PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

Aug. 30-31 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

CLERGY

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CHURCH OFFICE

MONDAY: CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday: 8am to 4pm

SATURDAY: 9AM TO 5PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 4PM

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
DAILY NOON MASSES

TUESDAY: 12:30PM-7PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY: 6:30PM

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY: 4PM OR BY APPOINTMENT:

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: MASS 5PM (ENGLISH)

SUNDAY: MASS

9AM (ENGLISH), 11:30AM (BILINGUAL), 5PM (ESPAÑOL) NO DAILY MASS Tuesday Sep. 2, however, our Weekly Adoration will proceed as scheduled.

NO HAY MISA DIARIA el Martes, 2 de Sep, sin embargo, nuestra adoración continuara.



Saturday, Aug. 30

◆ 5pm: Sergio Ortega †

Sunday, Aug. 31

- 9am: Denise McCrea Herrera †
- ♦ 11:30am: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ♦ 5pm: Por los feligreses vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

Tuesday, Sep. 2 - Friday Sep. 5 at Noon

NO MASS TUESDAY - NO MISA EL MARTES

- ♦ Wed: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Thurs: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm
- ◆ Fri: Living & Deceased Mem. of the St. Francis Comm

Saturday, Sep. 6

◆ 5pm: Marcie Ellis †

Sunday, Sep. 7

- 9am: Dean Deranieri †
- ♦ 11:30am: **Jim Doyle †**
- ♦ 5pm: Por los feligreses vivos y difuntos de San Francisco de Asís

THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
August 17, 2025

Mass Offerings	\$ 9,508
Online Giving Offerings	\$ 3,902
TOTAL	\$13,410
Aide to Gaza - 2nd Collection	<u>\$ 4,757</u>

Catholic Services Appeal

Please join us in reaching our goal to support our greater catholic community!



Pledged	\$ 96,951
Raised	\$ 92,021

Cash and checks are welcomed in the Front Office.

Thank you for supporting CSA.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be this weekend (Sep. 6-7) after each Mass

LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS será para este fin de semana (Sep. 6-7) después de cada Misa

CLASE DE BAUTISMO

Miércoles 10 de Septiembre, 6 - 8PM

Por favor

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September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The second collection on September 6th and 7th is for the Seminarian Education Fund. I am pleased to inform you that we are blessed to have nine young men studying in preparation for the priesthood, all from right here in Northern Nevada.

We still need to continue to foster vocations in our diocese and continue to support the young men who are in the seminary. One way to show our support is to continue praying for them and their vocations. Another similarly impactful way to support is through giving. Each year, the cost of educating each of these students is approximately \$35,000. Your generous gift would help to offset the cost of their education and training.

For resources from our diocese on vocations and discernment, please visit https://www.catholicreno.org/vocations. On the site, you can read about our current seminarians and how to keep in touch with them throughout the year.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg

Bishop of Reno



Open Position: Church Secretary and Receptionist Basic Requirements:

Part -time position 20 hours/week (Tuesday – Friday.) To serve as the secretary and Receptionist of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church under the direct supervision of the Staff Administrative as well as the Pastor.

The Secretary must be bilingual (English and Spanish) and have at least a high school diploma, good computer skills, good communication and people skills. Additionally, the secretary must maintain the confidentiality of church matters and have a pleasant, positive presence in the office.

Interested candidates are encouraged to send their resumes to **Fr. Jorge** at: www.fatherjorge@sftahoe.org



Parish Mission: St. Francis of Assis, Incline Village, NV Sept. 7 - 9, 2025

Formation & Unity: One Body in Christ

This Parish Mission talk will center on how we are continually formed by Christ and called to live as His disciples in unity with one another. Drawing on Scripture, prayer, and stories, it explores the mystery of the Incarnation, the lifelong journey of discipleship, and the beauty of being one Body in Christ. Participants will be invited to see how God's love first received transforms our hearts, equips us for mission, and strengthens us to walk together as a community of faith. Rooted in the spirit of the Synod, the talk will emphasize listening, discernment, and prayer as the foundation for living out our shared mission in the Church.

Parish Mission Announcement:

Join us for a Hallow-led Parish Mission at **St. Francis of Assisi** from **September 7–9, 2025**. Together we will reflect on what it means to be formed by Christ, to walk as His disciples, and to live as one Body in unity. Through Scripture, prayer, and stories of faith, we'll explore how God's love shapes us, how discipleship transforms us, and how unity strengthens us as a community. Rooted in the Synod's call to listen and journey together, this mission invites us to deepen our relationship with Christ and with one another. All are welcome to participate in this time of renewal, prayer, and shared faith.



