE

1238 Aurora Road, Melbourne, FL 32935 ..... 321-259-5685  
Open 9:00AM - 11:00AM (Mon - Fri)

### ASCENSION THRIFT SHOP

1208 Aurora Road, Melbourne FL 32935 ..... 321-610-8742  
Open 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Tue - Fri) • 9:00AM - 3:00PM (Sat)

### RELIGIOUS ARTICLES GIFT SHOP

Open after Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.

### STAY CONNECTED!



### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

***Deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday 9:00am.***

Please submit sooner if possible. Special deadlines may apply during weeks with holidays.

Email content to [bulletin@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:bulletin@ascensioncatholic.net)

### Next Sunday's Readings — January 14, 2024

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 — Psalm 40 — 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 — John 1:35-42  
What would you answer if Jesus turned to you and asked: What are you looking for?







January 6th and 7th



Lord God, almighty and eternal, with hearts full of gratitude, we stand before You today to express our appreciation for the gift of our seminarians who have heeded Your call to serve Your Church. We praise You for their fidelity and commitment to studying Your Word and striving to live a life of service to You.



Thank you all so much for supporting vocations and helping young people have the courage to make a tremendous Yes to the Lord.



[cfocf.org/seminarians](http://cfocf.org/seminarians)

## STEWARDSHIP



### Sacrificial Giving for weekend of December 24/25, 2023:

In gratitude for the gifts and provision we have received from God, parishioners and visitors contributed:

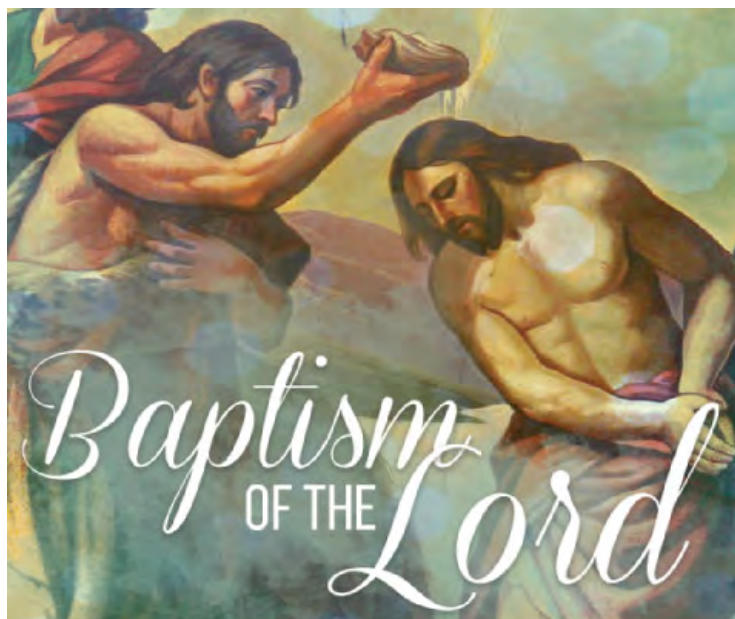
Offertory Collection: \$54,346

Online Giving: \$7,446



Online Giving is now easier than ever. Simply scan the code with your smart phone's camera to submit your recurring or one time offering securely.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & GENEROSITY!**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

**MASS TIMES • 7:30AM & 7:00PM**

*On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

**Listen Live**  
**On-Line**  
**920 AM**

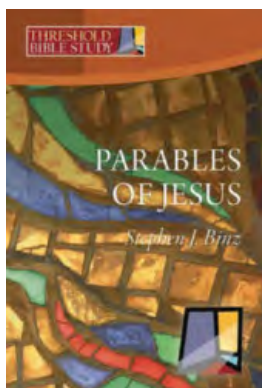


[DivineMercyRadio.com](http://DivineMercyRadio.com)

**Catholic Radio for Florida's Space & Treasure Coasts**

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS

### A Threshold Bible Study



The Parables of Jesus are designed to shake us up, make us think; to shock, confront and provoke us. Each parable works differently, and the study of each individually leads us to reflect on its significance in our own lives, and how Jesus is calling us to change our thinking and to respond to the challenge that each parable presents.

