



# ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021**

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



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

**CHURCH OPEN**

9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday;

2:00pm-4:00pm Saturday;

8:30am-12:00pm & 3:00pm-6:00pm Sunday



**THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

**Sunday, 12/19/21**

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass
- ◆ 10:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ 11:30am - RCIA in Pavilion
- ◆ 5:30pm - Mass

**Monday, 12/20/21**

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration
- ◆ 6:15pm - NO EDGE or Religious Ed.

**Tuesday, 12/21/21**

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration

**Wednesday, 12/22/21**

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ After Mass - Coffee Social in the Hall
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration
- ◆ 5:30pm - Altar Server Training in Church

**Thursday, 12/23/21**

- ◆ 8:30am - Communion Service
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration

**Friday, 12/24/21 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

Parish Office is CLOSED

- ◆ 4:00pm - Mass
- ◆ 6:30pm - Mass
- ◆ 10:00pm - Mass

**Saturday, 12/25/21 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass
- ◆ 10:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass

Please note on Saturday 12/25.2021 there is NO Confession or 4:30pm Mass

Sat, Dec. 18th	4:30pm	Scott Hyman †, Marguerite Roy † & Marc Hyman
Sun, Dec. 19th	8:30am	Susan Recto † & Gigi Blaikie
	10:30am	Thoa Rosa Thu Pham †
	5:30pm	Parishioner of Ascension
Mon, Dec. 20th	8:30am	Matthew DuBois †, Alice Lowe †, Thomas L. Bayers Sr. †, Tommy L Bayers Jr. † & Annie Bayers †
Tues, Dec. 21st	8:30am	1) The Homeless of San Diego 2) Thu Thi Dang
Wed, Dec. 22nd	8:30am	1) All Golden Circle Members affected by Covid 2) Loretta Kania
Thurs, Dec. 23rd	8:30am	Communion Service
Fri, Dec. 24th	4:00pm	Joe † & Frieda † Neureiter
	6:30pm	Milton † & Juliette † Chandler
	10:00pm	Steve Shaw †
Sat, Dec. 25th	8:30am	Mabel DuBois†, Vincent DuBois & Paul DuBois
	10:30am	Dr. Edwin Yorobe † & Liwayway Escobar Oriel †
Sun, Dec. 26th	8:30am	Joseph Costello †
	10:30am	Marcianita Bork †
	5:30pm	Parishioners of Ascension



If you have a name/s to be included in this prayer list, please contact the parish office. The “ † ” indicates that the person is deceased. Names will remain on the list for one month (space providing).

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| Alex Polifka                                       | Mary Todd                |
| Joanna Baker                                       | Andrea Sweetser          |
| Marc Hyman   | Rebecca Lynn Rodriguez   |
| Sheila Barker                                      | Pat McNamara             |
| Dorothy Croxton                                    | Heizl & Jordan Irwin     |
| Joe & Karen Garcilazo                              | Mimi (Noemi) Carrillo †  |
| Martha Becerra                                     | Stephanie Valderrama     |
| Children of the Immaculate Heart's Clients & Staff | Enrigue Perez Betancourt |
|  | Fr. Paolo Perenio †      |
|  | Peter Penzcar            |
|  | Chuck Cox                |

# ASCENSION MINISTRIES & GROUPS



Altar Flowers: Rosa Germain	858-279-7397
Altar Servers: (Children) Tom Tomp	858-496-9267
Altar Servers: (Adult) Carlos Becerra	858-337-6474
Altar Committee: Marilyn Kachok	858-278-3155
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
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: Jim Knox	858-279-2735
Lectors:	858-279-2735
Love Our Priests: Jean Hosenkamp	858-560-7132
Marian Prayer Group: Rosa Germain	858-279-7397
Military Outreach: Rick Kania	858-405-3013
Ministries of Charity: Deacon Jim	deaconjim@ascension-sd.org
Ministry to the Sick: Deacon Jim	858-279-2735
Moms' Group: Mary Ann Tilos Schwartz	858-279-2735
Music Ministry:	
(Sat 4:30 PM) Billy Fallon	billy@ascension-sd.org
(8:30AM) Mike Schaefer	mike@ascension-sd.org
(10:30AM) Marianne Gutierrez	marianne@ascension-sd.org
(Sun 5:30PM) John Sperrazzo	john@ascension-sd.org
Catholic Charities Food Drive: Joyce Muinos	858-278-5279
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: Emma Scheuerman	858-279-2735
Rentals: Parish Office	858-279-2735
Single Seniors Fellowship: Danielle Deaton	858-278-0755
Ushers/Hospitality: Rosie Struyk	858-268-9566

Please note on Tuesday mornings (until Feb. 8th 2022) from 9:30am - 11:00am ALL Parish staff will be attending mission training.

Where possible, volunteers will staff the office, otherwise the office will be closed.

## AVAILABILITY OF GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS FOR COMMUNION

Gluten-free hosts are available for reception of communion for all our weekend masses for those whose health status indicates. They can be received from the deacon distributing communion on the north side of the church (right side as you enter the church through the front doors). As you approach the deacon for communion, please indicate that you would like a gluten-free host.

## 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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH - 858-279-2735

Pastor:	Fr. Edwin Tutor, ext. 102 revetutor@ascension-sd.org
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Or, call Merrill Lynch, the Diocese's broker at 800-844-0720

## 10th Annual San Diego Walk for Life Saturday January 15, 2022

Waterfront Park in front of the County Administration Building on Pacific Highway

The walk's purpose is to continue to focus on the need for protection of the newly conceived, and their mothers and expand this protection to support **ALL** community members until natural death. The Walk for Life is honored to have Shawn Carney, Author and CEO, President, and Co-Founder of **40 Days for Life** as the keynote speaker.