Formación y Unidad: Un Solo Cuerpo en Cristo

Esta charla de la Misión Parroquial se centrará en cómo somos continuamente formados por Cristo y llamados a vivir como sus discípulos en unidad unos con otros. A través de la Escritura, la oración y testimonios de fe, se explorará el misterio de la Encarnación, el camino de discipulado que dura toda la vida y la belleza de ser un solo Cuerpo en Cristo. Los participantes serán invitados a descubrir cómo el amor de Dios, recibido primero, transforma nuestros corazones, nos prepara para la misión y nos fortalece para caminar juntos como comunidad de fe. Enraizada en el espíritu del Sínodo, la charla enfatizará la importancia de la escucha, el discernimiento y la oración como base para vivir nuestra misión compartida en la Iglesia.

Anuncio de la Misión Parroquial

Los invitamos a la Misión Parroquial dirigida por *Hallow* en **San Francisco de Asís** del **7 al 9 de septiembre de 2025**. Juntos reflexionaremos sobre lo que significa ser formados por Cristo, caminar como sus discípulos y vivir como un solo Cuerpo en unidad. A través de la Escritura, la oración y testimonios de fe, exploraremos cómo el amor de Dios nos moldea, cómo el discipulado nos transforma y cómo la unidad nos fortalece como comunidad. Enraizada en el llamado del Sínodo a escuchar y caminar juntos, esta misión nos invita a profundizar en nuestra relación con Cristo y entre nosotros. Todos están invitados a participar en este tiempo de renovación, oración y fe compartida.

Don't Miss Out! - PARTICIPATE

We are "On the Boat Together," as Pope Francis writes in his final document of the Synod on Synodality:

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission

It is, together, in the synodal journey "where the practice of conversation in the Spirit, community discernment, sharing of vocational gifts and co-responsibility in the mission is growing."

If you want to prepare for the synod, click the link and peruse the document.

https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26 final-document/ENG---Documento-finale.pdf



Let's Do It!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Synod
Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9:00am – 4:30pm
*** Lunch and childcare provided ***
Guest Speaker: Father Joe Walsh



Call the office to register 775-831-0490

Why should I care about a parish synod?

A synodal journey is *walking* together, *listening* to one another, and *discerning* the path forward as a unified body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

And this matters because?

It benefits the whole community. Beyond your direct ministry, embracing synodality has profound benefits for the parish as a whole because a synodal parish is:

More Missionary: The end goal of synodality is to make the church more effective at evangelization by making it more participatory and inclusive.

A Community of Communion: Synodality strengthens the bonds of communion within the parish. When parishioners feel heard and valued, they are more likely to engage actively in parish life, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and shared purpose.

Discerning and Responsive: Through synodal processes, the parish can better discern the signs of the times and respond more effectively to the challenges and opportunities it faces.

Countering Clericalism: By actively involving the laity, including your catechumenate team, in meaningful dialogue and discernment, the parish moves away from a purely top-down approach and embraces the gifts and charisms of all its members.

Embracing synodality requires a shift in mindset and a willingness to listen and dialogue, even when facing differing viewpoints. If we can make that shift in mindset, we will see a more vibrant, participatory, and missionary church, and a deeper, lifelong conversion for those journeying towards Christ.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With gratitude to God and to each of you, I am pleased to share with you the Annual Parish Financial Report for 2024-2025. This report provides an overview of how your generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have supported our parish's mission throughout the past year.

Your faithful stewardship has enabled us to celebrate the sacraments, strengthen our liturgical life, support our parish ministries, maintain our facilities, and assist those in need. Together, we continue to live out the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ in our community.

I want to thank each of you for the many ways you give—through prayer, volunteer service, and financial sacrifice. Your generosity is a true witness of faith, and it allows our parish to remain a place of worship, welcome, and hope for all.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work together as one family in Christ, trusting that God will bless our efforts and guide our parish in the year to come.

Please take some time to review the enclosed report. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Iliana in the parish office. Transparency and accountability are important to us, and we welcome your thoughts.

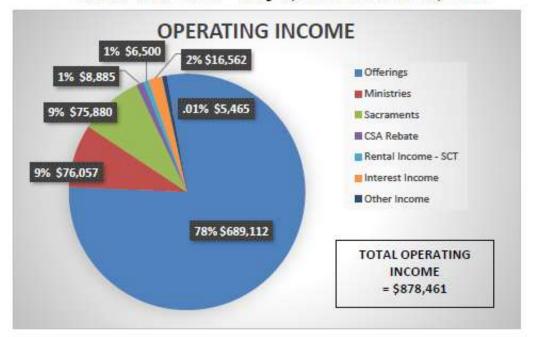
May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly. Be assured of my prayers for you each day.

