



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 20, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024
Mark 10:35-45

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

The apostles were remarkably slow to grasp the significance of Jesus' life and teaching. The gospel reading today is a good example. The two brothers, James and John, asked Jesus whether they would be allowed to rule with him and sit one at his right and the other at his left in his kingdom. Being on the left and the right implies immediate access to power. A person who is on the left or the right can whisper into the ear of the powerful.

James and John, in their request to Jesus, were trying to get a step ahead of the other apostles. They were very ambitious. They wanted the top places in Jesus' kingdom. Clearly, the brothers James and John imbibed the spirit of the world. Their understanding of greatness reflects that of the understanding of the world. In the kingdom of the world, the standard of greatness was honor and power or domination. Jesus was very much aware of this. That is why he said, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt." In this world, the powerful often make their authority felt by exploiting the weak and the powerless.

In response to the request of James and John, Jesus said: "You do not know what you are asking." It was not so much a reproach as a hint that he was disappointed by their lack of understanding. Jesus' teaching so far should have revealed the conditions that must be fulfilled in order to gain access to the kingdom, but the two brothers did not seem to have gotten the message yet.

At once Jesus challenged them with the question: "Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with which I am baptized?" The two brothers replied: "We can." Clearly they had still not understood what lay ahead for Jesus, their Master. The "cup" Jesus referred to would be a cup of bitter suffering. His "baptism" would not be in water
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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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but in blood. If the two brothers had really understood that, they might not have been so eager to make the request.

When the other ten apostles heard what the two brothers asked, they reacted with indignation because they would have asked the same request themselves. Anger and jealousy got the better of them. Then Jesus called them all together. Since they were worrying about precedence and personal position, Jesus tried to explain the logic of the kingdom to them. Its logic is completely different from that which prevails in human society.

Jesus made quite clear the different standards of greatness in his kingdom of the world. In the kingdom of Jesus the standard of greatness was that of service. Jesus said: *“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be slave of all.”* For Jesus, greatness was never about honor and power. It was always about service. Greatness begins with a servant mentality. Servants put the needs of others first; they expect to receive orders; they expect to sacrifice themselves for the sake of others; they put themselves at the disposal of those who would benefit from their service; they expect to give than to receive. In other words, if James and John wanted to be great, sitting at Jesus’ right and left in his kingdom, they must be the servant of all.

Scripture scholar William Barclay said: “Greatness consisted not in reducing others to one’s service, but in reducing oneself to their service. The test was not what service can I extract, but, what service can I give. . . The basic trouble is that it is human nature to want to do as little as possible and to get as much as possible” (*The Gospel of Mark: The New Daily Study Bible, pp.298-299*).

That greatness consisted in service was not just a teaching which Jesus offered to his disciples. He himself exemplified it in his own life. Jesus who was God became man, took the condition of a slave and became obedient, even to death on the cross, for our salvation.

This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Let our thoughts turn toward the missions and missionaries. Let us include in our prayers the missionaries all over the world who are laboring to spread the Christian faith in different parts of the world. Let us also support them with whatever financial help we can contribute. They have offered their lives for the sake of Christ. They are truly great men and women because they are following Jesus, the Son of God, who “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Let us thank the Lord for opening wide for us the road that leads to true greatness.

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

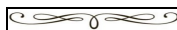
Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

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 13, 2024

1st Collection - \$6,719.00

2nd Collection - \$1,970.00 (Fuel Offering)

October 20th - World Mission Sunday

Upcoming Collections

October 27th - Faith Formation

November 1st - All Saints Day

November 3rd - Church Maintenance

November 10th - Fuel Offering

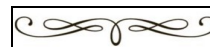
November 17th - Catholic Campaign for Human Development

November 24th - Faith Formation

November 28th - Thanksgiving Day Offering

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, November 10th, no class

Return to class at school on: Sunday, November 17th

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 19th

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 20th

8:30 AM Filipinos in Woodhull Hospital

10:00 AM Emma & Rodrigo Rosado

11:30 AM In Honor of the Immaculate Conception

1:00 PM Jocelyn Altamirano (L)
 Claudia Perez (L)
 Melanie Flores (L)
 Lucas Toxqui (L)
 Laura Xochimiltl (L)
 Sandra Tlachino (L)
 Taide Xochimiltl (L)
 Fausta Muñoz (L),
 Esperanza Sofia Garcia
 Angela Garcia (L) & Family
 Fredy Chavez Cabrera
 Fredy Ricardo Chavez Ordoñez (L)
 Yuann Trinidad (L)
 En Accion de Gracias a San Antonio,
 San Judas, San Rafael, y San Jose

