



# ASCENSION

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Ascension Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you and your family are having a wonderful summer full of rest and time with loved ones! Please, enjoy this time in the comfort that our God, creator of all things, insisted on times of rest. For many this is an appropriate time to rest. I pray you can find some time to do so this summer! Archbishop Shelton Fabre has been getting to know the people of the Archdiocese. I hope you join me in praying for his health and ministry! His episcopal motto is Comfort my People. He explains how he felt called to this motto:

*I chose as my episcopal motto, "Comfort my People," from the prophet Isaiah. (cf. Isaiah 40:1). These words are dear to my heart because they capture what I have always desired to do as a Bishop, as a pastor of souls. I sincerely believe our Lord is communicating these words to His people right now.*

- [Archbishop Fabre Statement to the Archdiocese of Louisville](#) -

By becoming more and more like Christ, we can fulfill His command to Comfort My People! We say yes to Jesus Christ to the point of an uncomfortable vulnerability – a vulnerability that reminds us that we must truly rely on one another. I ask you, fellow disciples of Christ, to trust Him enough to be vulnerable in your generosity. It is by this generosity that we have in the past year been able to:

- **Worship** God in the sacrifice of the Mass, welcoming others into this life of discipleship.
- **Educate** students through our nationally recognized school ministry that seeks to prepare them for a life of discipleship in the uncertain world beyond these walls.
- **Form** the human person through all stages of life, assisting our families in the baptismal call to hand on to their children the faith we have professed.
- **Reach out** a helping hand and listening ear to those who struggle and are home-bound.
- **Come together** with food and fellowship, meeting the other through the person of Christ.
- **Compensate** our parish staff, teachers, and faculty with a just wage. Recommitting ourselves to meeting Archdiocesan compensation guidelines which recognize the sacrificial bond we have with one another.

We have done this while remaining committed to sound financial decision-making. As your pastor, I know these are difficult and uncertain times. I hope you and your family continue to grow in the trust that this community is in this together. We will support one another in good times and in bad, sickness and health, striving to always see Christ in one another. I also hope that you find new ways to get involved at Ascension. As we look to a post-Covid world, it is right and just that we exhibit generosity in every aspect of our lives, especially in our service at Mass and to the community.

Together, We Follow After HIM!

Rev. Adam Carrico - Pastor