



Ascension Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 4:00pm (Vigil) | Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

DAILY MASS: Monday 9:00am | Tuesday 9:00am | Wednesday 9:00am | Friday 9:00am | Saturday 9:00am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE VESTING SACRISTY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday— 8:40-9:00am (before daily Mass)

Saturday — 8:40-9:00am (before daily Mass) | 3:00-3:30pm (before vigil Mass)

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration: Please call the parish office for the door code

Weekday Adoration: before and after daily Masses (8:00-9:00am, 9:30-10:00am) | Monday 5:00-9:00pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30pm, Wednesday 9:30-4:30pm | Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00pm

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Daniel

Secretary: Ms. Sharon Fanning | **Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Marilyn Donovan

Coordinator of Religious Education: Mrs. Maria Centeno | **Coordinator of Youth Ministry:** Ms. Emma Bigony

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Luke 10:41-42

July 17, 2022 | Fax: (301) 805-5053 | Email: office@ascensionbowie.org | www.ascensionbowie.org

Around Ascension

MASS INTENTIONS (July 18-24)

Monday 9:00am: +John Schmitt

Saturday 4:00pm: +Jennie Smith

Tuesday 9:00am: Fr. Greg Shaffer

Sunday 8:00am: Parishioners

Wednesday 9:00am: +Patricia Derenak

Sunday 10:00am: +Mary Burton

Friday 9:00am: Austin Visk

Sunday 12:00pm: Special Intention

Saturday 9:00am: Special Intention

A (+) indicates intention is for the repose of the person's soul

Congratulations to our raffle winner,
Francis Lawrence

Bake Sale TODAY (7/17) after all Masses
Hosted by American Heritage Girls

Coloring Book Canvas Paint Nite

Share and Care will be hosting their first Paint Nite on Saturday, July 23. We are so excited to begin gathering again for some fun times. Tickets are \$30 each (includes dinner and painting).

Registration and payment may be made:

Online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD467/48270> **OR**

Cash or Checks payable to "Ascension". Place in envelope marked "Paint Nite" and drop at the office or in the collection basket no later than Sunday, July 17.

For more information, please contact Maureen Barber (301-928-0603 | Maureen.barber167@gmail.com) or Roberta Borges (240-535-7775 | bertborges@aol.com)

Youth Ministry Field Day

July 30 | 9am Mass - 12:30pm | Games, Bagels, & Ice Cream | Grades 6-12

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Allen Barber, Francis Barnes, Mary Ann Boyer, Laura Chesnick, Al Cline, Rosita Dietrich, Elizabeth Dinsmore, David Divine, Cynthia Graham, Beverlee Lee, Bob Liggett, Robert Milburn, Ida Mullikin, Mary Murphy, Jean Mosby, Norma Perry, Norma Raffaele, Robert Raffaele Jr., Geralyn Roberson, Mickey Ryan, Bert Nemeth, Sr. Vincent de Paul OSF, and Amber Wist.

—Greetings from Fr. Tim—

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we are all likely struck by Paul’s words in the second reading: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church...”

We might wonder, what was “lacking” in the suffering of Christ? After all, isn’t Jesus God, and therefore perfect? And so didn’t His death on the cross win universal redemption, “once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Pet 3:18)? Could anything really have been lacking in his love? As Thomas Aquinas once said, “the blood of Christ is sufficient to redeem many worlds.”

But a little more attention to Paul’s words today reveals what he means. Notice that Paul is speaking first of all about his own sufferings, as an apostle – rejection, mockery, beatings, and other sufferings that he has endured while preaching the Gospel (see 2 Cor 11:25).

Secondly, Paul says he has endured such sufferings on behalf of Christ’s “body, which is the Church.” This reminds us that Paul and we are “members” of Christ, united with Him.

And third, Paul goes on to say that the “mystery” he proclaims is “Christ in you” – rounding out the first and second points above. Christ indeed lives His life in us, through the gift of Baptism (Rom 6:8; 2 Tim 2:11; etc.).

And so putting all this together, we might say that whatever Christ has lived, we too must live. He continually lives out His passion, death, and resurrection through the Church, bringing more and more of the human race to God as we preach Christ’s Word, and witness to it with our life, with the help of His grace. Awareness of this causes St. Paul to rejoice!

And so our attitude toward the cross must take note. Whatever God allows, be it sickness, injury, dryness in the midst of my duties – can I also bear this with the patience and hope befitting a son or daughter of God (1 Cor 10:13; James 1:2)? And whatever clashes I might have with an unbelieving world – mockery, scorn, false accusations – can I also be a true “laborer” for the harvest, trusting that some seed will indeed take root when I speak the truth (Luke 10:2; Luke 8:15)?