Come join us Women Of the Word, as we share our faith and journey together to explore these parables and accept Jesus' invitation to participate in the new life He offers us.

Our Study begins on Tuesday Jan 9, from 7-8:30PM in room 410 in the Buescher Center. Cost for materials is \$10. For more information and to reserve a book, please contact Teresa Romano at [tromanops25@gmail.com](mailto:tromanops25@gmail.com) or 321.750.1527

## CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS, MINISTRIES AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS...

Our KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN  
needs some rocks.

Looking for a good way  
to start off the new year...  
Why not start by spreading  
kindness?

Paint or decorate some rocks.  
Drop off your creations in our  
garden.

The Kindness Rock Garden  
is located under the oak tree  
right outside the Parish Hall.



**S.A.I.L.**  
**Senior Adventures In Learning**  
of Melbourne, Inc.

*Seniors Charting a Successful Course  
into the Future!*

**WINTER TERM 2024**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**January 9 - March 5**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**January 10 - March 6**

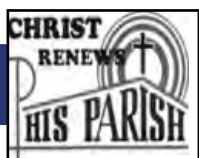
[no classes Feb. 13 & 14]

Classes held at  
**Ascension Catholic Community**  
2950 N. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32935



We are offering over 35 courses that cover exercise, well-being, games, lectures, travel, writing, and many more. **A complete list of all the courses along with on-line registration and payment is available at our website: [www.sailofmelbourne.org](http://www.sailofmelbourne.org).** You can also download the brochure and mail in the registration form with your payment. A hard copy can be requested by sending an email to [sailofmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:sailofmelbourne@gmail.com) or you can pick one up in the church office lobby. Come and enjoy the fun!





## SAVE THE DATE

GIVE YOURSELF A PRICELESS GIFT



**CRHP**  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**MARCH** 2  
**2-3** 0  
2  
4

[katemidden@gmail.com](mailto:katemidden@gmail.com)

**CRHP**  
**MEN'S RETREAT**

**MARCH** 2  
**16-17** 0  
2  
4

[rkmi3@yahoo.com](mailto:rkmi3@yahoo.com)

Registration open soon for these spring retreats.

Prayer Request: As we prepare to host the next Christ Renews His Parish women's and men's retreat weekends on 3/2/2024 -3/3/2024 and 3/16/2024 -3/17/2024, we humbly request your prayers for our teams and for those parishioners whom the Holy Spirit is calling to attend the retreats, that they will hear and respond to God's call. Please pray the following for the spiritual renewal of all parishioners. Thank you and may God bless you.

### Prayer for Renewal

Glory to you, O Lord our God,

Your love calls us to be your people. By sharing our many and diverse gifts we share in your mission. We ask you, Lord, to shape us into a community of faith. Nourish us by your word and sacraments that we may grow into the image of Jesus. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, heal us that we, in turn, may heal the wounded. Form us to be instruments of love, justice, and peace in our land, and send us to proclaim your saving work. Renew us, Lord, that we may renew the face of the earth. Amen.

## Faith-Based Pre-Licensing Foster Care Classes

January 17-February 28, 2024  
7:00pm



SCAN ME



### FLORIDA STATE APPROVED

The Fostering our Future writers and developers received approval of their curriculum by the state of Florida in November 2022. The intent was to create a flexible program with a Biblical worldview for the faith community.

### Why Choose Us

- + Faith-Based Pre-Licensing Classes & Monthly 1 Hr. Continuing Education Classes for Foster Families via Zoom.
- + Support and Permanency/Legal Services.



#### 7 Weeks

Meet weekly. We allocate 3 hours each week.



#### 27 Hours of Content

Group Discussions, Videos, Readings, Podcasts & Assignments.



#### Via ZOOM

Meet as a group via zoom, and we provide individual coaching calls.

#### Contact Now

904-344-3347

[JulieS@fosteringourfuture.info](mailto:JulieS@fosteringourfuture.info)

[FosteringOurFuture.info](http://FosteringOurFuture.info)



## 2023 DONATION STATEMENTS

Statements for donations made to Ascension Church and Ascension School will be emailed or snail-mailed to donors by January 31, 2024. (Please check your junk email if you have not received your statement by January 31st.)

