



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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 13, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2024
Mark 10:17-30

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

Do you want to go to heaven? Most, if not all, of us will say, "Yes, of course!" In the gospel reading today, a young man approached Jesus, knelt before him and asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He, too, wanted to go to heaven.

What reply did Jesus give? Jesus gave him the standard answer: observe the commandments. The young man responded, "All of these I have observed from my youth." His response indicated that he was not satisfied with it, that he was looking for something more.

Then Jesus made another proposal. "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." We could imagine the young man saying in shocked disbelief, "You must be kidding!" No wonder that the young man's "face fell, and went away sad, for he had many possessions."

The enormity of the challenge was expressed in Jesus' words: "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were equally as shocked at Jesus' words. What made it more shocking was the strong Jewish belief that wealth was a sign of God's blessing.

Jesus did not tell the young man to sell all he had because riches were evil. Riches are not bad. Being creatures of God riches are good, like the rest of creation. But riches exert a very strong and seductive attraction so that we are drawn to them and away from their source, who is God. Riches become a rival god, Mammon, seducing us to seek riches at the expense of our relationship with God.

In our own experience, we see many instances of what the pursuit of wealth and one's attitude towards it can do to a person. Such a person works for practically 24 hours a
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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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day with only one thing in mind: to make more money. If he has to step on other people's toes in the process, so be it. Some even steal and kill just to have more and more money. Moreover, the pursuit of wealth makes people hard and selfish. Because their only concern is themselves, they become unmindful of those with less in life.

A wealthy man went to a wise man and asked, "Why is it that riches would make a person unhappy when it is supposed to bring happiness?" "Come to the window," said the wise man, "and tell me what you see through the glass." "I see people on the streets," replied the wealthy man. "Fine, now come and look through this other glass," the wise man told him. It was a large mirror. "Tell me, what do you see now?" "I just see myself," said the wealthy man. "Just yourself? That is the difference when the glass is coated with silver. The possession of riches affects our point of view and gives a selfish coloring to our way of thinking."

That is why we should keep our heart in the right place. We should seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and love God in all things and above all things. Then riches will not be our master but our slave, which we shall freely dispose of according to the will of God.

Unfortunately, this did not seem to be the case with the rich young man in the gospel reading. When challenged by Jesus to sell his possessions and to give to the poor, and then follow him, he went away sad.

But there are others who were able to detach themselves from their possessions. And often these are not only rich people, but even poor people, who in spite of their needs find it in their heart to share what little they have with others. Mother Saint Teresa of Calcutta told a story how she went to a very poor woman and gave her some rice. Right away the woman divided it into two and started to go somewhere. Mother Saint Teresa asked where she was going, and she answered, "I am going to my neighbor and share what you have given me; she is in even greater need than I."

Jesus invites us, as he invited the rich young man in today's gospel reading, to trust in God and him alone. He wants us to see that true discipleship goes beyond keeping a set of rules. The demands of Jesus on us are impossible if we are left to ourselves. But for God all things are possible.

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

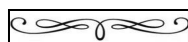
Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

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

October 6, 2024

1st Collection - \$5,357.00

2nd Collection - \$2,059.00 (Upkeep of Rectory & Grounds)

October 13th - Fuel Offering

Special Collection

There will be a special collection on Sunday, October 13th for the victims of hurricane Helene.

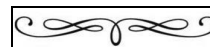
Upcoming Collections

October 20th - World Mission Sunday

October 27th - Faith Formation

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.

Volunteers needed: Our parish is in need of volunteers for the Religious Education Program. If interested please call the rectory office.

Religious Education Calendar

Sunday, October 13th, no class

Return to class at school on: Sunday, October 20th

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, October 12th

5:00 PM Isla Lee (L)

Sunday, October 13th

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Neshaa Ramoutar (L) & Rueben Graz (L)
11:30 AM In Honor of St. Lucy
1:00 PM Esperanza Castro Ramirez
Dominga Castillo (L)
Daisy Pilamunga (L)
Diana del Pilar Botero Flores (L)
Julio Palacios
Catalina Yanez
Engelbert Morales (L)
Gabriel Arango
Ilsi Fernandez (L)
Pedro Xochimilt Coyotepal
Reina Xochimilt (L) & Family

Monday, October 14th - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Columbus Day

7:00 AM Andrea M. Devenosa
8:00 AM Jose Canlas

Tuesday, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Joseph Nebrao (L)
8:00 AM Anabelle Cabreira

Wednesday, October 16th - St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:00 AM Romeo Rinonos
8:00 AM Amelia Sotelo

Thursday, October 17th - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr

7:00 AM Marie Fornilda (L)
8:00 AM Leonardo (L) & Kathleen Requerme (L)

Friday, October 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM Arnold (L) & Amy Carpena (L)
8:00 AM William Boetel

Saturday, October 19th - Ss. John de Brébeuf and Issaac Jogues,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM Lulu Escobar (L)
Walfredo L. Bulala
Felix Gutierrez
Felisa T. Fornilda
Schubert Suarez Tanunliong
Teresita Maturan
Crispen & Porferia Omaguing

Please pray for:

Deceased members of our families



MEMORIALS

October 13 – October 19



**Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of**

Felisa T. Fornilda

Requested by: Nubia Aguirre & Family

Sanctuary Lamp will burn

In Loving Memory of

Andrea M. Devenosa



**Altar Flowers has been donated
For**

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

Altar Candles will burn

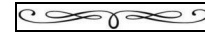
In Loving Memory of

Marcelino M. Colago

Requested by: Colago 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, 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, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundran, 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, Maggie Riego de Dios, Teresa Reale, Janet P. Cordi, Cristian Ardila, Rey Garcia, Susan, Elena Rivera, Lizzete Sanchez Ricardez, Aquino Zapanta, Evangeline Sotelo Montana. 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 October 7, 2024

Goal: \$51,617

Pledged: \$63,401.25

Received: \$48,642.49

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

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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.