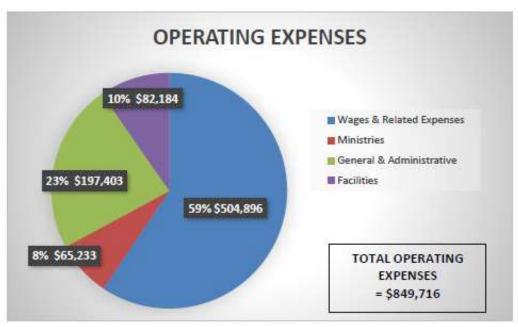
In Christ,

Rev. Jorge Herrera, Pastor Saint Francis of Assisi

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH STATEMENT OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year 2025 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025





NET OPERATING ACTIVITY = \$28,745

St Francis of Assisi is thankful for the continued generosity of its parishioners in keeping our Parish in good financial condition.

For the Parish's complete Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2025, please go to https://sftahoe.org/financial JOIN US FOR ST. CLARE'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER EVENT:

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Build & URE
4-7 PM

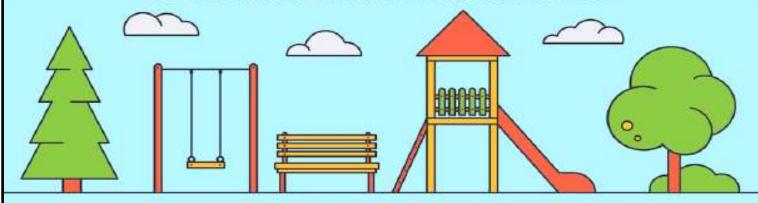
AUGUST 31ST, 2025 Alibi Incline Public House

FACE PAINTING
BALLOON TWISTING

ALIBI BEER & FOOD

SILENT AUCTION
RAFFLE & PRIZES

Proceeds will help fund financial aid scholarships for students at St. Clare's Montessori School



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What Makes St. Clare's So Special?

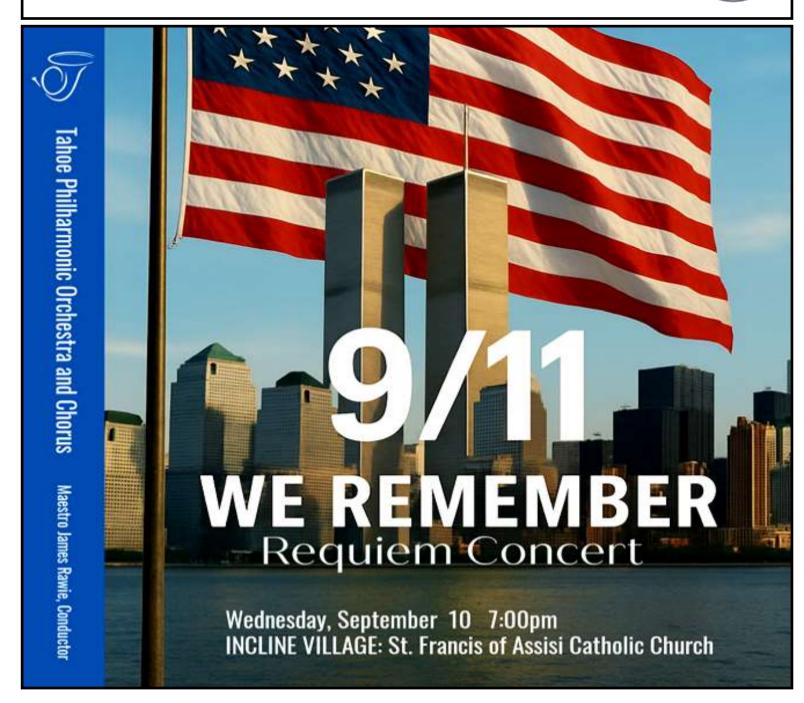
You're invited to a "Come & See" night in the parish hall.

Grow warm with renewed hope for the future as you learn about what and how our local children are learning under the St. Francis roof. Prepare to be inspired!