For additional information, please contact Mary Russo at [mrusso@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:mrusso@ascensioncatholic.net) or (321) 254-1595 x3078.

Statements for donations made to Our Catholic Appeal will be mailed directly from the Diocese of Orlando. Please contact Marta Sweeney at [msweeney@cfocf.org](mailto:msweeney@cfocf.org) or (407) 246-4840 with questions.

# ADORATION CHAPEL

**OPEN 24/7**

(Cleaning takes place  
between 6-7am daily)

*Come, spend 1 hour with Me.*

## ADORERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Sunday: 12am, 1am, 3am, 4am

Monday: 12am, 3am, 4am

Tuesday: 12am, 1am

Friday: 12am, 1am, 3am

Saturday: 2pm, 11pm

The Adoration Chapel is open to all from 6am - 7pm. At 7pm the door is programmed to lock and will remain locked until 6am for the safety and security of evening adorers. Evening access is by registered fob.

If you would like to commit to an hour and register, please contact Lyn Becker (text is best) 561-531-3173 or email [accadoration2950@gmail.com](mailto:accadoration2950@gmail.com).



**PLEASE BE SURE TO FULLY CLOSE THE  
OUTSIDE DOOR BEFORE LEAVING.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 8 through Sunday, January 14**

Mon.	Baptism of the Lord	
	7:30am	✠ Isaac Maison
	7:00pm	[special intention] Marc Jean
Tue.	7:30am	✠ Fr. Steve Gutgsell
Wed.	7:30am	✠ Peter Mensah
		✠ Martha Maison
	6:00pm	✠ Fr. Bradley Beaupre
Thu.	7:30am	[healing intention] Michelle & Gary Gerdes [healing intention] Christine Leja
Fri.	7:30am	✠ Tim Conley
	8:30am	[healing intention] Marge McAloon
Sat.	9:00am	✠ Giuseppa Augello
	4:30pm	✠ Bill Baldwin
		✠ Boudreau & Brundza Families
Sun.	7:30am	✠ Stan McQuiston
		✠ Daniel Romano, Sr.
	9:30am	✠ Matthew Gordon Viera
		✠ Lester & Trannie Reynolds
	11:30am	[special intention 60th anniversary] Gary & Joann Monai
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

*Adore  
Jesus in the  
Eucharist*

HOLY HOUR  
IN THE CHURCH  
ADORATION + CONFESSION

WEDNESDAYS  
5PM - 6PM

HOLY MASS 6PM

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER OUR DECEASED DIOCESAN CLERGY - MONTH OF JANUARY



IN *memory*

January 1, 2021 – Rev. Eamon Tobin

January 4, 2015 – Dcn. Robert Kinsey

January 4, 2021 – Rev. Luiz Bastos

January 8, 1975 – Rev. Hugh Flynn

January 13, 1982 – Rev. William Holmes

January 13, 2015 – Rev. Mark Wegg

January 15, 2007 – Dcn. Miguel Alvarez

January 16, 1988 – Rev. Michael Flynn

January 22, 2001 – Dcn. Homer Swart

January 23, 1972 – Rev. Michael Reynolds

January 27, 1996 – Dcn. Raymond Byers

January 27, 2007 – Rev. James F. Edwards

January 29, 2013 – Dcn. Joseph Wortman

January 30, 2016 – Rev. Peter Quinn

**Eternal rest grant unto  
them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine  
upon them. May they  
rest in peace.**



## PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS

Kristin Agresta	Bryce Lewis
Daniel Amulong	Matthew Long
Gretchen Anderson	Joseph Macri
David Barlow	Jonathan Martinez
Chad Bloomstine	Marty Martinez
Bryan Calenda	Sebastian Marzano
Jason Coffey	Matt Maurer
Robert Crowl	Theresa Mavity
Benjamin F. DeDominici	Gary T. Milliner
Nicholas J. DeDominici	Jesus Munoz
Nico Del Pozo	Robbie Naberhaus
Alex Ducker	Andrew Nemethy
Sgt. John Egan	Rory O'Connor
Lt. Bryan Gerstenfeld	Nick Owens
John David Giorlando	Leticia Perez
Josh Grier	Jacob Redito
Robert Grover	Luke Redito
Matthew Hammond	Molly Redito
Dr. Jerry Higman	Alex Ritner
Dominique Hogan	Ray Romano
Jason Howze	Reece Sampieri
Nick Jost	Bryan Satterwhite
Maddox S. Jurgensen	Brandan Schofield
David King	Claire Schofield
John Kinsora	Logan Solio
Michael Krupp	Daniel Sosa
	Margaret-Anne Sytxma
	Dylan Traver



