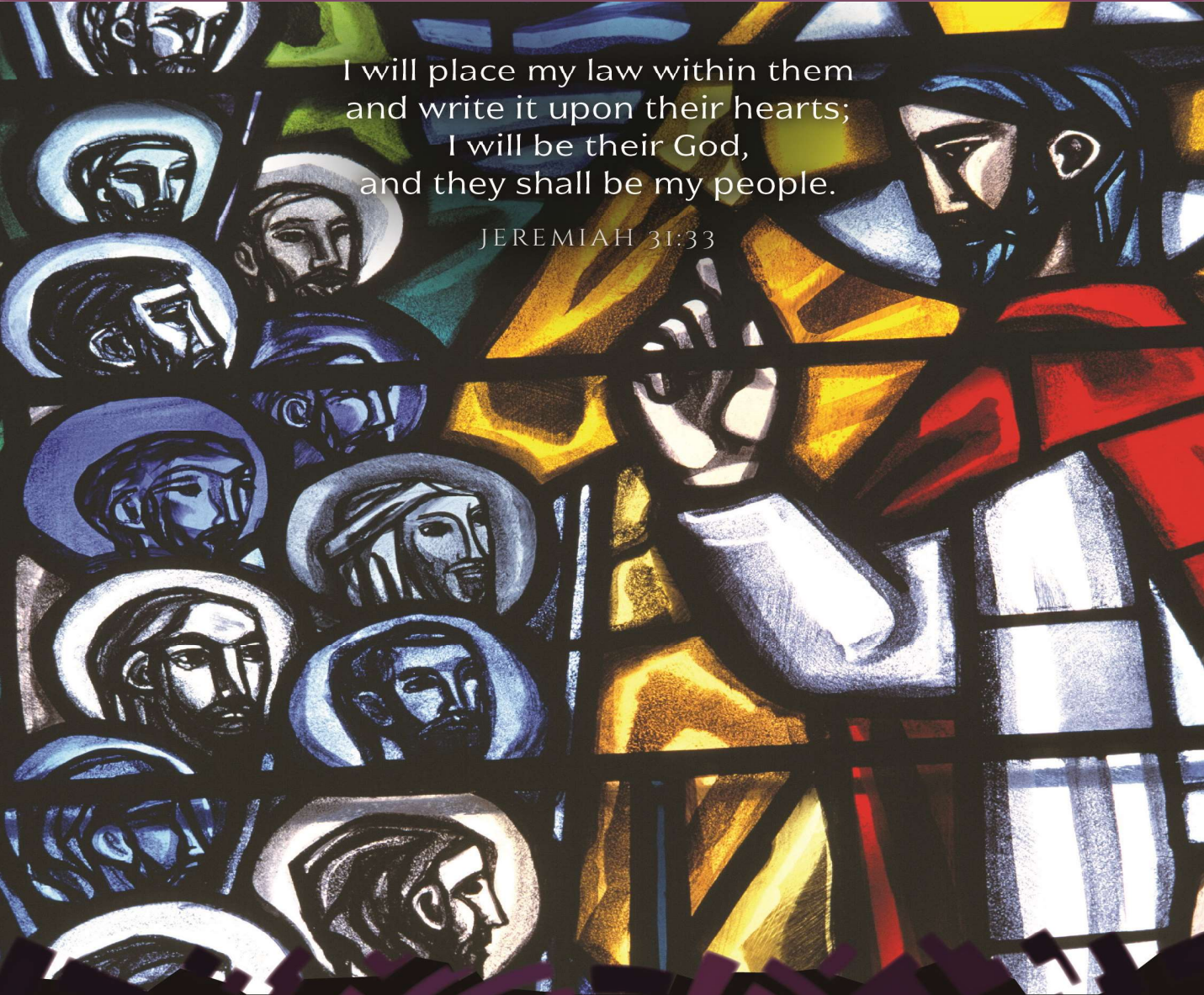


# Ascension of Our Lord Church

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I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

FIFTH  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

MARCH 21, 2021



## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH

### OFFICE HOURS:

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

### DAILY MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

### CONFESSIONS

THURSDAY: 11:30AM-12NOON

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 4:00 PM.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

### BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

### WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

### PARISH STAFF

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Pastor@AscensionOfOurLord.net

