

ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church 86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024 John 2:13-25 Dear Ascension Family,

Greetings of peace and good health! We are familiar with the word "cool." But generally, a person who

is cool maintains a quiet dignity and serenity even with things falling apart around him.

We try to be cool most of the time. There are times though when we lose our cool. Then, the unexpected behavior comes up. We raise our voice, we kick the furniture, or throw things out of the window. What makes us lose our cool? Usually we lose our cool when we are personally hurt, when somebody we love is being hurt, or something we care deeply about is not respected.

In the gospel reading today, Jesus did something seemingly out of character. He who was gentle and patient with his disciples and sinners, and who preached about love and forgiveness, got very angry. He was upset seeing the disrespect going on in the house of God, which was supposed to be a house of prayer.

During the Feast of Passover, the Jews went on pilgrimage to the Temple to offer sacrifice. The law prescribed that the animals to be sacrificed at the temple must be "unblemished." Therefore the temple authorities had to inspect the animals to make sure that they were fit for sacrifice. If people bought the animal from the temple, they easily passed the inspection, although the price of the animal may have been as much as 20 times higher than those being sold elsewhere. Moreover, since many of them came from different parts of the world, their money bore the image of the emperor (this was forbidden by the first commandment). So people were continue next page

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

4th Saturday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



Rev. Anacleto S. Asebias, Jr. Pastor

Rev. Kyrian C. Echekwu Parochial Vicar

Sr. Mary Genevieve Ofori-Atta, HDRDirector of Religious Education

Peter Roland

Music Director

Terry Guevara Parish Secretary

Romulo Quiblat

Parish Council Chair

Maryann Nepomuceno Parish Finance Chair

Fernando Velazquez Maria San Pedro Parish Trustees forced to change their money into temple money (the only money acceptable in the temple offering) but at an exorbitant exchange rate, which went into the pockets of the merchants and money-changers, who, in effect, had made the temple - holiest place of worship of God's people - into a marketplace. And the temple authorities were behind these money-making ventures!

However, if we examine ourselves honestly, we might see that we are no different from the merchants, money-changers and the religious authorities of Jesus' time. By virtue of our Baptism, we are meant to be a dwelling place of the Blessed Trinity. St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, declares, "God's temple is holy, and you are that temple" (1 Cor 3:17). Do we try to make ourselves pleasing to God? Have we appreciated the blessings and gifts that God has given us? Or have we misused them for our selfish gratification, and have been offending God?

When Jesus spoke of the temple being destroyed and "raised up" in three days, he was not referring to the temple made of stone which had taken forty years to build. Rather he was referring to the temple of his body. With Jesus, the Jewish temple has become a thing of the past. He is now the living Temple through whom all those who believe have access to God. He is now the only worthy sacrifice we can offer to the Father.

In other words, we don't have to go to the temple of Jerusalem for worship. God has made it so easy for us to worship him in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. But like anything that is familiar and easily accessible we take for granted. Many people come to Mass because it is an obligation, not for love of God. That is why they do not put their heart and mind into what is going on in the Mass. No wonder there are people during Mass gossiping, or people with cellphones in their hands texting, or hanging from their ears talking.

I am reminded of a priest who asked some parishioners: "Have you been going to Mass regularly?" "Yes, Father," they replied. "But how come I have not seen you in our church?" he asked them. They answered, "You see, Father we have been going to Mass at the shopping mall, not in our church." The priest exasperatedly remarked: "What is happening these days? People go to shopping centers to attend Mass, while many go to churches like they are going for shopping!" In shopping when we see something we like, we pay for it and we get it. If we don't see anything that pleases us, we leave the place and shop somewhere else.

The picture of Jesus cleansing the temple of Jerusalem is a reminder for us of what we should be doing to sin in our life. Lent calls us to do just that.

Praying for you all, Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit

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CHURCH OFFERING

February 25, 2024 1st Collection - \$5,118.00 2nd Collection - \$1,680.00 (Youth Ministry)

Upcoming Collections

March 3rd - Easter Flower Offering
March 10th - Catholic Relief Services
March 17th - Faith Formation
March 24th - My Easter Gift to Church
March 28th - Holy Thursday
March 29th - Holy Land Sanctuaries (Good Friday)
March 31st - Retired Priests

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education for September 2024 to June 2025 is now open. Children from 7 years old can be registered. The current students from 1st grade to 7th graders should register for the 2024/2025 school year.