## LOSS OF SPOUSE

If you have had your "other half" die and don't know how to go on without them, join us for this special session. You'll find hope and support from others walking a similar journey.

### ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Saturday, January 20 • 10:00am**

**Buescher Center Room 411**

For more information please contact

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Ken Jagdmann at [kjagdmann@me.com](mailto:kjagdmann@me.com) or 321-652-8049

## PULPIT AND SLIDE ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSION

Please submit pulpit and slide announcements

**no later than noon on Tuesdays to**

**[kgander@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:kgander@ascensioncatholic.net).**

***Pulpit announcements are at the Pastor's discretion.***

**Please submit slide as horizontal design (not vertical).**

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Allewelt	John Disanti	Eli Johnson	John Nitecki	Kirby Shanley
Catalina Alvarez	Arlene Ditta	Paul Joyal	Kathryn Nitecki	Sylvia Sharpe
Ruth Ann	Dawn Edwards	Sr. Francesca Kearns	Frank and Angela O'Brien	Georgienne Simons
Pat Apfelthaler	Francine Elsner	Gerard Kowalchuk	Kevin O'Grady	Linda Sinkule
Sylvia Arnsmeier	Renee Engel	Curt Kozeny	Tiger O'Malley	Collette Spence
Rona Aumentado	Eleanor Rubino Erdogan	Patricia Lawson	Manny Omosa	Richard Spence
Donna Bailey	Henry Eshom	Virginia LeMasters	Koren Oransky	Pat Sprouse
Justin Bandish	Tad Fisher	Loretta Leonard	Evonne Parnell	Nancy Stanley
Sr. Joseph Barden	Virginia Flynn	Dinh Leone	Linda Parsons	Michael Stauffacher
Donna Paglia-Barlet	Chris Freiberg	Vickie Anthony-Lewis	Kelly Parvin	Kellie Stevens
Mary Birmingham	Richard Furstenberg	Eleanor Loennig	Brenda Penner	Georgia Stevenson
Doug Blair	Joyce Gallup	James Loft	Rebecca Perez	Jessie Story
Divina Breckenridge	Nolan Gardinal	John Loft	Jordan Pogan	Alma Sturgeon
Charles Cain	Kathy Gibbs	Juliet (Judy) Loftin	Maryann Pruss	John Thorstad
John Colleran	Patrick Gleason	Sheila Loughrey	Roberto Ramirez	Terry Tomaka
Joseph Canfield	Helga Golson	Dan Lynch	Lisa Ratner	Elaine Tripp
Frank Cavaliere	Pat Gralla	Connie Martorella	Mary Rhem	Pat Trosino
Rose Cavaliere	Chan Grason	Michelle Matyjas	Eileen Rich	Mary Troutman
Teresa Cedeño	Jacob Grillo	Pamela Mauro	Tina Rinaldi	Terry Tsark
Phyllis Ceravolo	Jonah Greene	Marjorie McAloon	Henry Rivero	Jeff Tucker
Dee Chapman	Anita Hadad	Michael McConnell	Rick Robinson	Robert Tyson
Jason Clarke	William Hall	Margaret McKelvey	Wilson Rosado	Maryann Vargas
Stephanie Clarke	Gerry Hemel	Margaret McManus	Wayne Rouse	Petra Velcicka
Daniel Connors	Patti Hensley	Jennie Miller	Rosana Ruiz	Stacy Alan VonKleight
Tommy Conrad	Marilyn Higman	Rose Miller	Tom Russo	Eva Vorce
Jason Cote	Wadson S. Hilaire	Kathy Mize	Thomas Rushworth	Angela Walker
John Cremona	Sherrie Beth Horn	Marcia Monschein	Alex Sadowski	Vanessa Warren
Daniel Cyr	Ann Horschel	Ricky Moore	Gene and Adrienne Schettini	Sylvia Watkins
Louis Cyr	Matt Hosken	Michael Morris	Fred Schmidt	Marge Weir
Will Davis	David Humes	Katie Munoz	Werner Schulz	Jean Wernock
Judy DeCuzzi	Diane Gonzalez Janero	Yolanda Munoz	Beverly Schwartz	Bibi Williams
Theresa DeCuzzi	Sharon Jerrell	Marie Newball	Gloria Scoble	Rachel Woods
John DeStefon	Maureen Johns	Gloria Nikes	Fred Serricchio	

