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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

CHURCH OPEN

8:30am - 4:00pm Monday-Friday

2:00pm-4:00pm Saturday;

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

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sunday, 01/02/22

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

Monday, 01/03/22

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration
- ◆ 6:15pm - EDGE or Religious Ed.

Tuesday, 01/04/22

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

Wednesday, 01/05/22 - Parish Office

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

Thursday, 01/06/22

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

Friday, 01/07/22 - FIRST FRIDAY

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass/Live Online Mass
- ◆ Adoration following Mass
- ◆ 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration
- ◆ 5:45pm - Benediction
- ◆ 6:30pm - Single Seniors Movie night in the Pavilion

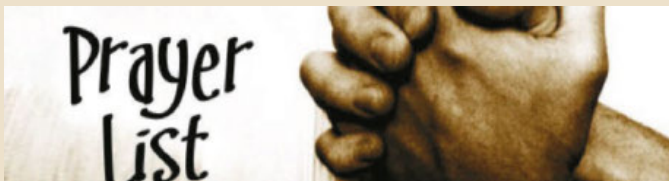
Saturday, 01/08/22

- ◆ 2:00pm-3:00pm - Confession @ St Mary's Room
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass
- ◆ Following 4:30pm Mass - Ascension Fellowship meeting in the Pavilion

MASS Intentions

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| Sat, Jan. 1st | 9:00am | Hoktencia Polta |
| Sun, Jan. 2nd | 8:30am | Joanne Benke-Helm |
| | 10:30am | Parishioners of Ascension |
| | 5:30pm | Hong Tran |
| Mon, Jan. 3rd | 8:30am | Caroline Anne † and Charles † Cremins |
| Tues, Jan. 4th | 8:30am | Joe † & Frieda † Neureiter |
| Wed, Jan. 5th | 8:30am | The Nguyen Family |
| Thurs, Jan. 6th | 8:30am | Communion Service |
| Fri, Jan. 7th | 8:30am | Suzanne Duong & Marie Duong |
| Sat, Jan. 8th | 4:30pm | Irene Tullgren † |
| Sun, Jan. 9th | 8:30am | Hong Tran |
| | 10:30am | Su Burdick † |
| | 5:30pm | Parishioners of Ascension |

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” [Mark 11:24]



Prayer List

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 | Enrique Perez Betancourt |
| Joanna Baker | Fr. Paolo Perenio † |
| Marc Hyman | Peter Penzcar |
| Sheila Barker | Chuck Cox |
| Dorothy Croxton | Lita C. Garcia |
| Joe & Karen Garcilazo | Dr. David Ding |
| Martha Becerra | Bobby Laberinto |
| Pat McNamara | Jerry Casison |
| Heizl & Jordan Irwin | Tim Staples |
| Mimi (Noemi) Carrillo † | Frances Gargaro † |
| Stephanie Valderrama | Luigi Gargaro Sr. |

Parish Update on moving Worship space into the JPll Center.

As we approach the start of the renovations to our church, there is much work to be done with moving our worship space into the John Paul II Center.

We will start moving items into the St Mary's Room the weekend of Saturday, January 8th and we will need volunteers to assist in getting this done in a timely manor.

On Saturday, January 8th we will be moving furniture, ministry closets, music filing cabinets and much more; so LOTS of volunteers are needed. (lifting up to 20lbs).

We have created a signugenius to enable volunteers to sign up. We will have 3 shifts available. Please sign up for one or more slots via the link on our website or on the weekly Flocknote email or simply call the office and we can sign you up! This is a great way to fulfil service hours!

Starting Monday, January 10th we will start to move the pews into the hall after morning Masses. If you are able to stay after morning masses to help with this please contact the office directly or use the same signugenius link.



*To Marilyn Kachok and
all the volunteers for
decorating the Sanctuary
during Christmas!*

Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the Church. By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

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For more information on making a gift please visit the diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the screen.

