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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturdays (Vigil Mass) at 4:00 p.m.
Sundays at 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (English), and
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Services:

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed after
Daily Mass.

Holy Hour on Fridays after morning Mass.

First Friday Services:

Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
throughout the day and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Benediction Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday of Month Mass: 8:00 a.m. (after Benediction)

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil 6:30 p.m., Holy Day: 8:00 a.m.,
12:10 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bi-Lingual Mass.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 2:30-3:30 p.m., **Wednesdays** at 7:00 p.m.
and after daily Mass.

BAPTISMS

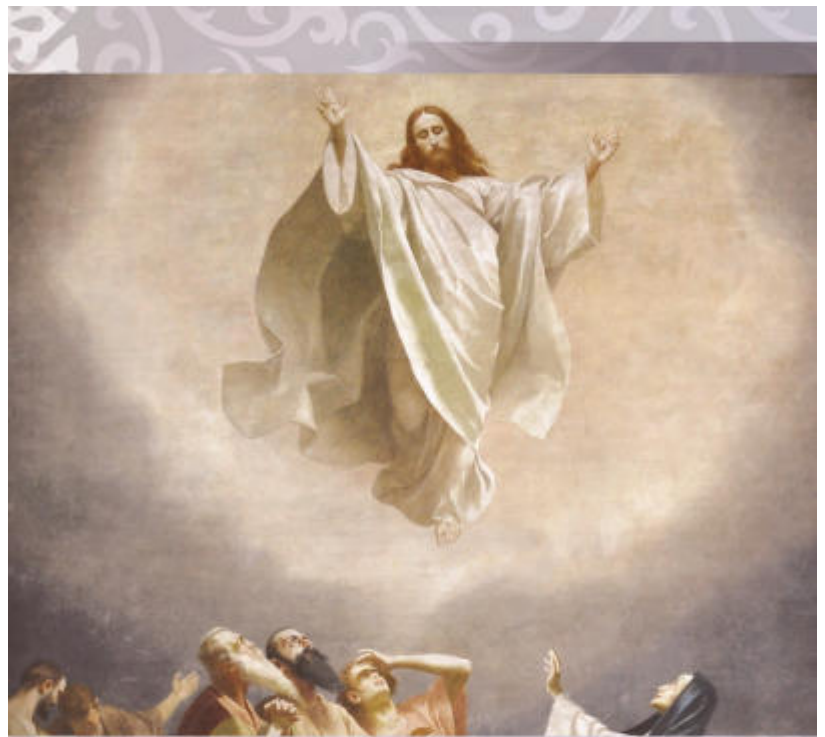
Baptisms will be celebrated in English on the third Saturday and
in Spanish of the fourth Saturday of the month at 1:45 p.m.
Baptism preparation classes are offered once a month in English
and in Spanish. Please contact the parish office to register for
the class and to begin the Baptism process.

ENGAGED COUPLES: Congratulations! Arrangements for the
Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at least nine months in
advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the Parish Office to
schedule a Mass. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday prior to the Sunday Bulletin date.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken
up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

Levantando las manos, los bendijo, y mientras los bendecía, se
fue apartando de ellos y elevándose al cielo. - Lc 24, 51

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JUNE 2, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord
La Ascensión del Señor

A Letter from our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish,

This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. The Acts of the Apostles record that Jesus continued to appear after His Resurrection, to His Apostles and disciples for a period of forty days. The fortieth day after Easter Sunday falls on a Thursday, which we used to call Ascension Thursday and was a holy day of obligation. In 1998 it was proposed by the Bishops of the United States and later approved by the Vatican to move the observance of Ascension "Thursday" to the following Sunday, and since the most of the Dioceses in the United States celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven on the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Jesus returning to heaven and taking His seat at the right hand of His heavenly Father, brings to completion of the glory and exaltation He receives from the Father. But one very important difference now, is that He has taken His human nature and has glorified it, giving it a share in His divinity. If we have died and risen with Christ in baptism, then the Ascension is what we are called to look forward to. The glorified and risen Body of Jesus is present in heaven, and according to His promise, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me," (John 12:26). We are being promised a share in very glory of Jesus Himself, if only we dedicate our lives to serving Him and doing His will in our lives.

