

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Roman Catholic Parish



Parish Information

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday: 5:30PM

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30AM 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Mass of Anointing of the Sick

& Holy Hour w/ Confessions: First Friday of
each month, 8:00AM

Confessions: Saturday-4:00PM, Sunday-7:00AM
or by appointment

Parish Groups & Ministries

Altar Servers: Dr. John Valeri

Choir: Elizabeth Myers

Martha Ministry: Dolores Cota

Praise Team: Mike Lundbohm

Eucharistic Ministers: Dr. John Valeri

Knights of Columbus: Larry Gill

Lectors: Paul McDermott

Rosary Prayer Group: Marian Celaya

Church Decorum: Rose Marie Monks

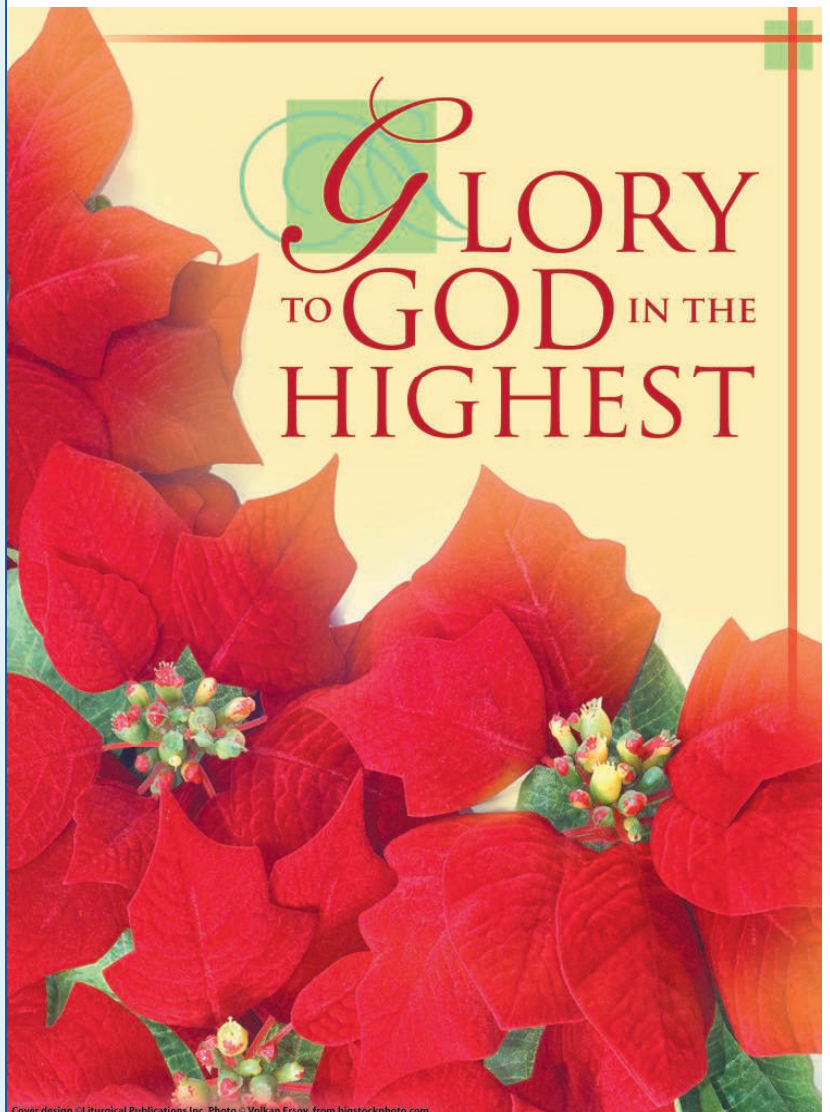
Youth Ministry: Julie Keaveney

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, or would like to contact a Group or Ministry leader, please contact the Parish Office.

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DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Sat: 12/23, 5:00 PM</u>	Mary Salazar (D) Mike Fitzgerald (D) Donald Maxa (D)
<u>Sun: 12/24, 7:30 AM</u>	John & Pauline Conrad (D)
<u>Sun: 12/24, 9:30 AM</u>	Gerardo Delgado (D)
<u>Sun: 12/24, 11:00 AM</u>	For The People
<u>Sun: 12/24, 10:00PM</u>	Mary Salazar (D) Michelle Gallagher (D)
<u>Mon : 12/25, 7:30AM</u>	Donna Nickell (D) Rita Lippert (D)
<u>Mon: 12/25, 9:30AM</u>	Olga Marie Cathemer (D) Tom Sr. & Tom Jr. Cathemer (D) Bob & Joseph Goldsmith (D) Priscilla Martinez (D)
<u>Mon: 12/25, 11:00AM</u>	For The People
<u>Tue: 12/26, 5:30 PM</u>	No Mass
<u>Wed: 12/27, 8:00 AM</u>	Gladys Wolff (D)
<u>Thur: 12/28, 8:00 AM</u>	Peter Arvizo (D)
<u>Fri: 12/29 8:00 AM</u>	For The People



Sacramental Policies

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday of the month, 8:00AM Mass. Holy hour and confession follows.