When we do so in persevering love for the sake of the Gospel, we too “fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ.”

God bless,
Fr. Tim

Consecration to Our Lady

Since, Mary is immaculate, she follows the Holy Spirit perfectly. But since she is our Mother, we should freely entrust ourselves to her to teach us how to better follow the Spirit like her. This act of entrustment is called “consecration to Mary.”

Fr. Tim will send out materials via Flocknote to assist parishioners in making this consecration. The traditional version recommended by St. Louis de Montfort lasts 33 days and requires about 10 minutes a day for reading/prayers, in addition to praying the rosary as one gets closer to the consecration day; but there is also a 9 day version discussed by St. Maximilian Kolbe. Since we will plan to make the consecration on Monday, August 22, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, those doing the 33 day version should begin on July 20.

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST



The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with “benediction,” the blessing of the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Here at Ascension, we have a Perpetual Adoration Chapel, adjacent to the church, which is open for personal prayer every day of the year (aside from Good Friday). During the week, there is also Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday evenings from 5:00-9:00pm in the church and before and after daily Masses (see times on cover of bulletin).

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have to the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Death Announcements & Funeral Arrangements

For an up-to-date listing of parish funerals, please visit ascensionbowie.org/funerals.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Youth Ministry Summer Series: Prayer

All rising highschoolers, are invited to youth group for a summer series on prayer. Wednesday nights from 7-9pm, we will be looking at or practicing different types of prayer to help youth learn the importance of and habits for building a daily prayer life. Lessons will include prayer expressed by words, meditative prayer such as Lectio Divina, petitionary and intercessory prayer, and overcoming obstacles in prayer. While we will move through topics methodically, please feel free to join at any time. Signups are sent weekly to the High School Youth Ministry group on Flocknote. If you have any questions, contact Emma Bigony at youthministry@ascensionbowie.org.

In need of more volunteers for Sunday donuts

Have you enjoyed the return of Sunday donuts?! We are still looking for volunteers for this summer, to help our parish enjoy our beautiful new patio and parents to reward their children! Individuals or families are needed to volunteer a few times a year to help facilitate ordering, set up or clean up after Sunday morning Masses.

Email admin@women-serving-women.com for signup details. This is a very low time commitment with a huge reward - thank you to all who have and will help!

Ladies & Gents Movie Night!

For this month only, WOMEN & MEN 18+ are invited to enjoy fellowship at movie night to watch *Fr. Stu!*

Movie comers will also have the opportunity to purchase dinner from The Grille at a discounted price.

Where: Old Bowie Town Grille | Upstairs

When: Thursday, July 21, 2022

Meet at 6:30pm | Movie starts at 7pm

Movie: *Fr. Stu*

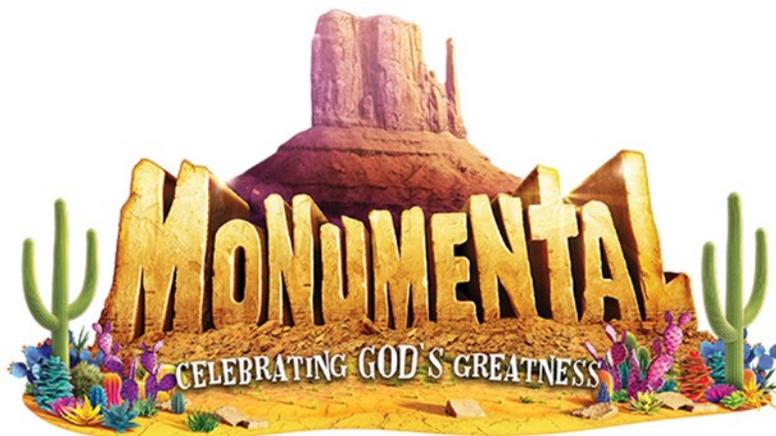
Trailer: <https://tinyurl.com/frstutailer>

Questions? Text Theresa Thompson @ 301-789-8573

THIS THURSDAY!

Save the Date: "Monumental" VBS

August 15-19, 2022



"Monumental" VBS is coming to Ascension soon! Registration is open for kids grades K-5th. Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. VBS is open to all in Kindergarten through 5th grade, August 15-19, 2022 from 9:30am-12:00pm. Students in grades 6 and up are also welcome to join us as assistants.

In need of volunteers!

VBS wouldn't be successful without our generous volunteers! We are seeking Virtus-compliant adults, and student assistants in grades 6 and up. Help is needed with decorations, small group guides, station leaders, games, photography, set up/clean up, behind the scenes and more! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria Centeno at religionseducation@ascensionbowie.org so that she can add your name to the volunteer list!