



ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

ASCENSION MINISTRIES & GROUPS



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.
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent,

too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:10-12

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CHURCH CLOSED-Mon, Dec. 27 - Fri, Dec. 31

CHURCH OPEN

2:00pm-4:00pm Saturday;

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

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sunday, 12/26/21

The Fest of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- ◆ **Special Second Collection**
- ◆ **8.30am - Mass**
- ◆ **10:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass**
- ◆ **11:30am - RCIA in Pavilion**
- ◆ **1:00pm - Single Seniors Mtg in Pavilion**
- ◆ **5:30pm - Mass**

Monday, 12/27/21 - Parish Office CLOSED

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

Tuesday, 12/28/21 - Parish Office CLOSED

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

Wednesday, 12/29/21 - Parish Office CLOSED

- ◆ **8.30am - Mass/Live Online Mass**
- ◆ **After Mass - Coffee Social in the Hall**
- ◆ **3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration**

Thursday, 12/30/21 - Parish Office CLOSED

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

Friday, 12/31/21 - Parish Office CLOSED

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

Saturday, 01/01/22 - NEW YEARS DAY

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ◆ **9:00AM - Mass/Live Online Mass**

Please note on Saturday 01/01/2022 there is NO Confession or 4:30pm Mass

MASS Intentions

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
Mon, Dec. 27th	8:30am	1) Jose Pantua † 2) Donna †
Tues, Dec. 28th	8:30am	Jim † & Sandy Canzoneri
Wed, Dec. 29th	8:30am	Marcianita Bark †
Thurs, Dec. 30th	8:30am	Communion Service
Fri, Dec. 31st	8:30am	Dr. Edwin Yorobe †
Sat, Jan. 1st	9:00am	Hoktencia Polta †
Sun, Jan. 2nd	8:30am	Joanne Benke-Helm †
	10:30am	Parishioners of Ascension
	5:30pm	Hong Tran



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).

Alex Polifka
Joanna Baker
Marc Hyman
Sheila Barker
Dorothy Croxton
Joe & Karen Garcilazo
Martha Becerra
Children of the Immaculate Heart's Clients & Staff
Mary Todd

Andrea Sweetser
Rebecca Lynn Rodriguez
Pat McNamara
Heizl & Jordan Irwin
Mimi (Noemi) Carrillo †
Stephanie Valderrama
Enrigue Perez Betancourt
Fr. Paolo Perenio †
Peter Penzcar
Chuck Cox
Ba & Hoa Nguyen

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)



PSALM

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)



SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)



GOSPEL

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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God's
Unfolding
Story
of Love

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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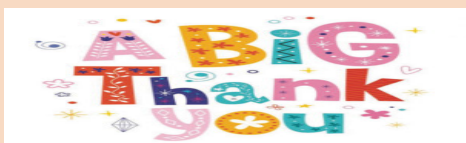
Or, call Merrill Lynch, the Diocese's broker at 800-844-0720



Second Collection will be taken this Sunday to cover the ACA 2021 shortfall.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1
Mass at 9:00 AM
(NO Confessions and
NO 4:30 PM Mass)



To the Golden Circle members for donating Thanksgiving baskets.

Your Gift of Treasure: Weekend of December 11 - 12

Due to the advanced printing of the bulletin during the holiday seasons, the financials will be updated the weekend of January, 8-9 2022

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!



The Parish Office will be closed
until January 2nd.
We will re-open on
Monday, January 3rd at 9am.

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

The church will be opened only for Mass and Chaplet/Adoration during this period.

PARISH DEACONS SUNDAY

This Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family, we show our appreciation for the ministry that our parish deacons, Jim Scull and Adam Curtis, have done and continue to do for Ascension. We also appreciate the support of their wives for their ministry. Thank you, deacons, for assisting the pastor in the task of shepherding God's flock in Tierrasanta.

As you all know, Deacon Jim serves by leading the charity works of the parish, the MOC. He also was involved for many years with leading the formation team in teaching our RCIA candidates. Deacon Adam presides over the sacrament of Baptism and helps parents and sponsors prepare for its celebration. Deacon Adam and wife, Bonnie, lead our Parish Adult Formation program. Our deacons also regularly assist our priests in the celebration of Mass and in preaching the Word.

Let us be thankful to God for giving us dedicated and humble servants. Let us show our heartfelt thanks to both Deacon Jim & Deacon Adam and their wives for their gift of ministry to Ascension. We pray that God continue to give them good health and support in their ministry.



FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.
MARK 10:45

WE  **OUR PRIESTS!**

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. Thank you Jean.

His Holiness Pope Francis
Our Holy Father, Vatican City, Vatican

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
Pope Emeritus, Vatican City, Vatican

Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy
Bishop of San Diego, CA

Rev. Peter Navarra
Pastor, St. Joseph Cathedral, San Diego, CA

Rev. Edwin Tutor
Pastor, Ascension Catholic Parish, San Diego, CA

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