Carpools will be formed to facilitate travel and parking.

Questions: Call David Akers, 858-437-1445, or email [concrete.aztec@gmail.com](mailto:concrete.aztec@gmail.com)

## Your Gift of Treasure: Weekend of December 11 - 12

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

2021	12/11 - 12/12	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$9,073.93	\$189,555.69

2020	12/12 - 12/13	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$10,239.31	\$193,414.35

**Religious Retirement Fund Donation:  
\$6,616.00**

**Christmas Flower Donation: \$210.00**

GIFT Capital Campaign donation: **\$8,662.80**

**ACA 2021 Goal: \$39,000.00**

Pledges as of December 13: **\$36,96.62**

Pledges Paid: **\$35,385.61**

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



**Second Collection will be taken on Sunday,  
December 26th to cover the ACA shortfall.**

## SAVE THE DATE !!

### UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

SINGLE SENIORS MONTHLY MEETING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH @ 1:00PM IN  
THE PAVILION

SINGLE SENIORS MOVIE NIGHT  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH @ 6:30PM IN THE  
PAVILION

ASCENSION FELLOWSHIP MEETING  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH IN THE PAVILION  
FOLLOWING 4:30PM MASS



## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS AT ASCENSION

### Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

Masses at 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM &  
10:00 PM

### Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

Masses at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
(NO Confessions and NO 4:30 PM  
Mass)

### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26

Masses at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM &  
5:30 PM

### New Years Day

Saturday, January 1

Mass at 9:00 AM  
(NO Confessions and NO 4:30 PM  
Mass)



## Local Penance Service times

### Monday, December 20

Sacred Heart, OB from 5:00pm-8:00pm

### Wednesday, December 22

St Therese of Carmel @ 12:00pm



The Parish Office will be closed  
December 24th - January 2nd.

We will re-open on  
Monday, January 3rd at 9am.

Wishing you and your families a  
blessed and very Merry Christmas.

## ADVENT LITURGY in Ascension

This advent we will have more time for reflection & prayer during Mass. Soft instrumental music will be played during the offertory and Holy Communion.



We hope to achieve a deeper awareness of Christ coming into our minds, our hearts - our lives by focusing on Jesus received during Communion. The preparation needed for the coming of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas demands our whole being. In Scriptures and during special moments of Jesus' communion with the Father, silence plays a very important part. We hope this will facilitate a deeper encounter with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist this season.

"Silence is not limited to the absence of words; rather, we open ourselves to hearing other voices: that of our heart, and above all, that of the Holy Spirit," Pope Francis



**Military Outreach Ministries**

We recently received a thank you from San Diego MOM for our parishes continued support. This Outreach Ministry supports young, enlisted Military families who are stationed in San Diego.

The recent donation of \$715, which was generously donated by our parishioners (for the Military Baby Shower) will be used to support these families.

**Marriage Help!**

**January 14 -16, 2022**

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit our website:

[www.helpourmarriage-sandiego.org](http://www.helpourmarriage-sandiego.org)



**Altar Server Training**

If you have received your 1st Communion and would like to become an altar service or you are a returning altar server, please join us

**Wednesday, December 22nd**  
**@ 5:30pm**

in the Church with Fr. Edwin & Tom Tomp at Ascension Church for our Annual Altar Server Training.

If you have questions please contact Tom Tomp @ 858.496.9267

**LOVE OUR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers throughout the year for our beloved priests. May you be blessed with a very Merry Christmas. During the month of December, kindly pray for these wonderful priests.

His Holiness Pope Francis  
His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI  
Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy  
Rev. Peter Navarra  
Rev. Edwin Tutor

Our Holy Father, Vatican City, Vatican  
Pope Emeritus, Vatican City, Vatican  
Bishop of San Diego, CA  
Pastor, St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego, CA  
Pastor, Ascension Catholic Parish, San Diego, CA

If you would like to include the name of a priest in our bulletins, please contact [jeanlaskey@outlook.com](mailto:jeanlaskey@outlook.com).



## MOC UPDATE

**ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** Our Ascension Food Pantry is open and we have already had a few parishioners and visitors make use of it. If you are a parishioner who would like to access this service, just call the parish office (858) 279-2735. Our parish secretaries will be glad to help you.

**NEWS FROM RACHEL'S HOUSE AND DAY CENTER:** We are continuing our Dinner Service to RACHEL'S HOUSE AND DAY CENTER during the pandemic. This service project is being led by Rosa Germain. MOC will be providing some of those needed dinners on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rosa will be leading this effort. Rachel's dinner dates for 2022 are: March 8<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; June 6<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help Rosa, please contact her directly:  
Rosa Germain (858)231-5329; [rosagermain@pacbell.net](mailto:rosagermain@pacbell.net). Thank you.

**CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON:** Caring for the Whole Person Ministry (CWPM) is an opportunity for you, as a faithful disciple of Jesus, to take a step deeper into the Gospel of Life. CWP is primarily a ministry of presence. We want to seek out and get to know our parishioners who are elderly, struggling with illness, alone, or dying. We want to be present to them. We want to listen and journey with them and their families during these difficult times.

We invite you to be part of this new ministry. We invite you help us develop it for needs of our parish. We invite you help us serve those in our parish who have the most need, who are the most vulnerable, and who need us the most.

Please contact Deacon Jim and Mattie Scull (858) 279-2735

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe, Deacon Jim and Your MOC Team.

### BESIDES THE WISE MEN, WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THE EPIPHANY?

Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.



Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus

not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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