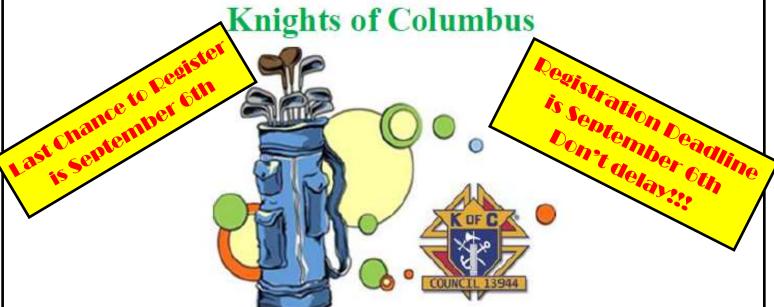
Thursday, September 11, 6:00-7:30 pm

No RSVP necessary. Just show up.





ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH Knights of Columbus



14th ANNUAL Golf & GIGGLE and "GATHER"

Monday, September 15, 2025, at Incline Village Championship Golf Course AT THE CHATEAU

NOT A GOLFER?

DON'T MISS THIS FIRST TIME DINNER EVENT

GATHER WITH FELLOW PARISHNERS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP (RAFFLE & AUCTION)

5:30pm Beer, Wine & Buffet Dinner

\$85 PER PERSON

Beer and Wine Included (no host bar for cocktails)

Dinner will be an Italian Buffet Feast. Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Grilled Vegetables, Penne Pasta with Porcini Cream Sauce and Chicken Parmesan. Hallow

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Participate in prayer challenges as a parish community.

Hallow

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Participe en retos de oración como comunidad parroquial.

Women's Ministry

St Francis of Assisi Women's Ministry has a great opportunity for all those looking to volunteer to assist those less fortunate in the Reno area. We are partnering with Catholic Charities to distribute food at their Farmer's Market. Those who have volunteered previously have found it to be a very humbling and rewarding experience.

If interested in participating, please sign up for a date(s) as follows:

- September 19 9:30 am 12:30 pm
- October 3 12:00 pm 3:00pm



We can take up to 10 volunteers each date. Please do not sign up if you will not be able to commit to actually participating. *Please contact Renee at <u>cbzno1bb@yahoo.com</u> if you would like to volunteer.*



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Our mission is to promote the health of veterans and their families by providing a warm, inviting, temporary home and access to the medical care they need.

Overnight Stays 🌟 Meals 🌟 Transportation 🌟 Post-Operative Care

August 21, 2025

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church c/o Denise Azzara PO Box 3409 Incline Village, NV 89450-3409

Dear Denise and friends of the guest house,

Army veteran Stephen was overwhelmed when he discovered he had heart disease. Isolated in a rural mountain town far from basic medical services, Stephen faced more than just a health crisis—he wasn't prepared for the financial and emotional burden of traveling hours from home to receive treatment.

Amidst the chaos, you brought peace so veterans don't have to choose between medical or financial health.

In moments of anguish, you offered comfort by providing a safe and inviting place to stay.

In times of scarcity, you provided nourishment with homecooked meals, tasty snacks, and a welcoming cup of coffee.

Your bounty of wish list items collected and delivered to the guest house over a span of months included at least six carloads of paper products, canned food, cash, and kindness. Your in-kind gift filled our pantry and provided a much-needed stock of basic food items for cace, unexpected access to the care and no veteran ever faces

Thank you for putting and britten and care and return and guests to take home. Veterans like Stephen now have the peace, comfort, and nourishment they need to overcome life's unexpected battles. Thank you for giving our nation's heroes access to the care and support they need. Your investment ensures no veteran ever faces medical challenges alone.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Patrice Klaich Director of Development

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

Bishop Mueggenborg's Gospel Reflection Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2025

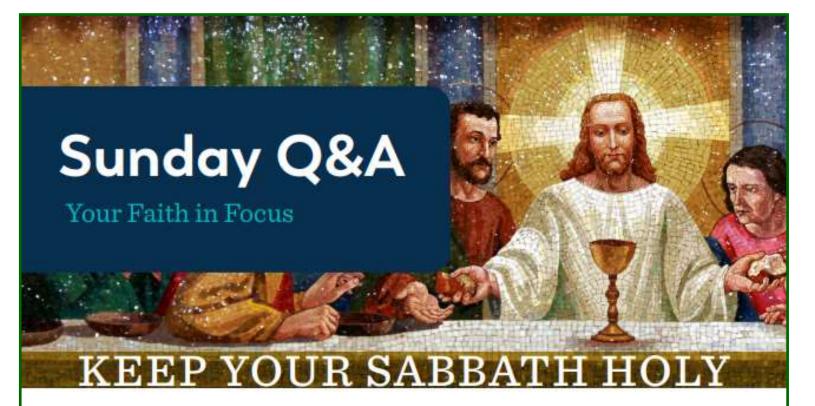
Our scripture passage comes from the Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7–14. In this passage, Jesus is once again in the home of a Pharisee and sharing a meal. This happens a lot in Luke's Gospel and it's always for a reason. Luke is not only telling us about something that happened during the historical life of Jesus. Rather, Luke is also speaking to the Christian community and addressing issues taking place in the life of the early Church. Thus, Luke is telling us that there are always certain attitudes and behaviors that can be divisive in the Christian community, both of his time and of our time. Let's study this passage to see what the Lord may be saying to us as disciples.

