



ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church
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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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 12, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024
John 17:11b-19

Dear Ascension Family,

On this Mother's Day, may I take this opportunity to express my own sentiments of praise and gratitude to all mothers. A proverb very rightly and wisely states: "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." As a priest I can honestly say that the proverb makes a lot of sense. My mother never stood in a pulpit, as I do every day. But all through her life, my mother, like every other mother, preached the best homilies through living her Catholic faith in her daily life. This is probably the reason why the American poet William Ross Wallace said in words that now have become classical: "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Such is the marvelous influence that each and every one of you, mothers, have exerted on your children, and of this you can be proud and happy. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**

To allow ourselves to be nourished by God's word, let us reflect on the gospel reading for today - 7th Sunday of Easter, which is part of the so called intercessory or "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus mediated with the Father for the needs of the disciples whom he was leaving behind to carry on his work. Of course, by his own intercessory prayer for his disciples, Jesus teaches us the value of all intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer - prayer for others, has been at the heart of the Church's prayer life since the time of Jesus. St. Paul in his letters frequently refers to his intercessory prayers for his churches and he often calls on his churches to pray for him. Praying for others is one of the ways we give expression to our communion with others in the Lord.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 8:00AM

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)

**3rd Saturday @ 5:00 PM (God the
Father of all Mankind)**

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



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9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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In his prayer, Jesus makes a very important statement about the status of his disciples in reference to the world in which they live. Jesus' disciples are **in** the world; they are not to separate themselves from the rest of humankind and to live in isolation like hermits. However, "they do not belong to the world." This means that, even though his disciples live in the world, they are not **of** the world. The disciples "do not belong to the world" yet they are to live out their calling in the world; they are called to carry out God's saving mission in the world, just as Jesus did. Yes, the world can be a hostile place, but "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."(Jn 3:17). The disciples are to bring light to a world that is full of darkness.

Jesus prayed for *unity* among his disciples. "May they be one just as we are one." Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples because disunity among the disciples is a blight on their witness. Unity, of course, does not mean "uniformity." The apostles were quite diversified in personality makeup, temperament, and need. Moreover, unity is not determined by whether Christians agree with each other about every interpretation of the Scripture or doctrine or form of church government. Rather, Christian unity is determined by whether and how well we love one another and whether we reflect the love of God in Christ for the world. In the times of the early Church, outsiders were often impressed by the way the Christians held together: "See how these Christians love on another"(an exclamation from a pagan Roman, quoted to us by Tertullian, one of the early church fathers).

Jesus also prayed that God his Father would protect his disciples from the attacks of the Evil One. There is here an echo of one of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Jesus was well aware of the presence of evil in the world. Jesus took evil seriously. He knew that his disciples needed to be protected from the power of evil. Jesus began his prayer for his disciples by asking God his Father to "keep them in your name that you have given me." Here Jesus is praying that his disciples would remain faithful to God, faithful to himself, and faithful to their calling as his disciples. The disciples' task is not to be successful but to be faithful.

We should take evil seriously, as Jesus did. But we should never allow its presence to make us despondent because we know that the power of God is greater than the power of evil. If the disciples of Christ fall, it is because they try to meet life on their own strength; they do not seek God's protecting presence and help. Jesus' prayer for his disciples is the prayer that we are to pray for ourselves.

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



CHURCH OFFERING

May 5, 2024

1st Collection - \$5,943.00

2nd Collection - \$1,799.00 (Church Maintenance)

Upcoming Collections

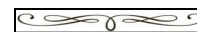
May 12th - Youth Ministry

May 19th - Catholic Communications

May 26th - Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds

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 Classes for Children

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. The classes run from September through June. Registrations for Faith Formation are presently being accepted at the Rectory Office for classes from: 1st - 8th Grades. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you.

For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335-2626.



