



## 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 12/21-12/27

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday:** 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; 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

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 21, 2025

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday from 9:15 am to 4:00 pm  
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:00 pm for lunch)

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





*The Jubilee  
Prayer*

**Father in heaven,**  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ,  
our brother, and the flame  
of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform  
from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers  
of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the  
treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

*Franciscans*  
Pope Francis



## JUBILEE OF HOPE: RECONCILIATION & INDULGENCE



Our scheduled parish local pilgrimages have completed. However, one can schedule a personal pilgrimage to our diocesan Jubilee church: the Cathedral of St. Joseph. On this personal pilgrimage, focus on the jubilee sign of reconciliation and indulgence. You may also use the Pilgrimage Prayer posted on our parish website or use the QR code to the right.



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. Concretely, reconciliation is about experiencing the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and personally receiving God's word of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that continuously offer the possibility for Reconciliation. Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which surpasses and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This gift of grace came about by Jesus' saving mission. Seeing the witnesses of Jesus and the saints and living in communion with them, our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened. Concretely, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual actions, as Pope Francis has recommended to the faithful. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nevertheless invited to take part in the spiritual journey that accompanies this Jubilee year. Among the conditions for receiving the indulgence is praying for the Pope's intentions.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

10:00 P.M.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.





## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

When we celebrate the joy of Christmas we think of gifts – the gift of family, friends, good health, material blessings, presents, among others. We see colored lights in our homes and neighborhoods, and they elicit some joy in us. It is a wonderful time of the year. In the Gospel of Luke (2:14), the angels proclaimed a message of “great joy” for all people and invited us to sing the glory of God at the birth of our Lord. The source of the joy is the birth of the baby Jesus, our Lord, which is a manifestation of God’s peace to people favored by God.

Christ brings “peace to those on whom his favors rest.” A variant translation used in the liturgy reads “peace on earth to men who are God’s friends.” To receive the peace that comes from God we need to be God’s friends, people who are open to God’s message and his will in our lives. God has already given the gift of peace. Our part is to receive it and strive to be “friends of God” so we can manifest God’s peace in our world.

May we experience deep joy in the birth of Jesus and know his peace. May we extend the peace of Christ to all and transform our troubled world into haven of reconciliation and unity. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Edwin

## SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - OBLIGATION IS DISPENSED FOR SAN DIEGO DIOCESE

SOLEMNITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

MASS: 9:00 AM



REGISTER / UPDATE  
YOUR INFORMATION



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 12/20 | 4:30 pm**

Kazuko Mitose  
Rosa Thoa Pham †

**Sunday, 12/21**

**8:30 am**

Parishioners of Ascension

**11:00 am**

Enrique Panlilio  
Lem & Stephanie Graham

**5:30 pm - Open**

**Monday, 12/22 | 8:30 am**

Albert Quattrocchi †  
Mary Sperrazzo †

**Tuesday, 12/23 | 8:30 am**

Ralph Musto †

**Wednesday, 12/24**

**4:00 pm**

Nanette Love †  
Steve Shaw †  
Lilia Panlilio †

**6:30 pm**

Sam Beamon †

**10:00 pm - Open**

**Thursday, 12/25**

**8:30 am - Open**

**11:00 am - Open**

**Friday, 12/26 | 8:30 am - Open**

**Saturday, 12/27 | 4:30 pm**

Patrice Petry  
Robert B. Hoffman †

**Sunday, 12/28**

**8:30 am**

Rodrigo †

**11:00 am**

Parishioners of Ascension

**5:30 pm - Open**



## 12/21 - THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY ADORATION

After Sunday 5:30 pm Mass  
for 30 min.

Benediction at 7:00 pm

## ONE BENEFIT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Holy Hour we make  
so pleases the Heart of Jesus  
that it is recorded in Heaven  
and retold for all eternity!  
- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## PRAYER REQUESTS

David Morehead †  
Scott Kelling  
Joseph F. Mignone  
Mike Trimintozi  
Gwendolyn Johnson  
Fred & Carol Orton  
Rosie Struyk  
Sue Hamel  
Anne L. Hoffman  
Robert B. Hoffman †  
Mari Beth Turner †  
Cathy Hoffman Nienhuis †  
Nanette Love †  
Alan Scheer  
Ray Duncan  
Ella Lopez

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

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: JANUARY 2, 2026

Please come and spend an hour in  
the reverence of our Lord on Friday,  
January 2. First Friday Adoration will  
be held after the 8:30 am Mass;  
Benediction will take place at 5:30  
pm. Sign up sheets will be available  
next week in the vestibule. For  
questions, please contact Maxima  
Agnas at [isingagnas@yahoo.com](mailto:isingagnas@yahoo.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, 12/21 after 8:30 am Mass** - Coffee & Doughnuts Fellowship (Pavilion)
- **Sunday, 12/21 at 1:00 pm** - Single Seniors Monthly Meeting (Pavilion)
  - Contact: Terry Hermes | [flashhermes@aol.com](mailto:flashhermes@aol.com)
- **12/24/2025 at 3:00 pm** - Chaplet & Adoration CANCELED
- **12/24/2025 from 12:00 pm through 1/1/2026** - Parish Office Closed
- **12/25/2025 at 3:00 pm** - Chaplet & Adoration CANCELED
- **1/1/2026 at 3:00 pm** - Chaplet & Adoration CANCELED

## THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ANGEL TREE TOY DRIVE!

Thank you to our amazing parishioners for another successful Angel Tree Toy Drive! Your continued generosity and support made a tremendous difference this holiday season. On December 15, we were able to deliver a huge number of gifts and bicycles to the Pala Mission community. It was a heartwarming sight to see their truck filled with your presents, which will help local children experience the love of Jesus and His Mother this Christmas. We are so grateful for your spirit of giving and wish you God's richest blessings in the new year!