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### LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

#### *Sunday, March 21, 2021*

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Esther Lugo- Ascension of Our Lord Choir

†Maria C. Ignacio - Daughter

†Virginia C. Pascual - Zeny Dungca

Intention of Thanksgiving for Nestor Malab -  
Roberto & Flora Behena

#### *Monday, March 22, 2021*

12:00PM †Dr. Peter J. Giannini- Dr. Barbara Santucci

#### *Tuesday, March 23, 2021*

12:00 PM †Pedro Felix, Jr. - Family

#### *Wednesday, March 24, 2021*

12:00 PM †Ashble Schaffer - Family

#### *Thursday, March 25, 2021*

12:00 PM †Adeline Randell - Ginny Grane

#### *Friday, March 26, 2021*

12:00 PM †Anthony Vrlec, Jr. - Vrlec Family

#### *Saturday, March 27, 2021*

4:00 PM †Adeline Randell - Family

Intention of Jean Proskey - Louise & Pat Monaco

Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino &

Demma Families - K & M Demma Families

#### *Sunday, March 28, 2021*

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Joe Keenan I - Marcella Keenan

Intention of Dolores Vrlec - Caridad Cuasay

Intention of Emma Villacorta - Vrlec Family

† Denotes Deceased





# Dear Padre,

## I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

**T**hose who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a

registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



RENATA SEDMAKOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM Pope Francis



*By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 22

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,

19–30, 33–62

or 13:41c–62

Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 23

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

MARCH 24

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14, 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

### Friday

MARCH 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

MARCH 27

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

MARCH 28

*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*

Mk 11:1–10 or

Jn 12:12–16

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mk 14:1–15:47

or 15:1–39

# Parish News



## **Pray for the Sick of Our Parish**

If you or a family member are ill and would like to be placed on the Ascension of Our Lord Prayer List, please call the Parish Office. The name will be added for one month. Due to privacy issues, we will only honor requests made by you or a family member. Name will remain on list for one month.

Please call the Parish Office at 630-629-5810 to add a name to the "Pray for the Sick" list.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*Caridad, Henry, Carl, Grace, Arlene and Patrick*



## **JOIN US THIS LENT**

**Monday –Friday**  
12noon Mass

### **Friday, March 26**

12:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confession following the noon mass

### **Confession - Classroom** (Remaining times before Easter)

Thursdays – 11:30am – 12noon

Fridays – After 12noon Mass

Saturdays -3:15pm-4:00pm

## **DEANERY WIDE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021**

The priests of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, **March 27th, from 9am until 3pm.** There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Polish and Spanish. All are invited to receive God's grace. Please come to one of our two locations:

### **ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

524 N. Rush St.,  
Itasca, IL 60143

<https://www.stpeteritasca.com/>

### **VISITATION CHURCH**

779 S. York Rd.,  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

<https://visitationparish.org/>

### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE**

For those who desire the Eucharist but are not comfortable coming to Mass, Father Jose will be available on Tuesdays by appointment from 9am—2 pm (excluding the time of the Noon Mass) when he will come to your car to give you the Eucharist *and* to give a blessing. Please meet at Rectory garage. **Please call the office to schedule a time.**

### **Minister Schedule**

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 27 - 4:00 PM**

Presider: Father Bob

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 8:00 AM**

Presider: Father Jose

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 10:00 AM**

Presider: Father Jose



We adore you and we bless you,  
Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the  
churches which are in the whole  
world, because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world  
— Stations of the Cross

### **This Week's Calendar**

**MONDAY, MARCH 22:** MASS 12NOON

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23:** BLESSING & SPECIAL COMMUNION  
9AM-2PM (REGISTER), 12NOON MASS, 6:00PM RE, 7:30PM  
LENTEN ZOOM PROGRAM

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24** 12NOON - MASS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25:** 10:30AM LEGION OF MARY -  
CORPUS CHRISTI, 11:30AM CONFESSION - CLASSROOM,  
12NOON MASS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26:** 12NOON MASS, 12:30PM  
CONFESSION, 12:30PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27:** 3:15PM-4:00PM CONFESSION -  
CLASSROOM, 4:00PM MASS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28:** PALM SUNDAY 8:00AM AND  
10:00AM MASS



### **STEWARDSHIP**

**March 14, 2021 - \$6,240**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND  
SUPPORT OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD PARISH.**



Vince Zaprzal  
Director of Parish Ministries, Religious Education & Facilities  
630-953-4416    VZaprzal@AscensionOfOurLord.net

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### **7th Grade Confirmation Retreat**

On Sunday, March 21st, our 7th graders will participate in a Zoom Retreat with NET Ministries as they continue on their path for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. They will be joined for the retreat with the 7th graders of Christ the King Parish of Lombard and St. Alexander's of Villa Park. Come Holy Spirit!

