

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



December 25th, 2023

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Mass Times:

Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri., 8:30am

Thurs., 8:30am Communion Service

Saturdays Vigil: 4:30pm

Sundays: 8:30am, 11am, 5:30pm

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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.



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 are available in the church
vestibule this weekend

Please wear your medal.

MASS Intentions

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| Sat, Dec 23rd | 4:30pm | Rosa Thoa Pham† Florence Nickerson† |
| Sun, Dec 24th | 8:30am | Parishioners of Ascension |
| | 11:00am | Karen Angel & Family |
| | 4:00pm | Lilia Panlilio† Jacqueline Valliere† |
| | 6:30pm | Sam Beamon† Michelle Nadeau-Patterson† |
| | 10:00pm | Open |
| Mon, Dec 25th | 8:30am | Robert B. Hoffman† |
| | 11:00am | Dr. Edwin Yorobe† Parishioners of Ascension |
| Tues, Dec 26th | 8:30am | Christopher J. McFeely† |
| Weds, Dec 27th | 8:30pm | James Bourbeau Jose Pantua† |
| Thru, Dec 28th | 4:30pm | Communion Service |
| Fri, Dec 29th | 8:30am | For the return of those who left the Catholic faith |
| Sat, Dec 30th | 4:30pm | Joseph Parisi† Mary Parisi† |
| Sun, Dec 31st | 8:30pm | Parishioners of Ascension |
| | 11:00am | Rodrigo Ferrer† Joanne Benke-Helm† |
| | 5:30pm | For the Souls in Purgatory |

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 remain on the list for one month (space providing).

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| 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 |

Welcome to Ascension

Christmas Message

The three wise men were questioning people, people on the move, courageous witnesses. When the three wise men arrived at their destination, they fell down and worshipped the child in the manger as the Messiah, the Son of God come into the world, the only one able to bring us salvation and life.

The star that the wise men followed led them neither to a palace of the rich and powerful, not to an academy of scholars, but to a child. These three were truly wise human beings, for they understood that God does not normally come to us in extraordinary, unusual, extravagant, adventurous, sensational ways — or in spectacular events. What is truly wonderful is that the extraordinary happens right in the middle of everyday, quite ordinary life. This is how God is. God comes down to us; God wants to be visible and present in our midst, in the middle of the everyday life of the world.

The three wise men were overwhelmed by this miracle of great love. God became a human being in Jesus Christ — a human being like you and me. Jesus Christ dwells among us and has become visible.

I wish that this Christmas season be for you and yours a season of grace during which you joyfully celebrate God's love.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fr. Edwin



Christmas Day & New Years day, the Church
& Parish campus will be closed
after morning Masses on Monday
December 25th & Monday January 1st.

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

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration
changes to take note of:

Monday Dec. 25th— Cancelled
Tues. Dec. 26th—Cancelled
Monday Jan.1st-Cancelled

Christmas Eve Masses
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 31st
Mass at 8:30am, 11am & 5:30pm

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

Youth



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

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.

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.



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

ANGEL TREE THANK YOU

We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredibly thoughtful and generous donation of gifts and bicycles (including helmets) for the Children of San Antonio de Pala Parish.

Your MOC Team is overwhelmed by your continued charity. Your kindness has touched the hearts and bring joy to the many children of the Mission.

A special thank you to the Roldan Family for putting the Angel Tree Project together and coordinating this wonderful charitable event that has become part of the fabric of our church.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a blessed new year.

MOC Team



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:

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| | 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!

Reporting allegations of sexual misconduct: 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. **To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse, please call Mary Acosta, Victim Assist. Coord. 858-490-8353, email misconduct@sdccatholic.org or visit www.safeinourdiocese.org.**



Caring for the Whole Person Ministry

An opportunity for you, as a faithful disciple of Jesus, to take a step deeper into Gospel life.

What is CWP?

CWP is primarily a Ministry of Presence

We tend to those who are alone, have illness or are dying. We want to listen & journey with our parishioners in need through difficult times

GET INVOLVED

If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, **Please join!**

We invite you to be part of the Caring for the Whole Person Ministry

THE POWER OF A SINGLE MOMENT

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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!

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

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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

RCIC: 858-279-2735

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

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MINISTRIES OF CHARITY UPDATE #2023 – 22

December 14th, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

MOC is now moving into its winter schedule of events. 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. Here is your next MOC Update #2023 -22.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS:

Our first MOC 2024 event will be “*Help for the Homeless*”, a project to serve the Homeless in San Diego. This event will be two separate, simultaneous projects. **The first project** will benefit the children from the Department of Children and Youth in Transition (CYT), within the San Diego City School District. This little known department serves all children within the school system who are living in transitional situations. This includes children who are homeless, or in transitional housing, i.e. military and immigrant families in need. Children from these situations are regularly in crisis and are served by CYT with school supplies, clothes and food. What is their most critical need? Believe it or not, children’s underwear. Many, many of these children do not have new or clean underwear. CYT’s closets are empty. Please help, we will be accepting donations, throughout January, of new children’s underwear: Kindergarten to 12th grade, boy’s, and girl’s, all sizes. Help us send these children to school completely dressed.

The second project, will be a collection of shoes (new or gently used) and socks for the homeless. We will be having a distribution of these and other items, as well as, serving a meal at Catholic Charities’ Neil Good Center on Feb 10, 2024.

Collections for all these items will begin in January 2024. There will be donation bins in the vestibule of the Church. Clean out your closets and fill our bins. We will be having a signup table to help with the distribution and meal service outside of church after weekend masses the 2nd and 3rd weekends in January. More news to come!

NEXT MOC MEETING: Our next MOC Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024, 7pm, in the Pavilion.