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer or if a name should be removed, please email to [bulletin@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:bulletin@ascensioncatholic.net).

*Please pray for those in nursing homes.*



# Baptism

## SEMINAR

If you are seeking baptism for your child (**6 years old and under**), our next Baptism Seminar will be held:

**January 21, 2024**

**11:00am - 12:30pm**

**Ministry Building E • Room 313**

This seminar is facilitated by members of our community and one of our deacons. The sessions are offered several times a year.

Contact Betsy Glasenapp,  
Director of Faith Formation  
to register at (321) 254-1595 x3080  
or [dre@ascensioncatholic.net](mailto:dre@ascensioncatholic.net)



## THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOUR HELP

### THRIFT SHOP CLOSED SATURDAYS

Our new hours are Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

We are in critical need of volunteers in order to reopen on Saturdays

**MEN NEEDED** - Assist in the warehouse from 9:00am -12:00pm on Saturday morning, assist in the warehouse 12:00pm - 3:00pm Saturday afternoon, assist on the truck with deliveries and pickups during the week [8:30am - 11:00am is typical]. Weekday afternoons to assist in loading and unloading vehicles with donations and purchases. Lifting and moving furniture and appliances is required.

**CASHIERS NEEDED** during the week. Morning shift is 9:00am - 12:30pm. Afternoon shift is 12:30pm - 4:00pm.

Your assistance is needed so we can continue to help those in need.

Most of our revenue goes directly to Ascension Social Concerns.

**Call John Casco at 321-698-7823**



**SATURDAY • FEB. 10**

## NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME BREAKFAST

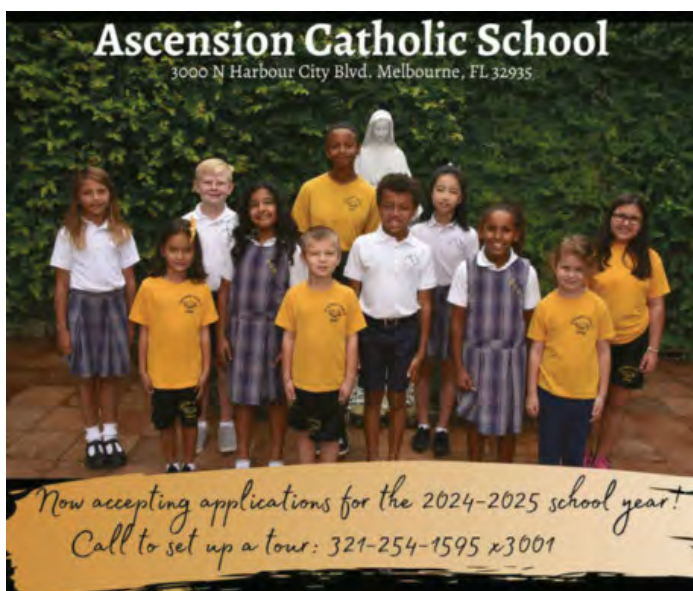
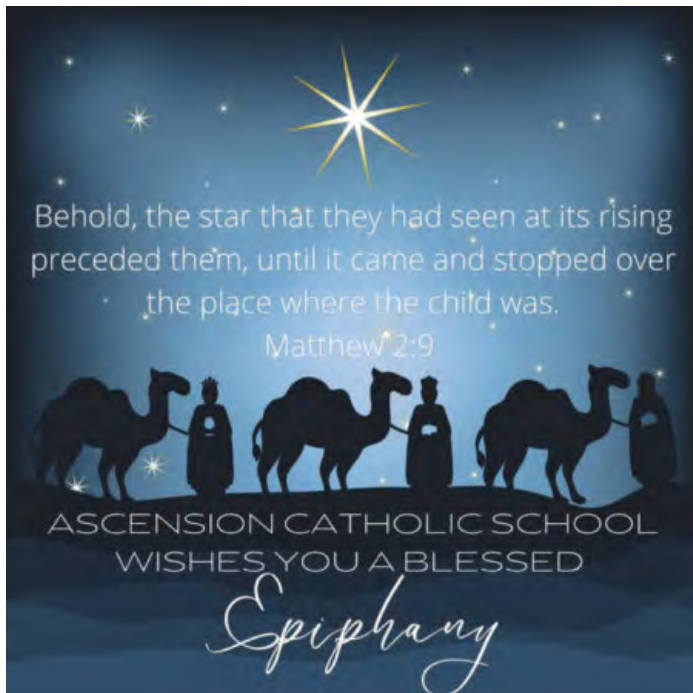
### NEW TO THE PARISH OR RECENTLY REGISTERED?