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes take place at the Ascension School, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (across the street from the firehouse). The classes run from September through June. Classes are for children in grades 1 through 8th. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time, as well as birth certificate. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in volunteering for the Faith Formation Program, please call the Parish Office at 718-335-2626

or e-mail ascensionfaithformationoffice@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Registrations for young adults and adults 18 years and above for the RCIA September 2024/2025 is open. Registration forms are available at the Rectory Office.

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.



Saturday, March 2nd

5:00 PM Rodante Gabriel

Sunday, March 3rd

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Ascension Parish Rosary Society (L) & (D)

11:30 AM Emmet Navarro (L) 1:00 PM Conrado Sotelo

Conrado Sotelo Joel Lopez Sanchez (L)

Ricardo Cruz (L) & Carmela Rodriguez (L)

Natalie Carrillo-Rojas (L)

Angelica Toxqui (L) & Eduardo Toxqui (L) Jazmin Gallardo (L); Karina Ramos (L)

Emanuel Pedro Gallardo (L)

Jacinta Romero (L); Alana Sofia Gallardo (L)

Monday, March 4th - St. Casimir

7:00 AM Severiano & Florencia Madlambayan

9:00 AM Anabelle Cabreira

Tuesday, March 5th

7:00 AM Val & Rachel Tavaris 9:00 AM Nathan Lachica (L)

Wednesday, March 6th

7:00 AM Robert & George Tavaris

9:00 AM Olive Atienza (L)

Thursday, March 7^{th-}Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:00 AM Errol & Juliet Fern 9:00 AM John & Della Scott

Friday, March 8th - St. John of God, Religious

7:00 AM Michael Mare 9:00 AM John & Della Scott

Saturday, March 9th - St. Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 AM Bonifacio Bartolome

Julius Claustro Daryl Guangco

Joseph (L) & Angelica Gonzaga (L)

Juanita Dimitui Eduardo Montana (L) Catherine Dorothy Manas

Please pray for: Renato Go



Pray for the Sick:



Rosa Tan, Carmen Moredo, Sandra P. Carvajal. Julissa Martinez, Luis Arnulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Elie Fornilda, Jose Reynel Vigoya, Joel Rivera, Sursatti Shaw, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria

Daulo, Jose M. Rosado, Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubiela Arenas, Enrique Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresita Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco, Nazarette Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guiab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Renato Go, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio, Rustico Castellano, Beth Bagnol Enriquez, Cely DeBorja, Vanessa Velasquez, Maggie Riego de Dios. To add names, please call the Parish Office.

MEMORIALS

March 3 - March 9



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated In Loving Memory of Catalina Del Mundo

Sanctuary Lamp will burn In Loving Memory of Kenzie Galvez





Altar Flowers has been donated In Loving Memory of

(please contact the Rectory Office to request a flower memorial)

Altar Candles will burn In Loving Memory of Ascension Purgatorial Society



Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



EUCARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024 EXPLANATION OF THE MASS

After a series of short catechesis on the sacrament of the Eucharist, we will now have a series of short explanation of the different parts of the Mass.

Proper Reception of Holy Communion: As a rule, the communicants approach in procession. The faithful are not permitted to take up the Consecrated Bread or the Sacred Chalice themselves, and still less to hand them onto one another. The faithful receive Holy Communion as they choose: either standing or kneeling, either on the tongue or in the hand. The Sacred Host is consumed in its entirety as soon as it is received. The choice on the manner of receiving Holy Communion is on the communicant, and not on the priest or minster of Holy Communion. Traditionalists would say that Communion must be received only kneeling and on the tongue, so that no particle will be lost; on the other hand, Modernists claim that Communion should be received only on the hand, as Jesus did during the Last Supper. The Church allows either manner, as long as Holy Communion is received with due respect and holiness.

Communion Under Both Kinds: There are two manners of receiving Communion under both kinds: 1) The communicant first receives the Body of Christ; and then the priest hands the chalice to the communicant, who drinks from it, hands it back (Continuation on page of Saint's Corner)

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal



Information on this year's appeal will be provided shortly. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to reaching our goal for this year.

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens in ways no one parish can accomplish alone.

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish for operations and improvements. Donations for this year are being accepted. Donate at Annual Catholic Appeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255.

To donate on-line: https://catholicfoundationbq.org/ annual-catholic-appeal/ Checks can be made out directly to:

Annual Catholic Appeal
Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310
Kensington, CT 06037-0310
Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo, lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información y para los requisitos de los padrinos.

