

# ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17th, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN JOY,  
WE WAIT



**Sunday, December 24th**  
Sunday Masses at 8:30AM,  
11:00AM

**Christmas Eve Mass**  
**Sunday, December 24th**  
4:00 PM, 6:30 PM  
& 10:00 PM

**Christmas Day**  
Monday, December 25th  
Masses at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

**New Year's Eve**  
Sunday, December 31  
Mass at 8:30am, 11am & 5:30pm

**New Year's Day**  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Monday, January 1  
Mass at 9:00am

11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.. San Diego, CA 92124

## Mass Times:

Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri., 8:30am  
Thurs., 8:30am Communion Service  
Saturdays Vigil: 4:30pm  
Sundays: 8:30am, 11am, 5:30pm  
Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00pm

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# Welcome to Ascension

## Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Adoration

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday 3PM  
Tuesday 7PM



## Retirement Fund for Religious

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

**This weekend  
December 16-17th — 2nd Collection**

Donations can be made online at  
**[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)** or donate by  
mail.

Please make checks payable to  
**Retirement Fund for Religious.**

Please do not mail cash.  
See the mailing instructions available  
in the pews.

We thank you for your generosity.

## Local Advent Penance Service Times

*Church of the Immaculate  
Conception*

**Monday, December 18th, 2023  
@5:30pm**

*Our Lady of Refuge*

**Monday, December 18th, 2023  
@ St. Brigid 5:30 pm**

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## THE POWER OF A SINGLE MOMENT

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personnel seriously and deals with them in a  
prompt,  
confidential and thorough manner. **To report  
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personnel, including abuse, please call  
Mary Acosta, Victim Assist. Coord.  
858-490-8353, email  
[misconduct@sdccatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdccatholic.org) or  
visit  
[www.safeinourdiocese.org](http://www.safeinourdiocese.org).**  
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sexual abuse should be



# Pray with Us!

## PRAY FOR PEACE

### God of Comfort,

send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.

You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the one whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression  
Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

### God of Love,

we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures.

War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.

Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews.

Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.

Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.

We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

## MASS Intentions

Sun, Dec 17th	8:30am	Tony Dubreville† Mary Tubolino†
	11:00am	Susan Recto† Aurora Blaikie† Yoshiko Keivens†
	5:30pm	Open
Mon, Dec 18th	8:30am	Open
Tues, Dec 19th	8:30am	Anthony Rodrigues Lynn Rodrigues
	8:30am	Georgia Olsen
Wed, Dec 20th	8:30am	Communion Service
Thurs, Dec 21th	8:30am	Lynn Trelx
Fri, Dec 22nd	8:30am	Rosa Thoa Pham† Florence Nickerson†
	8:30am	Parishioners of Ascension
Sat, Dec 23rd	8:30am	Open
	4:00pm	Lilia Panlilio† Jacqueline Valliere†
	6:30pm	Sam Beamon† Michelle Nadeau-Patterson†
Sun, Dec. 24th	10:00pm	Open

## PRAYER REQUEST

If you have name/s to be included in this prayer list, please contact the parish office. The "†" indicates that the person is deceased. Your prayer will

Roger Hoffman†	Chris Cronin	Ella Lopez
The Hoffman Family	Alex Polifka	Karen Garcilazo†
Mari-Beth Turner	Michelle Nadeau-Patterson †	Sam Beamon †
Christiane Hoffman-Frank	David Egan	Aurora Blaikie†
Fidel Salazar	Maria Belflower	Purificacion Tamayo
Mary Lou Platon†	Elizabeth G. Laxamana†	Dan Trubovitz
Lucian Platon†	Rosie Struyk	Cathy Wu†
Paul Sevilla	Mike Sullivan	Georgia Olsen

Jan. 5th, 2024  
Following the 8:30am Mass  
Benediction is at 5:45pm.

Please come spend an hour in the silent awesomeness of our Lord.

Sign up sheets will be available in the church vestibule next weekend

Please wear your medal.



# Youth



## A Gift for Baby Jesus

We're inviting the Parish children to bring a gift for Baby Jesus, beginning now until *Christmas*. Your gifts will be donated to the **Culture for Life Women's Center**.