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 this 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

Your Gift of Treasure: Weekend of December 18 - 19

Due to the advanced printing of the bulletin during the holiday seasons, the financials for Dec 25-26 & Jan 1-2 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:

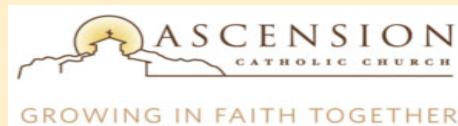
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| 2021 | 12/18 - 12/19 | Fiscal YTD |
| Collection | \$8,412.36 | \$197,968.05 |

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| 2020 | 12/19 - 12/20 | Fiscal YTD |
| Collection | \$6,680.84 | \$200,095.19 |

Religious Retirement Fund Donation: \$400
Christmas Flower Donation: \$260.00

GIFT Capital Campaign donation : **\$81,959.76**
ACA 2021 Goal: \$39,000.00
Pledges as of December 20: **\$36,96.62**
Pledges Paid: **\$35,485.61**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

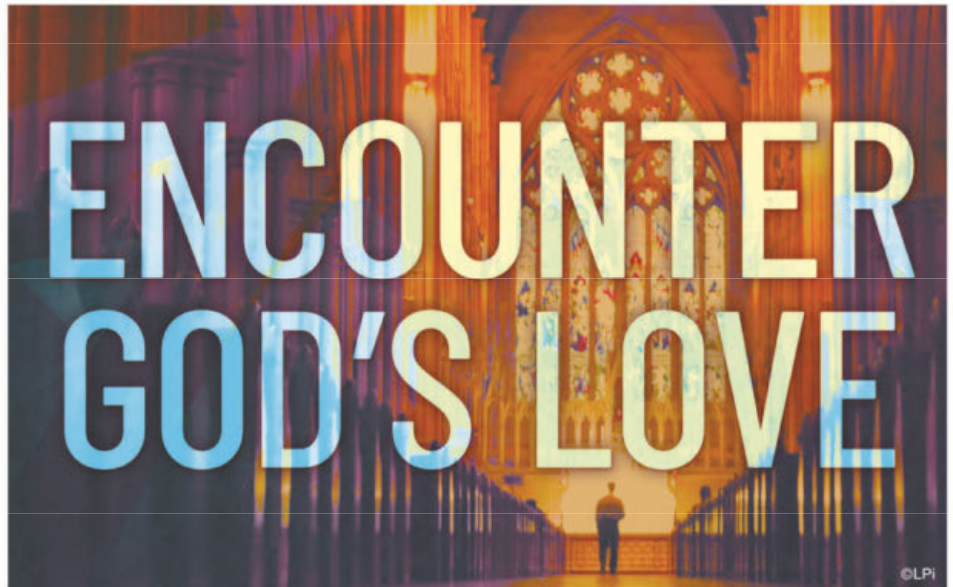


**There will be a Second Collection
for the Building Fund
the weekend January 8-9**

**THANK
YOU!**

To Shaun Wolchinsky for her work
on the Parish website

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)



PSALM

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)



SECOND READING

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)



GOSPEL

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.





Ascension fellowship is very excited to announce our first in person gathering will be Saturday, January 8 in the Pavilion

We will be screening a short video by Bishop Barron covering the topic of how to live a Christ centered life.

The potluck begins at 6:00pm in the pavilion and the video and discussion will begin at 7:00pm

All are welcome! Please email your RSVP and potluck item to Kalena Cook at cnkcook@sbcglobal.net or call 858-337-7446.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, January 7th



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 next weekend. Please wear your medal.

Please contact **Maxima Agnas** with any questions at isingagnas@yahoo.com

SINGLE SENIORS
MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 7, 6:30pm,
St. James Pavilion.



Join us for a fun evening. Have a little wine with your popcorn and, if you wish, bring a snack to share.

Come early to grab your seat before the movie begins.

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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.

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Religious Education

Volunteers Needed!

You Could Be a:

RE Substitute Catechist/Aide

RCIC Catechist/Aide

Children's Liturgy Facilitator

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