



## 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 12/28-1/3

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34



## THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 28, 2025

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

**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.

*Franciscus*  
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.

## 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**

## 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!





## 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

## 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 this week in the vestibule. For questions, please contact Maxima Agnas at [isingagnas@yahoo.com](mailto:isingagnas@yahoo.com).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **12/29/2025 through 1/2/2026** - Parish Office Closed
- **1/1/2026 at 3:00 pm** - Chaplet & Adoration CANCELED

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Monday, 12/29 | 8:30 am**  
Manuel Yzaguirre †

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

**Wednesday, 12/31 | 8:30 am**  
Rodrigo †

**Thursday, 1/1 | 8:30 am**  
Graham Family  
Albert Quattrocchi †  
Mary Sperrazzo †

**Friday, 1/2 | 8:30 am**  
Ferrer Family

**Saturday, 1/3 | 4:30 pm**  
Joanne Benke-Helm

**Sunday, 1/4**  
8:30 am  
Open

11:00 am  
Open

5:30 pm  
Parishioners of Ascension



## 12/27 - THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY ADORATION

After Saturday 4:30 pm Mass  
for 30 min.  
Benediction at 6:00 pm

### ONE BENEFIT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond.

— Pope Paul VI

### 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.

## ASCENSION FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: JANUARY 24

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. This 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.

Join us after Mass on Saturday, January 24, 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. In addition, please bring a dish to share for the potluck. No registration is required—just show up! We hope to see you there!

## FORMED: THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT, ALL IN ONE PLACE

It's easy and FREE to register! Scan the QR code to the right or:

- Visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Enter our parish zip code (92124)
- Click on Ascension Catholic Church
- Enter your name and email
- Enjoy and share with others in our local community!



You can also download the FORMED app from the App Store or Google Play.



Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make our family one with  
you. May we be peace-  
loving and peace-giving,  
and may we always have  
God as the center of our  
hearts and our home. Amen.



REGISTER / UPDATE  
YOUR INFORMATION



## IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS & STOCK DONATIONS REMINDER

**Parish Closure Note:** The parish office will be closed for the holidays beginning December 24, 2025 through January 2, 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://sdccatholic.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

## 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.

## YOUR GIFTS OF TREASURE

**12/14/2025 (THIS FISCAL YEAR)**

**Collection**  
\$9,988.71

**Fiscal YTD**  
\$209,884.82

**2nd Collection Building Fund**  
\$1,310.00

**Church Renovation**  
**Online Donations**  
\$1,359.84

**12/15/2024 (LAST FISCAL YEAR)**

**Collection**  
\$8,062.81

**Fiscal YTD**  
\$195,486.60

**Church Renovation**  
**Online Donations**  
\$15,044.04

**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, 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

**Monday, November 2, 2026**  
Commemoration of All the Faithful  
Departed (All Souls' Day)



**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](http://sdascension.org)

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

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



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Altar Flowers: Ann Galbraith | [anngalbraith1@gmail.com](mailto:anngalbraith1@gmail.com)  
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Baptisms (Infants-Age 6): Deacon Adam | [deaconadam@ascension-sd.org](mailto:deaconadam@ascension-sd.org)  
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