## REPORTING ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To report sexual misconduct by clergy or church personnel (including abuse), please contact Mary Acosta, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at [misconduct@sdccatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdccatholic.org) or 858-490-8353.

The Diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy or church personnel seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential, and thorough manner. Visit [www.safeinourdiocese.org](http://www.safeinourdiocese.org) for more information.





## IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS & STOCK DONATIONS REMINDER

**Parish Closure Note:** The parish office will be closed for the holidays beginning the afternoon of December 24, 2025 through January 1, 2026.

As scripture reads, "Jesus said, 'Give and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be in turn, the measure that you get back.'" We thank you for your generous donations and cooperation.

### IRA Required Minimum Distributions Reminder:

Qualified charitable contributions must be made by December 31 each year to exclude that amount from income.

Charitable contributions can only be made from IRAs—not 401(k)s or similar types of retirement accounts. Donors might need to roll funds over from 401(k) to an IRA if they want to make a charitable tax-free contribution to their retirement plan. A donor doesn't need to itemize their taxes in order to make an IRS charitable distribution. Donors should consult with their personal tax advisors on the donations and the tax implications.

### Stock Donations Reminder:

A gift of your securities, including stocks or mutual funds, is an easy way to make a gift. By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if you sold these assets. The deadline for gifting stock and to ensure that your gift is processed for 2025 is December 15, 2025.

For more information on IRA Distributions and Stock Donations, visit the diocesan website: <https://sdcatholic.org/giving/stock-donations>.

## MINISTRIES THAT NEED OUR HELP

- **Altar Servers:** Contact Ray Lebron | 858-775-6734
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** Contact Fran Lebron | 858-442-1826
- **Lectors:** Contact Fran Lebron | 858-442-1826
- **Ministry to the Sick:** Contact Don Trexel | 858-279-2735
- **Ushers/Hospitality:** Contact Ray Lebron | 858-775-6734

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KOC KNIGHT OF THE MONTH!

Ross Bouman was honored with the Knight of the Month award for all of his efforts and accomplishments for the annual Past Grand Knights Dinner on November 11. Congratulations, Ross!



## YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

### 12/7/2025 (THIS FISCAL YEAR)

#### Collection

\$7,712.54

#### Fiscal YTD

\$199,896.11

### 2nd Collection Building Fund

\$2,597.00

#### Church Renovation Online Donations

\$1,072.82

### 12/8/2024 (LAST FISCAL YEAR)

#### Collection

\$12,038.08

#### Fiscal YTD

\$187,423.79

#### Church Renovation Online Donations

\$5,089.74

### ACA 2025 Assessment Goal

\$30,349.00

#### Amount Paid to Date

\$27,728.52

#### Current Balance

\$2,620.48

#### Building Loan

Balance as of 12/10/2025

\$1,210,034.68

## DONATE ONLINE







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

**His Holiness Pope Leo XIV**  
Our Holy Father | Vatican City

**Most Reverend Michael Pham**  
Bishop | San Diego, CA

**Most Reverend Felipe Pulido**  
Auxiliary Bishop | San Diego, CA

**Most Reverend Ramon Bejarano**  
Auxiliary Bishop | San Diego, CA

**Reverend Edwin Tutor**  
Our Pastor at Ascension Parish  
San Diego, CA

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**UPCOMING MAJOR  
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**  
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
Ash Wednesday

**Friday, June 12, 2026**  
Solemnity of the Most Sacred  
Heart of Jesus



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!**

Your total contributions of **\$2,572.00** towards the National Needs collections in November supported the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and The Catholic University of America.

**NEW DATE  
ADDED!**

**ASCENSION  
PHOTO  
DIRECTORY**

*Be part of our family album*

**Portrait Sittings  
JANUARY 7-10, 2026**

Use the QR Code  
or our website:  
[sdascension.org](https://sdascension.org)

**SIGN UP ONLINE NOW FOR  
FIRST CHOICE OF TIME!**

In person sign-ups after Mass  
or in the Church Office





## 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 |  
deaconadam@ascension-sd.org  
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### C

Caring for the Whole Person (CWP):  
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Children's Liturgy of the Word | rel.ed@ascension-sd.org  
Coffee & Donuts: Carol Thompson | 619-459-4192

### E

Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Lebron | 858-442-1826

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Finance Council: Joe Kennedy | 858-279-8413  
First Friday Adoration: Maxima Agnas | 858-278-4543

### G

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### K

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### S

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