Suggested Items: Baby formula (any kind), large size diapers, pull up diapers, clothing (winter pajamas), baby bottles, or baby toys. No need to wrap the gifts. Please bring them by the office or leave by the Jesse Tree in the church vestibule.



## Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Our parish is looking to restart Children's Liturgy Ministry and we are asking for volunteers for the 11AM Mass. If you feel a call to help us spread the Gospel message to our parish children, Please contact Abby Gonzalez, R.E. Coordinator at [rel.ed@ascension-sd.org](mailto:rel.ed@ascension-sd.org)

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEER PARISHIONERS WHO STUFFED HOLIDAY CANDY BAGS.

The event went well- 722 bags made. We set aside 350 for Pala and 200 have been distributed to homeless along with caps, jackets & scarves inside hand sewn bags.

220 bags left which Abby requested for this weekend's Posada

Thank you very much to all who patriciate in this wonder event

## Jesse Tree

We would like to invite all Parish Children to participate in our Advent Jesse Tree. Please feel free to take a paper ornament to color and decorate with your child and read the scriptures that go with each one. Add an ornament each week to our Jesse!



*Holy Moments* cards will be added to the Jesse Tree during the Christmas Season.

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUTH MINISTER!



Are you an enthusiastic individual who loves our Catholic faith and seeking a rewarding opportunity to share your faith with the teens of our parish? Look no further!

Ascension is looking for you to join our team and play a vital role in mentoring our middle school and high school teens and fostering a deeper connection to our rich Catholic spiritual heritage.

**Flexible Part-Time Hours:** This vital role will require about 15-20 hours per week. To learn more or to apply for this staff position, please contact Bonnie Curtis at [bonnie@ascension-sd.org](mailto:bonnie@ascension-sd.org).



We are also looking for adult volunteers to assist our new Youth Minister. Please let us know if you would like to be involved with faith sharing, Bible studies, fund raisers, annual retreat, social events, food, etc. Please contact the office or Bonnie Curtis at [bonnie@ascension-sd.org](mailto:bonnie@ascension-sd.org)

# Time, Talent, Treasure

## Your Gift of Treasure

### Weekend of Dec. 10th, 2023

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of the following:

	12/10/23	12/11/22
Collection	\$8,750.40	\$8,861.59
Fiscal YTD	189,579.65	\$188,352.61

**ACA 2023 Goal: \$36,116.00**

**Amount paid as of Nov. 4th: \$34,717.88**

**Church Renovation Donations: \$3,478.61**

**Thank you for your support & generosity!**

## IT'S TIME TO RETURN YOUR WRAPPED ANGEL TREE GIFTS!

**Wrapped Gifts are due back to the parish  
this weekend.**

**You may drop off any last minute gifts to the  
Parish office Monday, December 18th @ 9am,  
to ensure they are available for deliver to Pala in  
time for the Christmas party.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HEARTS!**



## St. Andrew on November 30 Ends Christmas Eve

### Make the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit

**Say the St. Andrew Christmas Novena prayer**

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in  
which the Son of God was born of the most  
pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in  
the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I  
beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer  
and grant my desires through the merits of Our  
Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed  
Mother. Amen.*

**Name any intentions or other prayers you  
wish to share with God. Maybe consider  
your response to**

**Jesus's call to follow Him; just as he called  
on**

**Andrew and Peter, he also calls on us to let  
go and  
surrender.**

### Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Repeat the above steps 14x throughout

## SINGLE SENIOR BYO LUNCHEON

December 19th, 2023  
12pm – 2pm  
In the Pavilion

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Don't forget to Register with the office to  
ensure you are receiving all communication on  
Updates and Parish Events.

Office - 858.279.2735  
office@ascension-sd.org



Please Note  
The Office will be closed  
Dec. 25th—Jan 1st.