This is most likely that last time I will be writing this letter for the bulletin. My hope was that these words and thoughts would reaffirm the Catholic faith in its totality and integrity. If I have written anything in error or heretical, I repent and renounce those teachings. I have always tried to be a faithful priest of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. On this day of the Ascension, I am both saddened and encouraged. Saddened because when I leave, I know that my relationship as pastor to you will never be the same (in fact, it comes to an official end on July 1st) but I am also encouraged because I know that we have all grown in our Catholic faith and that because of this faith we will continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ! God bless. In Christ,— Fr. Velásquez

Estimados feligreses de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Gracia,

Este domingo celebramos la Fiesta de la Ascensión de nuestro Señor al cielo. Los Hechos de los Apóstoles registran que Jesús continuó apareciendo después de Su Resurrección, a Sus Apóstoles y discípulos por un período de cuarenta días. El cuadragesimo día después del domingo de Pascua cae en un jueves, que solíamos llamar el jueves de Ascensión y fue un día precepto obligatorio. En 1998 fue propuesto por los obispos de los Estados Unidos y luego aprobado por el Vaticano para llevar la observación de la Ascensión del "jueves" al domingo siguiente, de manera que la mayoría de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos celebran la Ascensión de nuestro Señor Jesús Cristo al cielo el séptimo domingo de Pascua.

Jesús regresando al cielo y tomando Su asiento a la diestra de Su Padre celestial, completa la gloria y la exaltación que recibe del Padre. Pero una diferencia muy importante ahora, es que Él ha tomado Su naturaleza humana y la ha glorificado, dándole una participación en Su divinidad. Si hemos muerto y resucitado con Cristo en el bautismo, entonces la Ascensión es lo que estamos llamados a esperar. El cuerpo glorificado y resucitado de Jesús está presente en el cielo, y de acuerdo con su promesa, "Quien me sirva, debe seguirme, y donde yo esté, allí también estará mi servidor. El Padre honrará a quienquiera que me sirva" (Juan 12:26). Se nos está prometiendo una parte en la gloria de Jesús mismo, si tan solo dedicamos nuestras vidas a servirle y hacer su voluntad en nuestras vidas.

Es muy probable que esta sea la última vez que escriba esta carta para el boletín. Mi esperanza era que estas palabras y pensamientos reaffirmaran la fe católica en su totalidad e integridad. Si he escrito algo por error o herético, me arrepiento y renuncio a esas enseñanzas. Siempre he tratado de ser un sacerdote fiel del Señor Jesucristo y su Evangelio. En este día de la Ascensión, estoy triste y animado. Me entristece porque cuando me vaya, sé que mi relación como pastor con ustedes nunca será la misma (de hecho, llega a su fin oficial el 1° de julio) y también me siento alentado porque sé que todos hemos crecido en nuestra fe católica y que por esta fe seguiremos sirviendo al Señor Jesucristo. Dios los bendiga.

En Cristo,
Padre Velásquez

Our Lady of Grace Parish Monthly Financial Report

Month of April 2019

Operations

Operational Income (All Sources)	\$62,435.98
All Operational Expenses	\$54,937.03
April Balance: Surplus	\$7,498.95

2019 Calendar Year Surplus **\$2,321.90**

Building Fund

Mortgage Balance as of April 31, 2019:
\$4,029,445.55

New Building Donations	\$33,108.31
Debt Reduction	\$22,314.08
Capital Campaign	\$10,175.37
Fundraising	<u>\$14,640.69</u>
Total Building Income	\$80,238.45
Building Expenses	\$33,827.79
March Balance: Surplus	\$46,410.66
2019 Calendar Year: Surplus	\$504,593.25

Sunday Offering

Weekend of May 25 - 26, 2019

Sunday Collection \$7,980.03
164 Envelopes used

We Share (Online) Offertory

May 27- 31, 2019 \$2,955.00

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTED ... **\$10,935.03**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 2nd - Ascension Sunday

8:00 am Soul of José Garcia
10:00 am Soul of Abby Olvey and health of Kim Starkey
12:30 pm **Pro populo**
6:00 pm Well being of Shannon Lissy

Monday, June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga & Comp.

8:00 am Birthday of Christopher Maidman

Tuesday, June 4th

8:00 am Birthday of Fr. Jose Vettiyanal

Wednesday, June 5th - St. Boniface

8:00 am Intention of Zsizi Ferenczik and family

Thursday, June 6th - St. Norbert

8:00 am Birthday of Socorro Cedeño

Friday, June 7th - First Friday

8:00 am Soul of Anne O'Brian
6:30 p.m. Well being of H.R. Denney

Saturday, June 8th

8:00 am Well being of Jerry and Celia Coffee
4:00 pm Birthday of Fr. Dominic Valanmana

Sunday, June 9th - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am **Pro populo**
10:00 am Souls of Bill Page and George Abraham
12:30 pm Souls of Jesus Perez and Salvador Perez
6:00 pm Soul of Wayne Santi

If you would like to have a Mass offered for the soul of a loved one or for some special intention, please contact the sacristan or call the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10.00.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2019
 Entire Diocese Goal: \$4 million
Parish Goal: \$66,340
Pledges to date: \$42,892
65% of goal
227 donors

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, June 2nd

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Monday, June 3rd

1:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office

5:15 p.m. Legion of Mary, Office

6:30 p.m. Adult Ed/Walk to Emmaus, Office

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Tuesday, June 4th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting, Office

