



## REGULAR SCHEDULE

### MASS

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

### CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm

### HOLY HOUR / ADORATION

Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 3:00 pm  
Tuesday: 6:00 pm

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/14-9/20

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35,  
36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn  
19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-  
3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9,  
10/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-  
18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,  
5/Lk 8:4-15

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday after morning Mass until 4:00 pm  
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch)

**Sanctuary Hours:** Monday-Friday after morning Mass until 4:00 pm





### PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Receive, O Holy Trinity this Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we, your unworthy servants, desire now to offer to You by the hands of Your minister, with all the sacrifices which have ever been or will be offered to You, in union with that Holy Sacrifice offered by Jesus Christ our Lord at the Last Supper, and on the Altar of the Cross. We offer it to You with the utmost affection and devotion, out of pure love for Your infinite goodness, and according to the most holy intention of the same Christ our Lord, and of our Holy Mother the Church. O God, almighty and merciful, grant us through this Holy Sacrifice, joy and peace, a holier life, time to do penance, grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATION FOR ASCENSION PARISH

God our Father, You call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church in Tierrasanta by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, deacons, and religious men and women. Inspire us as we grow to know you and open our hearts to answer your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## CHARACTERISTIC OF THE JUBILEE YEAR: RECONCILIATION

A Jubilee year is a sign of **reconciliation** because it establishes a "favorable time" (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness.



As Pope Francis recalled in the 2015 Bull proclaiming the Extraordinary Holy Year, "Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. [...] God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certainty of love and new life" (Misericordiae Vultus, 21).

In practical terms, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that stay open continuously to make available the sacrament of Reconciliation. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide. (cf. <https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/segni-del-giubileo/riconciliazione.html>)

## ASCENSION JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND LOCAL PILGRIMAGES

**Oct. 4-5, 2025: Jubilee of Youth and Young Adults**

**Oct. 4: Jubilee Parish Recollection** by Rev. Joaquin Martinez, S.J. (Ascension Parish Church)

**Oct. 11-12, 2025: Jubilee of Families, Parents, Grandparents and the Elderly**

**Oct. 11: Pilgrimage - Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (Official Jubilee Pilgrim Church of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles)

**Oct. 18-19: Jubilee of Catechists**

**Oct. 18: Pilgrimage - Christ Cathedral**, 13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840 and **Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano**, 31520 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 (Official Jubilee Pilgrim Churches of the Diocese of Orange)

**Oct. 25-26: Jubilee of Ministers**

**October 25: Pilgrimage - St. Joseph Cathedral**, 1535 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 (Diocese of San Diego Pilgrimage Church. Participants will make a symbolic pilgrimage from Waterfront Park through Beech Street to the Cathedral.)



Please let us know if you are joining in one or all of the scheduled local pilgrimages so we can plan if we need to get a bus ride to the LA area. Please use the QR code to sign up.





## COLLECTIONS FOR GAZA HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: WEEKENDS OF SEPTEMBER 13-14 & SEPTEMBER 20-21

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all dioceses and parishes to participate in a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. The collection will be taken up at Ascension on the weekend of September 20-21, 2025. All parish donations will be sent to the Diocese and will be channeled through to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEW) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support.

## UPCOMING THIS WEEK

- **Sunday, 9/14 after 8:30 Mass** - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
  - Contact Bill Luna with questions: bill.luna39@gmail.com
- **Tuesday, 9/16 at 12:00 pm** - Single Seniors BYO Luncheon (Pavilion)
  - Contact Terry Hermes with questions: flashhermes@aol.com
- **Wednesday, 9/17 at 9:00 am** - Coffee Catch-up (Pavilion)
- **Thursday, 9/18 at 6:00 pm** - Golden Circle Potluck (Hall)
  - Contact Maria Montenegro with questions: 619-889-1422

## ASCENSION FELLOWSHIP: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

All are invited to join the next Ascension Fellowship on Saturday, September 20. We will meet in the Pavilion for a potluck at 6:00 pm. Around 7:00, we will discuss Pope Leo XIII and how his papacy will likely inspire our new pope. Family and/or friends are also welcome to attend—they do not need to be Catholic. Please contact Chris and Kalena Cook at [cnkcook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnkcook@sbcglobal.net) or 858-337-7446 if you have any questions and to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

## NEXT MOC MEETINGS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Our next Caring for the Whole Person (CWP) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23 at 1:30 pm in the Pavilion. We invite you to be part of this ministry to our seniors, homebound, and health-challenged parishioners who have the most need and who are the most vulnerable.