Saturday, May 11th

5:00 PM Angeles C. Maranan

Sunday, May 12th

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Emma & Rodrigo Rosado

11:30 AM Marguerite Roland (L)

1:00 PM Esperanza Castro Ramirez , Maria Ramirez
Delfina Morales Sedeño
Mamás del Ministro de Hospitalidad de la
Iglesia Ascensión (L)
Jovita Osorio Romero
Ruth Florez, Otoniel Botero, Socorro Castillo
Catalina Yañez, Ernestina Palacios
Mercedes Trujillo, Jarcadio Trujillo
Paulina Aldana, Janet Camargo
Alicia Oropeza (L), Catalina Oropeza
Ernestina Toxqui, Julissa Hernandez (L)
Angela Garcia (L), Sofia Xochimitl (L)
Teresita Bernal, Jovita Torres
Feliz Morales (L), Luisa Toxqui Hernandez
Gloria Marcial (L), Pascual Hernandez
Julia Molina, Maximino Hernandez
Petra Camacho (L), MaDolores Buñay (L)
Mamás del Ministerio Inmenso Dios (L)

4:00 PM Ascension Parish Feast Day Mass

Monday, May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Rustico Castellano

8:00 AM Alberto Marquez

Tuesday, May 14th - St. Matthias, Apostle

7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Gwendoline Prichard

8:00 AM Fredrick Josh Santiago (L)

Wednesday, May 15th - St. Isidore

7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 AM Isidro Bolisay

Thursday, May 16th

7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Lydiniana Gonzaga

8:00 AM Anne Marie Collins

Friday, May 17th

7:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Severiano & Florencia Madlambayan

8:00 AM William Jones & Christina Jones

Saturday, May 18th - St. John I, Pope and Martyr

9:00 AM Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
Henri Escobar (L)
Rustico Castellano

MEMORIALS

May 12 – May 18



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of
Emma & Rodrigo Rosado
Requested by: Rosado Family

Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
Jose S. Panlilio, Sr.



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
Errol & Juliet Fern



Paschal Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of
Joventino and Angeles Maranan
Requested by Maranan Family

Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



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, Nazarete Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundran, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guingab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio, Beth Bagnol Enriquez, Cely DeBorja, Vanessa Velasquez, Maggie Riego de Dios, Teresa Reale, John Castaneda, Lizzette Sanchez, Janet P. Cordi. To add names, please call the Parish Office.



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Called to Communion, Participation & Mission

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal supports the mission of our parish and the daily work of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

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.

Summary Report as of May 6, 2024

Goal: \$51,617

Pledged: \$22,431.00

Received: \$13,668.00

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
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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.

Registro Parroquial

Si asiste a esta Iglesia le sugerimos que se registre como miembro de nuestra parroquia. Formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Los sobres de donación vienen con registro y utilizándolos nos permiten darle un informe de sus contribuciones para fines impositivos. Tener su nombre en nuestros registros es la única manera que tenemos de certificar que usted es un católico practicante, ya que tenemos que hacer para personas que se les pide que sirvan de patrocinadores (padrinos) de bautismo o confirmación.

Clases de Educación Religiosa Para Adultos

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

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. Inscripciones para el programa del próximo año escolar se están actualizando al presente. Se requiere prueba de bautismo para todo niño/a registrado por primer vez. Para mas información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Vigilia de Pentecostés

Sábado 18 de mayo en el sótano de la Iglesia
de 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
Todos están invitados.

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2024

Unidos en Comunión Unidos en Caridad

La meta de nuestra Iglesia Asunción es \$51,617. Después de sobrepasar nuestra meta, recibiremos 100% de los fondos recaudados por encima de esta cifra directamente para nuestra parroquia. Estamos aceptando donaciones para este año.

Oremos por el éxito de la Campaña Católica Anual en nuestra parroquia y diócesis este año, para que el Espíritu Santo nos mueva en la fe a unir nuestras oraciones con nuestro apoyo financiero para hacer las buenas obras de Cristo, incluyendo el apoyo a la vida y la vida familiar.

Haga su donación hoy en Annual Catholic Appeal.org o envíe un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255.

Para donar en línea: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/> Envíe su cheque directamente a: Annual Catholic Appeal, Diocese of Brooklyn P.O. Box 310 Kensington, CT 06037-0310.

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

- Monday:** **Miraculous Medal Novena**
Mondays @ 8:30 AM
- Tuesday:** **Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday:** **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Novena @ 8:30 AM | Novena Mass
- Friday:** **Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction**
1st Friday @ 8:30 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
- God the Father of All Mankind Devotion Prayer Group**
3rd Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church)
followed by the 5:00 PM Mass
- Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group**
4th Saturday @ 4:00 PM Novena (Church)
followed by the 5:00 PM Mass
- 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
- 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 6:00 PM (Lower Church)
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- Rosary Making Ministry**
To request supplies and/or pick up rosaries,
please email: marie_panas@msn.com



EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Ascension of the Lord Feast Day: Sunday, May 12th with a procession at 3:00 PM followed by a concelebrated Mass at 4:00 PM with the Most Reverend Raymond F. Chappetto. After the Mass there is fellowship in the lower church.