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. Se requiere prueba de bautismo para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para mas información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Calendario de Educación Religiosa

Domingo, 13 de octubre, no habrá clase

Domingo 20 de octubre, regresan a clase en la escuela

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2024

Más que nunca, necesitamos su ayuda para difundir la luz de Cristo en nuestra ciudad y vecindarios contribuyendo a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2024. Su participación lo une en la fe con otros en la iglesia para hacer buenas obras durante tiempos desafiantes con nuevas formas innovadoras:

Haga su donación hoy en [Annual Catholic Appeal.org](https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/) o envíe un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255. Para donar en línea: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/>

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Fátima

El domingo 13 de octubre, el día patronal tendremos una Misa a las 5:00 PM seguido por la Procesión Mariana.

Colecta Especial

Habrà una colecta especial el domingo 13 de octubre para las personas afectadas por el huracán Helene.

Flea Market - Iglesia de la Asunción

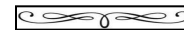
Domingo 13 de octubre de 8:00 AM a 3:00 PM. Patronizado por la Comunidad Hispana. Recaudación para la Parroquia.

Día de Colón

Lunes 14 de octubre celebramos el Día de Colón. El horario de Misa es 7:00 y 8:00 AM. La oficina parroquial estará cerrada.

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

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima: Sunday, October 13th, Feast Day there will be Mass at 5:00 PM followed by the Grand Marian Procession.

Flea Market: Sunday, October 13, 2024 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM: Spanish Community Fundraiser All proceeds will benefit the church.

Columbus Day: Monday, October 14th is Columbus Day. Our Mass schedule is 7:00 and 8:00 AM. The rectory office is closed.

Saint's Corner:

St. Teresa of Avila

October 15

Born in 1515 in Avila, Spain, Teresa proved to be one of the great mystics, doctors and women of the Church. She became a member of the Carmelite order at the age of 20, at a time when the Carmelites were losing the spirit of penance and prayer. In fact the Convent of the Incarnation which she entered was very big with about 150 sisters and it was more like a sorority house than a convent. As a consequence of this, the first 20 years of Teresa's religious life were a period of mediocrity. Fortunately, after an uncle of hers gave her a book on mental prayer, she began to practice this kind of prayer. After a period of intense inner struggle, she began to experience what she later described as the "prayer of quiet" and the "prayer of union" - meditation and contemplation. At about the age of 40, Teresa experienced a deep interior conversion and realized that religious life and Catholic life generally had to be deeper than outward gestures and observances.

Teresa led an intense religious life and initiated a reform of the Carmelite order. A storm of hostility and persecution from her fellow Carmelites greeted her move, but Teresa remained firm and calm through it all, trusting in God alone. Eventually, she was allowed to start her own branch of the Carmelites called the "Discalced Carmelites" or Carmelites "without shoes" to indicate their simple austerity. She was able to found 16 other reformed convents for women before her death. With the help of St. John of the Cross, she founded two reformed monasteries for men. Her reform of the Carmelites helped not only the Order but also made the life of the Church spiritually healthier.

Teresa wrote spiritual works which served as a "road map" of the spiritual life. Her most famous work is called the *Interior Castle* in which she pictures a person going in their spiritual life from room to room, each with its own furniture and obstacles, finally coming to the Throne Room of the King which is deep union with God. We can arrive at that Throne Room only by going through the other rooms first. There is no secret elevator to a mature spiritual life. Spiritual growth is real but gradual.

Teresa's health was poor most of her life. Yet, despite her frail constitution, she accomplished astonishing things. She died during a visiting tour of her convents in 1582. She was canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

Teresa teaches us many things: courage in surmounting difficulties, patience in accepting persecution and illness, and many other things. But perhaps her greatest lesson for us is about mental prayer or meditation. She showed that personal prayer is a decisive factor in one's spiritual life. We cannot hope to become saints without maintaining a generous amount of personal prayer in our lives. How much exactly depends on each one's particular state of life, obligations, health, motions of the Holy Spirit. But prayer there must be. It is our spiritual oxygen and, in the long run, a source of great comfort, peace and joy.

**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.

Name _____

Address _____

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:

Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses was tending the flocks in the desert.

Help Moses count the sheep.

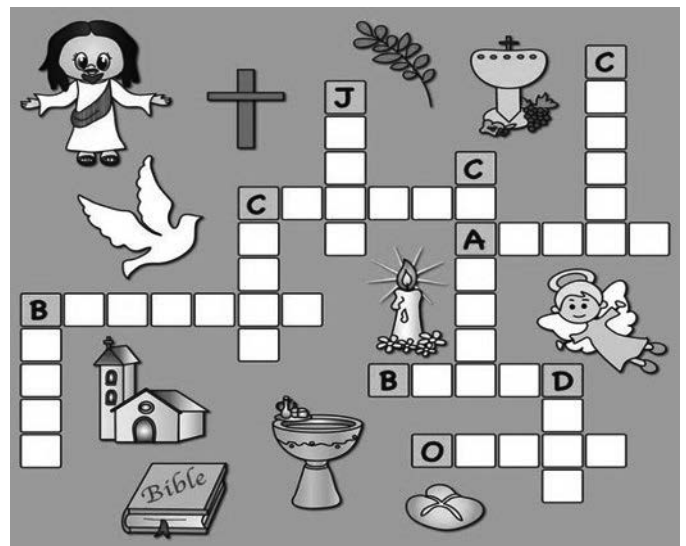
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