

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH



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, 11:00AM

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

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Welcome to Ascension

Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Adoration

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

A co-worker of mine is an older widower. I heard his birthday was the next day, so before work that day, I bought him a special meal and slice of cake and dropped it off to him as a surprise.

Glorifying God
through
Holy Moments

THE POWER OF
A SINGLE MOMENT

holy moments

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

Local Advent Penance Service times

Mary, Star of the Sea
Sunday, December 10th @ 4:00pm

The Immaculata
Monday, December 11th @ 7:00pm

Mission San Diego
Monday, December 11th @ 7:00pm

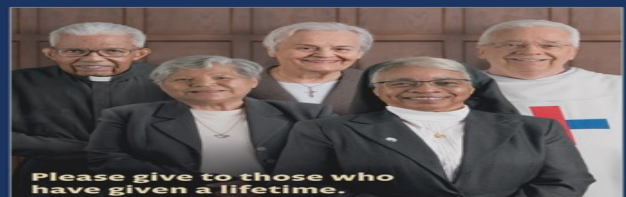
Our Mother of Confidence
Tuesday, December 12th
@ 12:00pm
& 7:00pm

St. Thérèse of Carmel
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
@ 7:00pm

St. Catherine Laboure
Wednesday, December 13, 2023
@ 7:00pm

St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday, December 14th, 2023
@ 7:00pm

St. Agnes
Friday, December 15th, 2023
@ 6:00pm



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund
for Religious

retiredreligious.org

December 16-17th 2nd Collection

Donations can be made online at 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.

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.

Christmas Flowers

Please consider donating poinsettia flowers through Dec. 16th.



Flower donation envelopes are located in the pews or you can donate on our website www.sdascension.org under the Donate Online Tab - Christmas Flowers

Feast Day December 14th, 2023

St. John
of the
Cross

MASS Intentions

Sat, Dec 9th	4:30pm	Manuel Neves† Robert B. Hoffman†
Sun, Dec 10th	8:30am	Aurora Blaikie†
	11:00am	Parishioners of Ascension
	5:30pm	Michelle Nadeau-Patterson† Jacqueline Valliere†
Mon, Dec 11th	8:30am	Clementine Snyder†
Tues, Dec 12th	8:30am	Michael Pollard
Wed, Dec 13th	8:30am	Golden Circle Jose Veano
Thurs, Dec 14th	8:30am	Communion Service
Fri, Dec 15th	8:30am	Open
Sat, Dec 16th	4:30pm	Parishioners of Ascension
Sun, Dec 17th	8:30am	Tony Dubreville† Mary Tubolino†
	11:00am	Susan Recto† Aurora Blaikie† Yoshiko Keivens†
	5:30pm	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

Join Us



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.

Ascension's Posada

The Religious Education children & families will host a *Posada*

December 17th, 2023 in JP2 after the 8:30 Mass.

All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the anticipated birth of Jesus with this wonderful Mexican religious celebration commemorating the journey that *Mary and Joseph* made to Bethlehem in search of safe refuge to give birth to Jesus.

We will re-enact this story with a singing procession, and end with a celebration with tamales and pinata. **Please, come join us!**



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.



Baby Jesus Blessing on Gaudete Sunday

We invite all Parishioners to bring in your Nativity scene's Baby Jesus to **Gaudete Sunday Masses on Dec 17th** for a special blessing. Don't forget to wear pink (rose) and celebrate Joy!

Confirmation 1 & 2 Parent Meeting

**Sunday December 10th
at
4:00pm
in the Pavilion**

This is a Mandatory Meeting for the parents.
Thank you
For more info contact bonnie@ascension-sd.org



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

Time, Talent, Treasure

Your Gift of Treasure

Weekend of Dec. 3, 2023

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

	12/03/23	12/04/22
Collection	\$9,633.96	\$9,219.79
Fiscal YTD	\$180,829.25	\$179,491.02
ACA 2023 Goal:	\$36,116.00	
Amount paid as of Nov. 4th:	\$34,717.88	
Church Renovation Donations:	\$13,987.41	

Thank you for your support & generosity!



Beads & Brew Ministry

Wednesday, December 13th
@
7:00pm
in the Pavilion
Contact Roger Jones 858-279-3164

GOLDEN CIRCLE POTLUCK

Thursday, December 14th
in the
Parish Hall
Parishioners, 55+
Please
join us & wish
everyone a special
"Golden Circle Christmas"

Please RSVP to one of the following:
A-E, Carol Shaw, 858-279-0489;
F-L, Chuck Cox, 858-277-8646
M-R, Rosie Struyk, 858-268-9566;
S-Z, Maria Montenegro, 619-889-1422

MOC ANGEL TREE PROJECT

are in the
vestibule now and in our weekly Flocknote
Bulletin you can sign up for a gift to give to this
wonderful cause.

The gifts this year will again be
donated to the
children of the Pala Mission, one of the poorest
parishes in our diocese.

Along with the many gifts we so gratefully
receive from our generous parishioners, we will
again be looking for donors for new boy's and
girl's bicycles. These bicycles
become the grand prize at Pala's Christmas
party for the children.

If you are interested, please contact
Deacon Jim or the Parish Office.
This year the project will be coordinated again by
the Roldan Family.
Many thanks

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

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

FOLLOW HIM AND BE TRULY FREE

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 10th, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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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 and find out the ways you can help.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

Please refer to page 5 of our bulletin for information