Our next Ministries of Charity (MOC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm in the Pavilion. We will be planning more 2025 activities, so please come and join us. Please contact Deacon Jim and Mattie Scull at [deaconjim@ascension-sd.org](mailto:deaconjim@ascension-sd.org) if you have any questions.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 9/13 | 4:30 pm**  
Sam Beamon †

**Sunday, 9/14**  
**8:30 am**  
Parishioners of Ascension

**11:00 am**  
Silvano † & Maria † Piccini

**5:30 pm**  
Personal Intentions

**Monday, 9/15 | 8:30 am**  
Personal Intentions

**Tuesday, 9/16 | 8:30 am**  
Vince & Ani Duenas  
Jun Etrata

**Wednesday, 9/17 | 8:30 am**  
Jose H. Pantua †  
Manuel Alcala †

**Thursday, 9/18 | 8:30 am**  
Judith Dullano

**Friday, 9/19 | 8:30 am**  
Personal Intentions

**Saturday, 9/20 | 4:30 pm**  
Personal Intentions

**Sunday, 9/21**  
**8:30 am**  
Mass of Thanksgiving

**11:00 am**  
Rosemary Jackson  
Carl Jackson Jr. †

**5:30 pm**  
Parishioners of Ascension



## 9/14 - THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY ADORATION

After Sunday 11:00 am Mass  
for 30 min.

Benediction at 12:30 pm

## ONE BENEFIT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Lord hears our prayers  
anywhere, but He has revealed to  
His servants that those who visit  
Him in the Eucharist will obtain a  
more abundant measure of grace.

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Bekah O'Meara  
Nancy Ponce †  
Joe Bartel  
Ella Lopez  
Minnie Crouse  
Everette Crouse †  
Maria Luisa Oviedo  
Kailani Tonnaer  
Joseph Cuticelli  
Dean Kelling  
Scott Joseph Gebhard Jr. †  
Marsha Lizarraga  
Gwen Johnson  
Carlos Gomez  
Nora Perez

If you have name(s) to be included on  
this prayer list, please contact the  
Parish Office.

## RACHEL'S SHELTER MONTHLY DINNER SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Please join Ann Galbraith in cooking side dishes in the JP2 kitchen from 2:30-4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 24. No culinary skills are needed; you can also drop off beverages, desserts, purchased or donated food of any kind (sandwich meat, cheese, PB&J, cereal, or milk for next-day meals), or your own prepared dishes. Our parish community provides one meal per month. If you'd like to help or drop off food, please contact Ann at 206-931-5379 or via email at anngalbraith1@gmail.com. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the August dinner, including Emma, Julie, Maribeth, Marissa, and Michelle.

## ASCENSION FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Baseball, soccer, swimming, dance, school activities, scouts... Does this sound like your family? If so, come and meet other parents and youth of Ascension Parish who are balancing faith, family, and life in Tierrasanta. Our first family fellowship event will give parents and kids the opportunity to connect with other Catholics in the community, and build our faith through fellowship and fun. Activities and food will be provided for attendees.

Join us after Mass on Saturday, September 27, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, where we will focus on fellowship; future events will include opportunities to build a family of faith through activities and speakers.

### REGISTER HERE



## POST FIESTA PLANT SALE: WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27-28

If you missed visiting the Ascension Plant Booth during our annual June Fiesta, you're in luck! During the weekend of September 27-28, we will be having an after inventory plant sale after each Mass (4:30 pm, 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm) with marked down prices! The mini plant booth will be located just outside of the church front doors. Please contact Angie Elfman at 858-775-4828 for more information.

## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE...

Thank you to our generous parishioners who coordinated the building of the new fence at the rectory and those who took good care of the plants while Fr. Edwin was away from the parish. Your help is sincerely appreciated!





## STANDING WITH IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Migrants in San Diego and across the nation are facing their scheduled court appointments with heightened fear. This is especially true when they are approaching the courthouse as part of their due process rights.

Under the leadership of Bishop Michael Pham, the Diocese of San Diego has instituted a process for the accompaniment of migrants to their hearings at the court house. Guided by their faith, clergy, other representatives from religious groups, and Catholic laypersons offer their presence, comfort, and prayer to create a more secure and peaceful means to secure the rights of immigrants and refugees to a fair hearing of their cases. This Ministry is called **Faithful Court Accompaniment -- Faithful Accompaniment in Trust and Hope.**

Your MOC Team is encouraging the creation of a team of trained parishioners to participate with concerned Catholics and others in this ministry. Two of our parishioners are already trained: Jean Kerr and Carmela Cavero. Please consider joining this effort to show migrants they are not alone as they navigate the complex legal system. For more information contact Jean Kerr at [jeanmkerr@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmkerr@gmail.com).