Clases de Educación Religiosas Para Adultos

Inscripciones para adultos mayores de 18 años para el programa de OICA se están aceptando para septiembre 2024/2025. Inscripciones disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial.

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Clases De Educación Religiosa para Niños/Jóvenes

Inscripciones para el programa del próximo año escolar septiembre 2024 a junio 2025 se están actualizando al presente. Niños de 7 años en adelante pueden inscribirse. Todos los estudiantes en los grados 1 al 7 deberán de estar inscritos para el próximo año escolar de 2024/2025.

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de 8:45 AM a 11:00 AM de septiembre a junio. Las clases toman lugar en la Escuela Asunción, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (frente la estación de bomberos). Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas y voluntarios para el programa de educación religiosa. Animamos a los que puedan a compartir su fe Católica, su tiempo y talento. Si le interesa, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial, 718-335-2626.

Clases de VIRTUS

Clase de **VIRTUS** para los padres de los niños en el Coro de Niños será ofrecida el domingo 10 de marzo en el sótano de la Oficina Parroquial de 3:00 a 6:00 pm.

Clase de **VIRTUS** para los voluntarios de la parroquia que no han asistido. La clase será ofrecida el domingo 17 de marzo en el sótano de la Oficina Parroquial de 3:00 a 6:00 pm.

Inscripciones en línea: Virtus Training Diocese of Brooklyn

Via Crucis

Via Crucis en español será todos los martes durante Cuaresma a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia.

Hora del Verano

El domingo 10 de marzo se cambian los relojes por la hora del verano o sea 'Daylight Savings Time" Recuerden adelantar sus relojes 1 hora antes la noche del sábado 9 de marzo.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

Monday: Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays @ 9:30 AM

Tuesday: Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena @ 9:30 AM | Novena Mass

@ 7:00 PM (1st Wednesday)

Friday: Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction

1st Friday @ 9:30 AM Mass

Our Lady of Fatima | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

& Black Nazarene

1st Friday – Angelus | Rosary | Novena to Our Lady

of Fatima @ 6:00 PM & Mass @ 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group & Choir

4th Friday 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church)

Saturday: 2000 Hail Mary

1st Saturday @ 9:30 AM

Lady of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace

2nd Saturday @ 9:30 AM

El Shaddai

2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church)

Sunday: Ascension Parish Rosary Society

1st Sunday @10:00 AM

Religious Education Children's Choir

2nd, 3rd, 4th and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 11:15

AM-12:30 PM

Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group and God the Father of All Mankind Devotion

Prayer Group

4th Sunday @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Lower Church)

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM **(Church)** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Church)

CFC Christian Life Program*

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church)

4th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6 PM (Lower Church)

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Rosary Making Ministry

To request supplies and/or pick up rosaries, please email: marie panas@msn.com

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EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Stations of the Cross: The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the 9:00 AM Mass and at 6:30 PM.

Radio Bingo: Our Lady of Hope Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus Juniper Valley Council 14578 will host an evening of entertainment, prizes and raffles on Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 PM at the OLH Gym; cost is \$35 per person. Reserve your tickets now. For more info please contact Anthony 646-354-0743 or Thomas 718-779-2692.

Daylight Savings Time: Daylight Savings Time begins on the second Sunday in March (March 10th) at 2:00 a.m. local time in the U.S. Turn clocks ahead one hour, ideally at bedtime on the Saturday night before.

VIRTUS Class: A Virtus class for the parents of the Children's Choir will be held at Ascension Church (lower rectory), Sunday, March 10 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

and

VIRTUS Class: A Virtus class for volunteers of the parish (who have not attended this training) will be held at Ascension Church (lower rectory), Sunday, March 17 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Registrations on-line at: Virtus Training Diocese of Brooklyn

Eucharistic Revival (continuation)

to the priest and withdraws. The priest wipes the rim of the chalice with the purificator. 2) By *intinction*: an acolyte holds the communion plate under the chin of the communicant; the priest instincts the hosts into the chalice and, showing it, says: "The body and blood of Christ." The communicant responds: "Amen," and receives the Sacrament in the mouth.

Communion Ministers: In the distribution of Holy Communion, if other priests are not available and there is a great number of communicants, the priest may be assisted by the *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, or in their absence by acolytes or members of the faithful commissioned by the priest only for that occasion.

