

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

Pray for us Ruega por nosotros

Por los enfermos y los que están sufriendo de nuestra comunidad.

For the sick and suffering in our community:

**Carol Dorgan,
Deacon Clarence
Shallbetter.**

Por nuestros amados difuntos, que descansen en los amorosos brazos de Jesús.

For our beloved dead, may they rest in the loving arms of Jesus.

JOIN US ON FRIDAYS

Bilingual Stations of the Cross and soup suppers

Supper at 6 p.m. in cafeteria; Stations at 6:45 p.m. Fridays, through March 22.

ÚNASE A NOSOTROS LOS VIERNES

Cena de sopa: 6 p.m. en la cafetería **y el Vía Crucis** en seguida: 6:45 en la iglesia

REFLECTION / REFLEXIÓN

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked – Daylight Savings Time always does.

Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light – Christ – was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day? – Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



¡Despierta, durmiente!

Esta mañana ha llegado un poco antes de lo que me hubiera gustado, siempre con el horario de verano. A veces la luz del sol de la mañana parece más intrusa que iluminadora. Todavía estás medio dormido, y ese sol te exige mucho más de lo que estás dispuesto a dar.

Yo lo he dicho, y seguro que tú también. "Sólo cinco minutos más". Le tocas al botón de "snooze" y te alejas de la ventana.

Tantos reyes del Antiguo Testamento se mantuvieron firmes en su somnolencia, rechazando la luz que su Dios intentaba compartir con ellos. Del mismo modo, Juan nos dice que, aunque la Luz -Cristo- fue enviada al mundo, el mundo prefirió las tinieblas.

A veces parece, al leer las Escrituras, que a lo largo de toda la historia de la salvación, Dios ha estado intentando abrir las cortinas, a despertarnos de nuestro sueño desafiante, y lo resistimos. Vez tras vez lo resistimos.

La luz conlleva cierta responsabilidad. Parece obligar a la productividad. Además, la luz no permite esconderse. Cualquier fotógrafo que se precie sabe cómo manipularla, resaltando lo bueno y arrojando alguna sombra misericordiosa sobre lo malo.

Al entrar en la cuarta semana de Cuaresma, nos acercamos al acontecimiento principal. ¿Podremos soportar la luz que llegará en la mañana de Pascua, irrumpiendo en el sepulcro al remover la piedra? ¿Podremos evitar pulsar el botón "snooze" de nuestras almas y sentarnos para afrontar el amanecer de un nuevo día?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



HOLY WEEK 2024 | SEMANA SANTA 2024

**PALM SUNDAY |
DOMINGO de RAMOS**
March 24 |
24 de marzo

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Blessing of palms
followed by bilingual
mass | *Bendición de
las palmas y misa
bilingüe en seguido*

**HOLY THURSDAY |
JUEVES SANTO**
March 28 |
28 de marzo

7 p.m. Bilingual mass
| *Misa bilingüe*

**GOOD FRIDAY |
VIERNES SANTO**
March 29 |
29 de marzo

3 p.m. English service

7 p.m. Bilingual
service | *Servicio
bilingüe*

**HOLY SATURDAY /
SÁBADO de GLORIA**
March 30 |
30 de marzo

7 p.m. Bilingual
Easter vigil | *Vigilia
pascua bilingüe*

EASTER | ¡PASCUA!
March 31 |
30 de marzo

9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Bilingual mass |
Misas bilingües

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COACHING

A **free** class is for any person who interested in learning more about the Corporeal & Spiritual Works for Mercy.

We begin each Wednesday at Hope for the Journey Home on the campus at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, 8260 4th Street N, Oakdale.

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.
Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching and prayer and focus

8:30 a.m.
Mass

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Adoration

10:00 a.m. - noon
Field Trip

Noon lunch at nearby restaurant

Upcoming dates are Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24

Contact Terry Quinn at 651-789-7181 or tquinn@guardian-angels.org with questions or for more information.

Registration is open for Basilica Music and Arts Immersion Camp

The Basilica Music and Arts Immersion Camp is choral and arts enrichment camp for singers entering grades 4-8. It is a shared ministry of The Basilica, Church of the Ascension, and Plymouth Congregational Church. Camp will run July 15-19.

Children of diverse abilities and cultures join together to create a musical, using music, drama and choreography, Orff (mallet) instruments, handbells, percussion, and art, all through the light of the Christian faith. Campers also work with local artists and visit local arts organizations.

Campers will present two performances highlighting their achievements on the last day of camp. Light breakfast and snacks are included; campers bring their own lunch.

Ascension parishioners may attend the program free. Register at Mary.org/musiccamp. Check the box "Need a scholarship."

Please make a generous gift to the Catholic Services Appeal

Jesus says in today's Gospel that "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21).

Our parish wants to do everything in the light, so hungry souls can see Jesus living through us. Without His light, souls who need Jesus can't see that He lives in our parish, in our tabernacle.

Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! Laetare Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. "In the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Catholic Services Appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it's needed most. May God be with you.



Scan here to donate to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal



Or visit hope.archspm.org

For questions please call 651-291-4540

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Si tiene preguntas, llame al 651-291-4540

**Ascension's
goal is
\$21,420**

Por favor, done a la Campaña de Servicios Católicos

Jesús dice en el Evangelio de hoy que "el que vive la verdad llega a la luz, para que se vea claramente que sus obras están hechas en Dios" (Juan 3, 21).

Nuestra parroquia quiere hacer todo a la luz, para que las almas hambrientas puedan ver a Jesús viviendo a través de nosotros. Sin su luz, las almas que necesitan a Jesús no pueden ver que Él vive en nuestra parroquia, en nuestro tabernáculo.

Al haber vivido más de la mitad de la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a alegrarnos. Este domingo de Cuaresma es un día de luz. Jesús dio sentido y fuerza al sufrimiento humano. "En el Señor su trabajo no es en vano" (1 Corintios 15:58). Cuando usted apoya nuestra Campaña de Servicios Católicos, ayuda a su prójimo a encontrar Su luz en la oscuridad y la esperanza cuando más se necesita. Que Dios le acompañe.