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Altar Flowers: TBD

Altar Servers: (Children) Tom Tomp 858-496-9267

Altar Servers: (Adult) Carlos Becerra 858-337-6474

Altar Committee: Angela Jones

Parish Fellowship: Henry Ng 858-223-3380

Men's Fellowship: Deacon Adam 858-279-2735

Baptisms: Deacon Adam deaconadam@ascension-sd.org

Bereavement Ministry: Pat Berkebile 858-278-5497

Caring for the Whole Person: 858-279-2735

Deacon Jim & Mattie Scull

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 858-279-2735

Coffee & Donuts: Sharla Hank 619-315-5553

Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Lebron 858-442-1826

Fiesta Chair: Henry Ng 858-279-2735

Finance Council: Joe Kennedy 858-279-8413

First Friday Adoration: Maxima Agnas 858-278-4543

Golden Circle: Dennis & Yolanda James 858-715-8697

Grief Support: Sandy Canzoneri 858-565-2101

Knights of Columbus: Mark Elfman 858-775-4647

Lectors: Fran Lebron 858-442-1826

Love Our Priests: Jean Hosenkamp 858-560-7132

Marian Prayer Group: Rosa Germain 858-279-7397

Military Outreach: Rick Kania 858-405-3013

MOC: Deacon Jim deaconjim@ascension-sd.org

Ministry to the Sick: Deacon Jim 858-279-2735

Music Ministry:

(Sat 4:30 PM) Billy Fallon

(11:00AM) Marianne Gutierrez marianne@ascension-sd.org

(Sun 5:30PM) John Sperrazzo john@ascension-sd.org

Office office@ascension-sd.org

Pastor revetutor@ascension-sd.org

Pastoral Council: 858-279-2735

Prayer Quilts: Gail Janes 858-414-6361

Pro-Life: David Akers 858-437-1445

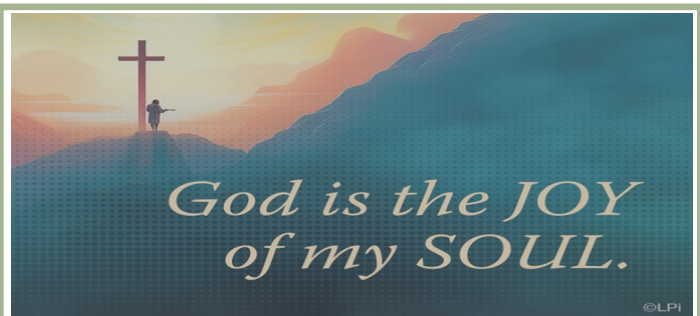
RCIA: Bonnie Curtis 858-279-2735

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R.E Coordinator: Abby Gonzalez 858-279-2735

Single Seniors Fellowship: Danielle Deaton 858-278-0755

Ushers/Hospitality: Ray Lebron 858-775-6734



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## DECEMBER 2023 PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS MINISTRY

His Holiness Pope Francis  
Robert Cardinal McElroy  
Rev. Edwin Tutor  
Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker

Our Holy Father, Vatican City, Vatican  
Bishop of San Diego  
Our pastor  
Retired Military Chaplain, Coronado, CA

*Thank you for all your prayers throughout the year for our priests!*

### **Here is your next MOC Update #2023 -21.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

MOC is now into its fall schedule and looking towards winter. Please join us as we continue to serve those in need. You can read about all of our activities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, and in this update.

Your Ministries of Charity are planning a number of opportunities for service to the homeless and the poor now and in the coming months.

### **OUR 1ST MOC 2024 EVENT:**

Our FIRST MOC 2024 EVENT will be a project to serve the Homeless in San Diego.

Details are now being formulated, but we plan to have a distribution of some items for the homeless and to serve lunch at the Neil Good Day Center. So look for more details in our Updates and please consider joining us as we serve the homeless together.

Our 1st MOC meeting is Jan.17th @ 7pm in the Pavilion

### **RACHEL'S SHELTER DINNER SERVICE:**

**Rachel's Shelter** is located downtown near the Father Joe's facilities. It is operated by the Diocese and provides supportive, safe, and short to mid-term shelter for 35 women. At the request of Rachel's Shelter MOC periodically serves dinner at the shelter.

Ann Galbraith is the MOC leader for this, and typically on the day of the dinner service prepares the meal in the JP2 kitchen prior to departing for Rachel's at 4:30 PM. If you'd like to help cook or serve, please contact Ann Galbraith at [anngalbraith1@gmail.com](mailto:anngalbraith1@gmail.com) and find out the ways you can help.

### **ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT:**

Please refer to page 5 of our bulletin for information