Saint's Corner:

St. Casimir March 4

Born in a palace in Cracow in 1458, Casimir was the second son of Casimir IV, King of Poland. As a boy Casimir was very devoted to prayer, the Blessed Sacrament, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He would kneel in prayer at night before locked church doors. While still in his teens, he resolved to remain single and serve God in lifelong celibacy. He practiced many mortifications in secret, wore a hair shirt under his clothes, often slept on the ground. He was particularly concerned about helping the poor. As a young prince at court, he was always cheerful and pleasant.

When he was about 13 years old, a dispute arose between the king of Hungary, King Matthias Corvinus, and his nobles. These nobles asked King Casimir of Poland to send his young son Casimir to dethrone Corvinus and become their king. Young Casimir was extremely reluctant to consent to this plan because he figured that dethroning Corvinus was an unjust move. However, he felt compelled to obey his father and, out of sheer obedience to him, marched at the head of 20,000 men to the Hungarian frontier. But his army was clearly outnumbered by that of Corvinus, and some of his troops were deserting in large numbers because they were not paid. On the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home, resolved not to enter into a suicidal and unjust war.

Unfortunately, his father was so mortified at the failure of his plan that he imprisoned young Casimir for three months in a remote castle. On that occasion the lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his time, and no amount of pressure exerted on him was ever able to make him change his mind. From then on he concentrated his attention on prayer and study.

He died of a lingering illness at the age of 25 on this date in 1484. He was canonized in 1521 by Pope Leo X, and was declared patron of Poland and Lithuania.

NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP.

| WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP: |
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| New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish |
| Office of any changes in address or phone number. |
| Name |
| Address |
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| Phone: |
| Email |
| I wish to receive a registration form |
| I have an address change |
| I am moving out of the Parish |
| Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection |
| basket. Thank you. |

Children's Section:



Sunday Gospel Activities

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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3RD DIVINE MERCY

March 29 - April 7, 2024

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draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

NINE DAYS NOVENA & MASS SCHEDULE

First Day - Today bring to Me ALL MANKIND, ESPECIALLY ALL SINNERS .

• March 29, 2024, GOOD FRIDAY, 6:30pm Rosary, Novena & C 6:30pm Rosary, Novena & Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Second Day - Today bring to Me THE SOULS OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS
• March 30, 2024, HOLY SATURDAY 6:30pm Rosary, Novena & Ch 6:30pm Rosary, Novena & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

Third Day - Today bring to Me ALL DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL SOULS
- March 31, 2024, EASTER SUNDAY. 6:00pm Angelous, Ro (Blessing at D.M. Candles & Banner) 6:00pm Angelous, Rosary & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 7:00pm NOVENA MASS.

Fourth Day - Today bring to Me THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW ME
• April 1, 2024, RECONCILIATION MONDAY 5:30pm Rosary 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
7:00pm NOVENA MASS.

*April 2, 2024, EASTER TUESDAY. 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 7:00pm NOVENA MASS.

Sixth Day - Today bring to Me THE MEEK AND HUMBLE SOULS AND THE SOULS OF LITTLE CHILDREN • April 3, 2024, EASTER WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous. Chaplet of Divine Mercv 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 7:00pm NOVENA MASS.

Seventh Day - Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ESPECIALLY VENERATE AND GLORIFY MY MERCY April 4, 2024, EASTER THURSDAY. 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00pm NOVENA MÁSS. 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Eight Day - Today bring to Me THE SOULS WHO ARE DETAINED IN PURGATORY
• April 5, 2024, EASTER FRIDAY
5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous. 5:30pm Rosary. 6:00pm Angelous, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 7:00pm NOVENA MASS.

Ninth Day - Today bring to Me SOULS WHO HAVE BECOME LUKEWARM
• April 6, 2024, EASTER SATURDAY. 6:00pm Angelous, Rosary & 7:00pm NOVENA MASS 6:00pm Angelous, Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Rosary

FEAST DAY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 7, 2024)

3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:00pm

Eucharist Celebration (MASS) Procession (Rosary)

Note: For a meaningful Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration, the sacrament of confession is strongly encouraged. The schedule of the confession are as follows:

Reconciliation Monday, April 1, 2024 9:45am - 10:45am and 6:00pm - 8:00pm - All Saturdays of Lent 4:00pm - 4:45pm

Contacts: Rectory Office: 718-335-2626

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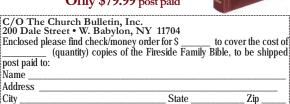
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