Fr. John Bosco cordially invites you to breakfast following the 9:00am Mass on Saturday, February 10th in the Parish Hall. Come meet members of our Parish Council and Evangelization Committee, enjoy great food and fellowship while you learn more about our thriving community here at Ascension,

Families are welcome, and we will have a "kids corner" for the little ones. **Please RSVP by Feb. 5th.**

For more information, or to reserve your spot, email [accnewcomerbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:accnewcomerbreakfast@gmail.com).





## THE ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary,  
Queen of the Universe

**Friday, January 19th, 2024**

The event will begin at 11:15 am with a Rosary dedicated to life, followed by mass where Bishop John Noonan will be the main celebrant. Following the liturgy, light refreshments will be offered in the conference center adjacent to the sanctuary.



## 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.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS & FOOD PANTRY



*Thank you for your generous donations to our monthly food collection! What a great way to start to a New Year. We appreciate the continued support you give to our food pantry.*

THANK YOU!! Our Ascension school kids did it again to help feed the poor!!!! During Christmas they had an "Ugly Sweater Contest" and every can of food was a vote; students could vote often and they did. They collected approximately 1,525 cans for our pantry! You are all amazing and we are so Blessed! This food donation was distributed to the needy during this past Christmas season. Thank you also to the amazing Teachers for their continued support!

**THANK YOU** to all the Parishioners who donated to our "ANGEL TREE GIFT PROGRAM". With your generosity we were able to give "150" kids gifts cards for a Merry Christmas! Thank you also to Kim Kelly for collecting and distributing all of the gifts!



**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:**  
*Cereal, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Mashed Potato Packets and Corned Beef Hash*



The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Mt 25:40

The start of 2024 can be a time to make new resolutions. Resolutions can strengthen our spirit and also help others in our community. **SUGGESTION:** Give just a few hours a month to share your smile and love of Christ by helping to serve a hot meal to those in need—homeless, elderly, men, women, children, and Veterans.



We volunteer as Ascension Team the 2nd Monday, 2nd Thursday, 2nd Saturday, 4th Tuesday, and 5th Friday each month. **ASCENSION VOLUNTEERS ARE A IMPORTANT PART OF MAKING THIS HAPPEN.**

### ASCENSION VOLUNTEER CONTACTS:

Monday 1/8/24 ..... Mary Sipes at 614-395-9030

Thursday 1/11/24 ..... Ann Reynolds at 336-988-4348

Saturday 1/13/24 ..... Joan Johnson at 321-779-1894  
or jsj1102@aol.com

Tuesday 1/23/24 ..... Maria Huertas at 860-877-4811  
or myfivesons2012@aol.com

Donations of belts, razors and t-shirts are especially needed.

All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Office hours are weekdays 8:30AM to 1:30PM

& weekends 8:00AM to 11:30AM • 321-723-1060

Daily Bread is located at 815 E. Fee Ave., Melbourne

Contact Daily Bread for more information 321-723-1060

Try Something Delicious!