## MARY ANN'S CLOSET: SERVING THE HOMELESS AT OUR PARISH & IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mary Ann's Closet serves the homeless at our parish and in our community. Our ministers are now using the items you have donated; however, we are running out of the following items:

1. Wash cloths (18 pack at Walmart)
2. Johnson & Johnson: To Go First Aid Kits (small travel size at Walmart)
3. Body Wash, Shampoo, Lotion (small travel size)
4. Body Wipes (three or five pack at Walmart)

In addition, we are in need of adult sizes of NEW (with tags) men's pants, belts, socks, and shoes. Please pick up a Needs List at our MOC table; our donation baskets will be in the church vestibule for the rest of September. If you are unable to shop for the homeless, please drop your donation in the collection basket, earmarked for MOC. If you are interested in serving the homeless in our community, please contact Jun Etrata or Deacon Jim. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry.

### REGISTER / UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION



## YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

### 9/7/2025 (NEW FISCAL YEAR)

#### Collection

\$7,464.37

#### Fiscal YTD

\$94,894.15

### 2nd Collection Building Fund

\$2,138.00

#### Church Renovation

#### Online Donations

\$1,341.54

### 9/8/2024 (LAST FISCAL YEAR)

#### Collection

\$8,410.05

#### Fiscal YTD

\$77,740.39

### 2nd Collection Building Fund

N/A

### ACA 2025 Assessment Goal

\$30,349.00

#### Amount Paid to Date

\$22,416.10

#### Current Balance

\$7,932.90

#### Building Loan

#### Balance as of 8/31/2025

\$1,368,902.46

### DONATE ONLINE







**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE  
WONDERFUL PRIESTS  
DURING THE MONTH  
OF SEPTEMBER**

**Rev. Anthony Saroki**

Pastor

Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
San Diego, CA

**Rev. Brian Hayes**

Pastor

St. Catherine Laboure  
San Diego, CA

**Rev. Thomas Thompson**

Retired

Good Samaritan Retirement Center  
El Cajon, CA

**Rev. Steve Corder S.J.**

Jesuit Novitiate  
Culver City, CA

**Rev. Edwin Tutor**

Our Pastor at Ascension Parish



**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS  
OF OBLIGATION**

**Monday, December 8**

Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

**Thursday, December 25**

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



**REGISTER NOW FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**Who:** Children Grades K-5

**When:** Sundays at 9:45 am (after 8:30 am Mass & before 11:00 am Mass)

**Cost:**

- 1 Student: \$120
- 2 Students: \$200
- 3 Students: \$320
- 4 Students: \$440
- Sacramental Prep for Year 2: \$30

**REGISTER HERE**



Payment can be made online or dropped off in the parish office. Please note, change is not available in the Parish Office. If you are in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available. Please contact Nicole Reyes (rel.ed@ascension-sd.org) if you need assistance or have additional questions.

**REGISTER NOW FOR EDGE PROGRAM  
CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**Who:** Middle School Youth Grades 6-8

**When:** Sundays at 6:35 pm (after 5:30 pm Mass)

**Cost:**

- 1 Student: \$75
- 2 Students: \$125
- 3 Students: \$175

**REGISTER HERE**



Payment can be made online or dropped off in the parish office. Please note, change is not available in the Parish Office. If you are in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available. Please contact Nathalie Vazquez (youth@ascension-sd.org) if you need assistance or have additional questions.

**REGISTER NOW FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM  
CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**Who:** High School Teens Grades 9-12

**When:** Sundays at 3:45 pm (before 5:30 pm Mass)

**Cost:**

- 1 Student: \$135
- 2 Students: \$250
- 3 Students: \$375

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Payment can be made online or dropped off in the parish office. Please note, change is not available in the Parish Office. If you are in need of financial assistance, scholarships are available. Please contact Nathalie Vazquez (youth@ascension-sd.org) if you need assistance or have additional questions.





## PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

### A

Altar Flowers: Ann Galbraith | 206-931-5379  
Altar Servers: (Children) Ray Lebron | 858-775-6734  
Altar Servers: (Adult) Carlos Becerra | 858-337-6474  
Altar Committee: Angela Jones | 858-279-2735

### B

Baptisms (Infants-Age 6): Deacon Adam |  
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Caring for the Whole Person (CWP):  
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