6:45 p.m. La Justicia/Grupo Biblico, Off Grounds

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Wednesday, June 5th

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Off Grounds

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

7:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

Thursday, June 6th

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting, Office

6:00 p.m. Faith HS Youth Group, Office

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

7:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting, Off Grounds

Friday, June 7th

6:00 p.m. Hope MS Youth Group, Office

6:30 p.m. Grupo de Oración y Estudio Biblico, Church

Saturday, June 8th

7:45 a.m. Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, Outside

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Office

2:30 p.m. Confessions, Church

3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church/Choir Loft

Prayer for the Sick:

Elena Padilla
 Don Quinones
 Ken Thielen
 Kim Marx
 Carolyn McKinley
 Jenny Kraus
 Sherri Melich
 Kevin Taylor
 Guy Routhier
 Nancy Duncan
 Shelley McClaren
 John Wilson
 Julian Castillo
 Loretta Walter
 Candy Moore
 Ann Every
 Don Peyton
 Michael Kramarczyk
 Hilda Martinez
 Ofelia Balderrama
 Arline Espino
 Jocelyn Oyzon
 Richard Cole
 John Wielgus
 Gary Haller
 Marcus Tavarez
 Eric Dill
 Paco Gálvez
 Preming Luna
 Kirstenne Era Espino
 Norma C. Ciani
 Dick Shwan
 Josefina Gonzalez
 Ken Sechler
 Genevieve Small
 Alejandro Cruz
 Wyatt Munson
 Christina Dick
 David Ollearo
 Phillipa Rosales
 Darlene Reimer
 Bobbie Jean Jackson

Sarah Morones
 Mike Negro
 Glenn Hornick
 Mary Febbraio
 Christine Morales
 Raul Peralta
 Ramona Padilla
 Samantha Garrett
 Gene Marx
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 George LaVasseur
 Justin White
 Martha Shrout
 Rhea Sanchez
 Alan Sanchez Jr.
 Elizabeth Reyes
 Star Carleton
 Juan Francisco Ortiz
 Jeanne Fix
 Jean Wickham
 Raymond Martinez
 Alejandrina Dojaque
 Robert Metz
 Carroll Keller
 Bemar Hernandez
 Marissa Gustillo
 Chase Curry
 Marissa Escandon

Please send your *Prayer for the Sick* requests to information@maricopacatholic.org or call the parish office. We will include them on our prayer list for one month or sooner by request. If someone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office to make arrangements for our Homebound Ministry. Also, please let the office know if you would like a prayer shawl to comfort those who are sick.

June 2nd, 2019 - The Ascension of the Lord

Catholic School Teachers—Help Wanted!

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School in Casa Grande is looking to hire the following full time teachers for the school year beginning in August: Grades 3 and 4 (self-contained) and part-time teachers: Music, P.E., Health and Technology. Please contact Sr. Carol Seidl, Principal, for more information at (520) 788-6227 or cseidl@diocesetucson.org



Our Lady of Grace Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Saturday, June 8, 2019

7:45 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Parking Lot

Please make an appointment after weekend Mass, online at www.BloodHero.com (sponsor code: Maricopa), or call Chuck at 480-532-4860 or John at 520-423-9244

Walk ins are welcome.

Your donation will save a life!

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24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday, March 1, 2019

Please consider spending an hour with the Lord during our 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration beginning on Friday, June 7th following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending with Mass and Benediction on Saturday, June 8th at 8:00 a.m.

Sign up now online! Go to <http://signup.com/go/RpWKcnd> or use the link on Our Lady of Grace website.

24 horas de Adoración Eucarística

Primer Viernes, 1 de Marzo de 2019

Favor de considerar pasar una hora con el Señor durante nuestra Adoración Eucarística, comenzando el viernes, 7 de Junio después de la misa de las 8 de la mañana, y terminando con la Misa y Bendición el sábado, 8 de Junio a las 8 de la mañana.

¡Regístrese ahora en línea! Vaya a <http://signup.com/go/RpWKcnd> o utilice el enlace en el sitio web de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia.



Summer Bible Camp

Dates: June 17-21, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Cost: \$10/child

Location: Pima Butte School Gym

Join us for a fantastic experience how we are rescued by Jesus! Register online through our church website. <https://www.myvbs.org/ourladyofgraceaz>

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Our Religious Education Program needs YOU!

Over 300 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up this fall to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Religious Education Program. With classes offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We will provide you with training, materials, and support. Religious Education classes begin September 9, 2019. If interested or for more information, contact Ann Maidman or AJ Napolitano in the Religious Education Office at 520-568-4605 or via email at amaidman@maricopacatholic.org to schedule a time to meet and discuss your interest in the program.



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