Baptism: Mass attendance every Sunday is encouraged. Baptism Preparation class: please contact Deacon Ernie for an appointment at (480)-861-5420/Deaconernie08@gmail.com A Baptism Preparation class is required for both the parents and for the god-parents. Baptisms are scheduled on Saturdays between 10AM and no later than 2PM and on Sundays during masses only.

Confession: Saturday-4:00PM, Sunday-7:00AM or by appointment. In dire need, approach the priest immediately.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: Students will be prepared to celebrate these two sacraments during the second grade. Students must be enrolled in a formal religious education program two years before celebrating the Sacraments (grades one and two.) **Confirmation:** Students will celebrate Confirmation in ninth grade after being enrolled in a formal religious education program from the reception of First Holy Communion on. Students not meeting this criteria will be eligible for tutoring of any missed grades.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Available to any Adult or Child (grade three and older) interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith with the added desire of celebrating the Sacraments with us.

Safe Environment Program: Any person experiencing offensive behavior on the part of any employee or volunteer of the parish is encouraged to inform our Compliance Officer: Liz Trujillo at 3139 E. Gable Circle, Mesa, AZ 85204 or 480-861-7208 or liz.trujillo59@gmail.com.

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Vigil:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight:	Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 (11a)/Lk 2:36-40



This Weeks Ministry Assignments

Dec. 23/24	
5:00 PM	Sharon Fitzgerald
Euch Min:	M. Celaya, S. Hermann, Miki Busse
Altar Serv	Rosemary Rodriguez
7:30AM	
Lector:	Frank Ashford, Vicki Ramirez
Euch Min:	R. Hernandez, S. Fitzgerald, J. Ramirez
Altar Serv:	Andy Ramirez
9:30AM	
Lector:	Paul McDermott, Susanne Morgan
Euch Min:	S/H. Kirkbride, P. Stefan, L. Pintar
Altar Serv:	Sarah Lamb
11:00AM	
Lector:	Dario Lizarraga
Euch Min:	John Valeri, Olivia Bussey
Altar Serv:	John Valeri

Next Weeks Ministry Assignments

Dec. 30/31	
5:00 PM	AJ Hermann, Louise Quintana
Euch Min:	O. Bussey, R. Rodriguez, C. Scrufari
Altar Serv	Tate Buckner
7:30AM	
Lector:	Frank Ashford, Gina Ramirez
Euch Min:	Al Mages, S. Fitzgerald, J. Ramirez
Altar Serv:	Johnny Ramirez
9:30AM	
Lector:	Darin Eckles, John Valeri
Euch Min:	C. Martinez, P. McDermott, T. Morgan
Altar Serv:	Justice Satterfield
11:00AM	
Lector:	Paul McDermott, Dario Lazarraga
Euch Min:	M. Day, O. Bussey
Altar Serv:	Ralph Kuechle

Assumption DATEBOOK

- ◆ Retrouvaille provides marriage help! Register for Weekend Program beginning Friday evening, Jan. 19-Sunday Jan. 21. For confidential information call 520-686-1598 or visit www.retrouvaille.org

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Christmas Eve-7:30AM-9:30AM-11:00AM & 10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30AM-9:30AM-11:00AM

- ◆ **February 10th 6th Annual Parish Festival**-Simona Sarmiento will be having a craft booth with all proceeds going to the parish. If you would like to donate crafts to this booth please text or call Simona at 559-869-9347 by January 5th 2018.
- ◆ There will be no Daily Mass Tuesday December 26th.

Weekly Contributions

December 10th Offertory \$4659.38

Parish repairs & Improvements \$261.00

Seminarian Education Fund \$859.00

November Online Giving \$2190.00



The Knights of Columbus

Monthly Meetings for the Knights of Columbus are held the 1st Wednesday of every month. At 6:00PM in Phelan Hall
Next meeting Jan. 3rd. New Members Always Welcome!
For more information call Larry Gill 602-738-3056

Assumption REMINDER

- ◆ Second collection: Parish repair and improvements.
- ◆ Rosary Prayer Group and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in Gila Chapel every Monday at 6:00PM.
- ◆ *Parish Gift Shop:* Opened Saturday after 5:00PM Mass, Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass. If you need to shop out-side of these hours, please call 868-4810 or 868-4246

Assumption Parish Third Annual Giving Tree was a big success again this year! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS! A special THANK YOU to Pat Valeri for all of her time and organization skills and to her quilting group (Piecemakers of Merrill Ranch) that hand made quilts for each child. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity and help with this project. There will be many happy faces this Christmas morning!



Religious Education

December 9th is our last Religious Education Class for K-8th grade until January 7th, 2018

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 24, 2017 4th Sunday of Advent

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. **Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way!**

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here than a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

Laura Medina - Val Rodriguez

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