Monday, October 21st

7:00 AM Antonio Alialy

8:00 AM Adolfo & Manuel Tiangco

Tuesday, October 22nd - St. John Paul II, Pope

7:00 AM Daina Grasmanis

8:00 AM Remedios (L) & Brian Cobb (L)

Wednesday, October 23rd - St. John of Capistrano, Priest

7:00 AM William (D) & Francen Ong (L)

8:00 AM Philomena O'Connor

Thursday, October 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7:00 AM Ariston R. Martija

8:00 AM Luigi Scime

Friday, October 25th

7:00 AM Quirina Macariola

8:00 AM Elmira, Gloria and all deceased members of the Tanoy Family

Saturday, October 26th - BVM

9:00 AM David Fairchild
 Felisa T. Fornilda
 Alberto Omaguing
 Angelo O. Manzano

Please pray for:

Deceased members of our families



MEMORIALS

October 20 – October 26



**Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of
Felisa T. Fornilda**

**Sanctuary Lamp will burn
for**

Renato Reale (D) & Teresa Reale (L)



**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 AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text ACA to 917-336-1255.

Summary Report as of October 15, 2024

Goal: \$51,617

Pledged: \$63,826.25

Received: \$49,542.49

To donate on-line: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/>
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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.

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, 10 de noviembre, no habrá clase

Domingo 17 de noviembre, 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:

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Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

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.

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

Notre Dame School of Manhattan: Open House on Sunday, October 27 from 1:00-5:00 PM | RSVP Registration required | Visit www.cheznous.org for details | Notre Dame is located at 327 West 13 Street, New York, NY | For further information, please call the school at 212-620-5575, EXT 318

Molloy University: Undergraduate Fall open House on Sunday, November 17 | Campus Tours begin at 12 PM | Register at: <https://www.molloy.edu/openhouse24>

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Saint's Corner:

St. John of Capistrano

October 23

John was born at Capistrano, Italy, in the year 1386. He was born at a time when there was an atmosphere of gloom and doom. The Black Death or bubonic plague had decimated the population of Europe. Another source of gloom and doom was the state of the Church. From 1378 to 1417 the Church suffered the Western Schism, during which time there were two or even three popes. Moreover, the city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. Naturally, the economic situation in Italy during those years of pandemic and political turmoil was terrible - another reason for pessimism. But John proved to be unaffected by the prevailing pessimism of the times. He just went ahead, like an irresistible force of nature, and profoundly influenced for good the people of his generation.

John had a brilliant mind, became a lawyer and then judge, and at age 26 was made governor of the city of Perugia. During a war against a rival city, he was taken prisoner and this period of forced inactivity brought him to reexamine his life as a worldly man. He decided to change his lifestyle. As soon as he regained his freedom in October 1415, he entered, at age 30, the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later. John became one of the most powerful preachers of his generation. He became an itinerant preacher. He preached not only throughout Italy, but at the request of the pope he also preached in France, Germany, Austria and Poland. Everybody wanted to hear him, for he already had the reputation of a living saint. He lived a life of austerity, wore a hair-shirt continually, slept only three or four hours, and devoted long hours to prayer. His preaching attracted great crowds at a time of religious apathy, and was instrumental in reviving a dying faith. He was a man aflame for Christ and the Church.

In 1455, Pope Calistus II commissioned John to go to Hungary and organize a defensive Crusade against the invading Muslim Turks who were advancing to lay siege to Belgrade in the hope of conquering Europe. With great difficulty John succeeded in raising an army which gained victory in the great battle of Belgrade, thus saving Europe for Christianity. Unfortunately, shortly thereafter John died on October 23, 1456.

John of Capistrano was a mover and a doer. His deep Christian optimism inspired him throughout his life and gave him the energy, though he was small and frail, to tackle big issues with the confidence generated by his faith in Christ. That faith of John is also ours. With the strength that Christ gives to his followers, we too should not be afraid to tackle problems at all levels. With God, no problem is too big or impossible to solve. Because, as the Bible tells us, "all things are possible with God."

**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:



Sunday Gospel Activities

Name _____ Oct. 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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