### CHOCOLATE BARS ARE HERE!!

Fair Trade Chocolate Bars, Coffees, Teas and Olive Oil are available in the Religious Articles Gift Shop all year around and make great gifts or a treat for yourself.  
Info: Barb Warwick  
(321) 242-2036



# WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY!

COME ON OUT FOR SOME OF THE  
BEST HOME COOKING IN TOWN!

**JANUARY 10**



*menu*

## ROAST PORK

with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable (tbd)

salad, desserts and cold drinks

HOW MUCH: \$12.00 for adults,

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SIGN-UP in the parish hall or by calling the  
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**Dinner 5:00PM – 6:00PM**

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## FR. ZACH JOINS ASCENSION POLAR PLUNGERS!



Fr. Zach has joined Council 14573's Ascension Polar Plungers for our 2024 campaign! We will be taking the plunge for Central Florida Special Olympics on February 10th and accepting donations before/after Masses



January 6 & 7. These donations will provide athletes with year-round training, competition, and health services. Please help us give the gift of dignity and hope!

**Scan the Team Donation  
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## MILITARY MINISTRY THANKS YOU



The veterans at the transitional housing in Melbourne would like to express our sincere appreciation to the parish for the wonderful outpouring of generosity of Christmas collections that we received.

Your donations will help those veteran's who have temporarily lost the ability to manage their lives successfully.

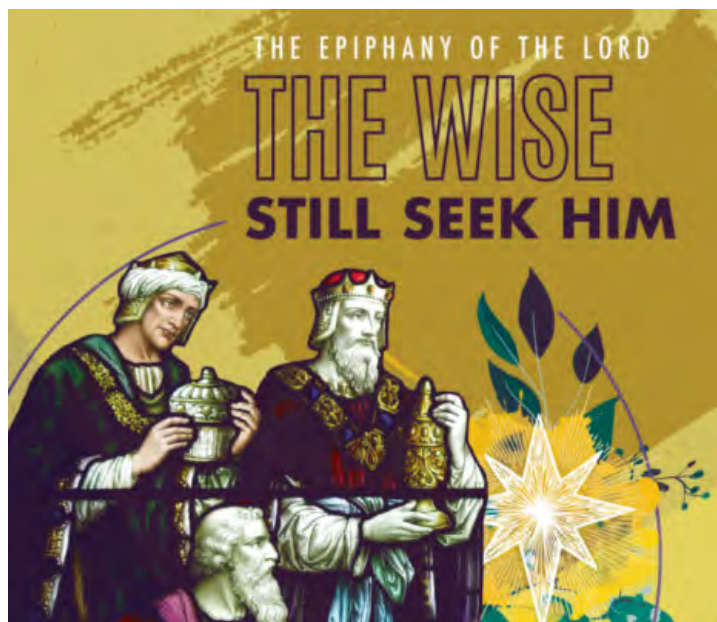


### Wedding Anniversaries 01/08/24 through 01/14/24

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James & Barbara Andrachick	56	01/13/1968
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Thomas & Mary Ann O'Shea	43	01/10/1981
Phillip & Lina Ruhlman	37	01/10/1987
Edward & Jeanne Demuth	34	01/13/1990
Carmine & Bonnie Barretta	32	01/09/1992
Jose & Yamilka Vento	25	01/08/1999
Jason & Crystal Buenaventura	19	01/11/2005
Jason Stripinis & Alexandra McAvoy	19	01/14/2005
Leonardo & Laura Chirivi	17	01/10/2007
Matthew & Ashley Battani	16	01/12/2008
Ryan & Manoela Lefler	13	01/12/2011
Alzhilsh & Rachelle Sreenagesh	12	01/11/2012
Steven & Bernadette von Buelow	11	01/12/2013
Matt Walsh & Frances Orzel	2	01/08/2022

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

May God continue to bless you with a heart to love your spouse like never before and the grace to continue to cherish your spouse in every way for the rest of your life. May your home be blessed and filled with God's peace, happiness, love, joy, and blessings. And may God bless you both with good health and long life and many more years of togetherness.



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