Fr. Troike Summer Leadership Program at Cathedral Prep in Elmhurst: The Father Troike Summer Leadership Program has instilled qualities of Christian and community leadership to young men for 48 years. Program to begin on Monday, July 1st through Friday, July 26th. Cost: \$500 per student for the 4 week program. For further information or to register call 718-592-6800 Ext. 150 or email: cpadmissions@cathedralprep.org

Saint's Corner:

St. Damien of Molokai

May 10

Damien was born in Belgium in 1840. He joined the Fathers of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and went to work among the lepers of Molokai, an island in Hawaii.

Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the leper's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became the lepers' most effective advocate to obtain promised government support. Soon the leper colony had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably.

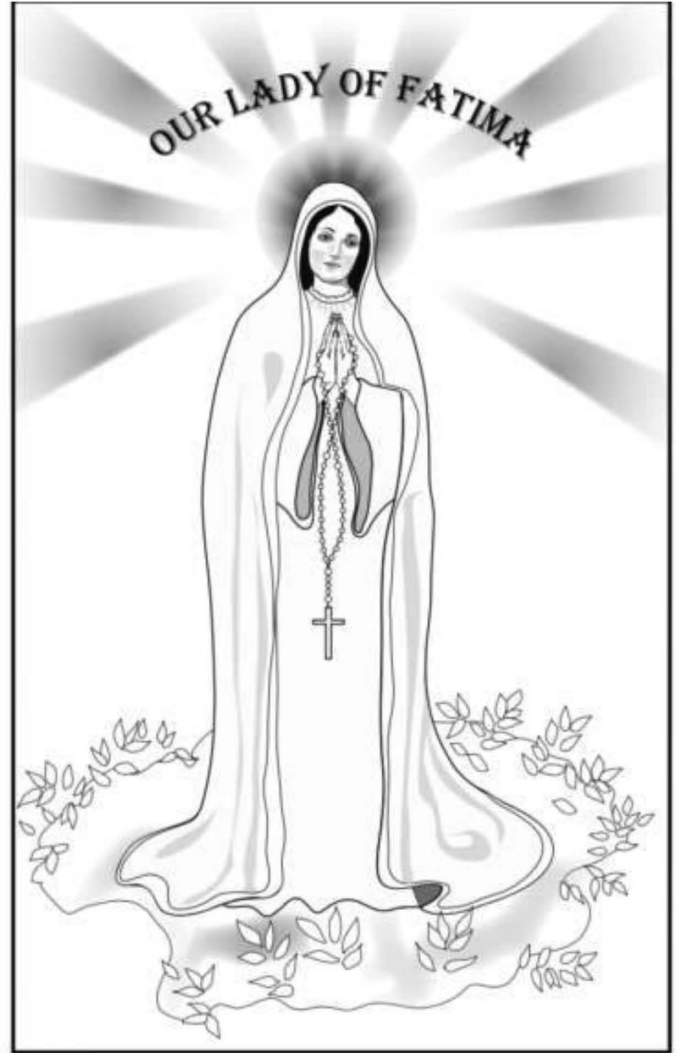
Damien eventually contracted leprosy himself. It was a dramatic moment when he began his sermon one day with the words, "Fellow lepers." He may not have been able to bring them healing in body but he did bring them healing in soul and spirit. Through his ministry, he taught them that whatever society may do, Jesus Christ loves them.

We need to bring that message to our society. Damien's work with the lepers was a message to his time that they counted and that whatever the disease with which they were burdened, they remained human beings with dignity.

One way we can serve our world today is to remind people of the inherent dignity of every individual even though that person may be stigmatized because of an illness, handicap or disease they have. The young and the beautiful fascinate our society. The message of the Church to our time is that every person counts.

Father Damien died at the age of 49.

Children's Section:



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**NEW TO OUR PARISH?
WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

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Address _____

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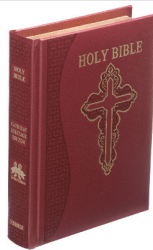
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