### **New Confession Schedule Starting the Week of Monday, April 5th**

**Confessions will no longer** be heard on Thursdays before the 12 Noon Mass.

**Confessions will continue** on Fridays following the 12 Noon Mass.

**Confessions will also remain** on Saturdays from 3:15pm—4pm

### **New Feature on our Parish Website**

A “Media Gallery” icon now appears on our parish website at the bottom right hand corner of your screen. This icon will take you to Shalom World Media Gallery. There, you can access free Catholic content for all to view and use. Enjoy!

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630-834-6700



# Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

### MUTUAL CONCERNS WE CAN ALL HELP

In this period of pandemic directly affecting us all, we need to see a healthy future for young and old, rich and poor, strong or weak, Christian or not. Covid-19 does not distinguish among us who it will infect and ultimately who will survive it. We all need to take the precautions necessary to avoid the dangers of the Coronavirus. In our work in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our local parish Conference, we need everyone to continue forward together with us. We need everyone to make our work successful. We need Members to actively serve, we need contributors and donors to provide resources, and we need those who will continue to pray for our success in aiding the poor and disadvantaged of our community.

Every day both we and you can help our community move beyond this pandemic and forward to a healthy environment where we all can fully participate in a life where we help one another. For starters we want every adult to get vaccinated against the virus as soon as possible and regardless of age. On our part we want to assist everyone in accessing the E-mail address: [planyourvaccine.com](http://planyourvaccine.com) where you can register to receive the vaccine at a location close to your home. A toll-free number can access the same information at 833-621-1284. And we in the St. Vincent de Paul parish Conference can assist you by helping you to secure your appointment to receive your vaccine as soon as possible. We are all included in this pandemic and we can all get beyond it together. If you wish us to provide help to you in this regard, do not hesitate to call our parish SVDP office at 630-953-4419 and we will gladly help you connect for your vaccine and move back to safer lives.

*Mayslake Ministries*  
Engaging Catholics in a Modern World

### IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION LIKE COUNSELING?

*No, spiritual direction is not like counseling; rather it is a process of self-discovery and awareness to the workings of God in one's life. In spiritual direction, the spiritual director, with the help of the Holy Spirit, prayerfully listens as a person shares the joys and struggles of his or her faith life. Through this shared dialogue, they discuss the action of God's abiding presence at work in the person's life. This process can be transformational.*

### MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES IS HERE TO HELP YOU.

**We are a Catholic ministry located on the campus of Ascension Parish.  
Call us today to schedule an appointment with one of our 40 spiritual directors.  
630-852-9000 Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director**



### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On December 8, 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870. With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

### ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen

United States Catholic Bishops/prayers/devotions

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday**

Saturday 4pm,  
Sunday 8am & 10am

### **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm  
Adoration in Church until 10pm

### **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Good Friday**

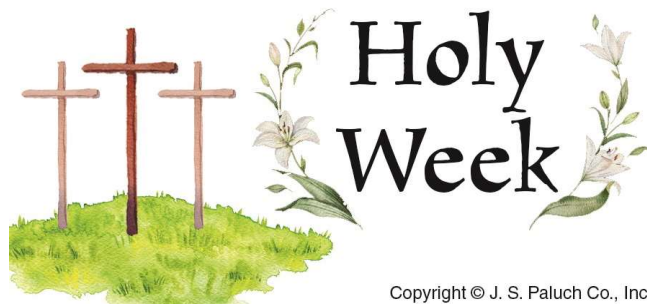
3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death

### **Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> –Holy Saturday**

Easter Basket Blessing at 12 Noon  
Easter Vigil at 7pm

### **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 Noon



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SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 10AM FOR HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY.**