At the dinner in the home of the Pharisee, Jesus noticed how people were competing with one another so they could be seated in privileged places. In doing so, they were claiming honor for themselves and hoping that others would admire them because of their honored position at the table. Jesus lived in an honor-based society and there were a variety of ways in which people tried to seek honor. Other examples included displaying of material wealth (homes, clothes, lavish dinners), causing others to be socially embarrassed or ridiculed (shaming), confusing or baffling another person with questions (humiliation), or even physical assaults (especially slaps to the face).

In response to this pervasive competition for self-honor, Jesus offers an instruction about the nature of honor itself. True honor is not that which we claim for ourselves, but what we are given by another, especially God. The dinner guests were concerned about the externals of life (exclusive positions, fine clothes, pricey toys, nice houses, being invited to the best social events, appearing better than others, and so forth) and so they competed for those things in order to be admired. How familiar that sounds in our world as well!

The message of Jesus is just as important for us today as it was to the people of our Lord's own time. The competition for honor creates an insatiable desire for more and more. It causes people to have a false self-image that is based on superficial factors rather than a deeply-rooted relationship with God. It also causes people to base their self-worth on other people's opinions. That's never a very solid foundation for our self-worth! Jesus wants disciples who willingly and intentionally reject the false honor system of the world around them while accepting and pursuing what God finds honorable

- What are the status symbols that most tempt people today to claim honor for themselves, so as to be admired and respected by others?
- Some people become so wrapped up in the externals of life that those things become their identity. When has that been true in your life? How can the competition for honor be harmful to a community of faith?
- What happens today when a people base their self-worth on the opinions of others?



Why do we have to go to Mass every week?

hy Mass? The Mass is very specific, and the center of the Mass is the Eucharist. What are we doing as Catholics each Sunday and why? Today's reflection adapts helpful information about the Mass from the parents guide of Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation (Ascension Press).

Source and Summit

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). It is the heart of who we are as Christians, as Catholics. In the Eucharist, heaven crashes into our lives. Whenever we go to Mass or visit a Catholic church, the living Jesus, the King of heaven, is there to meet us.

The Eucharist is Christ himself, truly present, under the appearance of bread and wine. This truth is so profound that we might not fully realize its meaning. In his hymn Tantum Ergo, St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that what is hidden from our senses, we grasp with the help of faith.

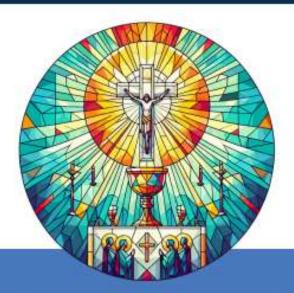
At Mass, Jesus offers us himself, not merely encouragement or affirmation. Everything is transformed, and we are united to God's love in the most intimate way. In Holy Communion, we are united with the living God—Jesus himself! What could possibly be more important?

Every Sunday, we are called to "conscious, active, and fruitful participation" in Mass (CCC 1071). Ignoring Sunday Mass has serious consequences. Most importantly, missing Mass deprives us of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, when we intentionally skip Sunday Mass, we disregard the Third Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8), and we disregard Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

To make Sunday Mass a pillar of your family life, make a fresh start by going to confession and Mass together, followed by a special meal. Consider how to help your family better engage in the experience. Before Mass—say, at bedtime the evening prior, at breakfast, or while driving to church—review the Sunday Mass readings together (usccb.org). Afterward, invite your child to share his or her thoughts about the readings or the homily.

Ponder and Pray

- When the question of why we go to Mass comes up, how do I answer my family?
- What are our family's Mass habits? What is one thing we can do to make our Sunday worship an even better experience?



Make It Your Own

One way that we enter into the Mass as Catholics is by spending time in the presence of the Eucharist outside of Mass.

Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament this week and journal about your experience (you may use the lines below). Ask

Jesus this specific question: "Lord, how do you want me to meet you more deeply at Mass this week? How are you calling

me to invite my family to draw closer to you?"

Tip of the Week

As a family, go over the readings before next Sunday's Mass. Download the Ascension App to do this on your phone.

Dive Deeper

For an in-depth look at the Mass, scan the code

Or visit the URL: A Biblical Walk
Through The Mass – Ascension



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