



ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Effective immediately, the Parish office will open on weekdays after morning Mass.

Effective Saturday, January 15th the worship space will be relocated to the JPPII Center (Parish Hall). ALL Masses, Confession and Adoration will be held here until the renovation project is completed.

CHURCH/JPPII CENTER OPEN
8:30am - 4:00pm Monday-Friday
2:00pm-4:00pm Saturday;
8:30am-12:00pm & 3:00pm-6:00pm Sunday

MASS Intentions

Sat, Jan. 8th	4:30pm	Irene Tullgren †
Sun, Jan. 9th	8:30am	Hong Tran
	10:30am	Su Burdick †
	5:30pm	Parishioners of Ascension
Mon, Jan. 10th	8:30am	Jeannine† & Raymond† Cremins
Tues, Jan. 11th	8:30am	Kent & Gloria Lewis
Wed, Jan. 12th	8:30am	Roland† & Jean† La France
Thurs, Jan. 13th	8:30am	Communion Service
Fri, Jan. 14th	8:30am	Francisco Quizon †
Sat, Jan. 15th	4:30pm	Bill Rogers
Sun, Jan. 16th	8:30am	Parishioners of Ascension
	10:30am	Hong Tran
	5:30pm	Al Demelo †

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sunday, 01/09/22

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

Monday, 01/10/22

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

Tuesday, 01/11/22

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

Wednesday, 01/12/22

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

Thursday, 01/13/22

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

Friday, 01/14/22

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

Saturday, 01/15/22 Mass held in Parish Center

- ◆ 2:00pm-3:00pm - Confession
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass in JPPII Center



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

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

Your Gift of Treasure: Weekend (s) of Dec. 26 - Jan. 2, 2022

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

Christmas 2021: \$22,079.27

2021-22	Past 2 Weeks	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$19,701.50	\$217,669.55

2020-21	Past 2 Weeks	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$13,294.17	\$213,389.36

Christmas 2020: \$10,001.86 Typhoon Rai: \$10,883.00

ACA 2021 Goal: \$39,000.00
Pledges Paid: \$39,582.66
% of Assessment Paid: 101.49%

GIFT Capital Campaign donation: \$6,126.67

Thank you for your support and generosity!



There is a Second Collection this weekend for those impacted by the recent Colorado Fires



CANCELLED



GOLDEN CIRCLE POTLUCK
Friday, January 21st

Due to the current surge in the Omnicrom variant of the Coronavirus and for the safety of our Parishioners the next Golden Circle Potluck has been cancelled.



To Gene Hazen, Jun Etrata and Carlos Becerra for the Christmas Lights hung around the Parish Building.

LOVE OUR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers for our beloved priests. During the month of January, kindly pray for these wonderful priests.

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

If you would like to include the name of a priest in our bulletins, please contact jeanlaskey@outlook.com.

Thank you, Jean

WE  **OUR PRIESTS!**



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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.



Religious Education
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Volunteers Needed!

You Could Be a:

RE Substitute
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RCIC
Catechist/Aide

Children's Liturgy
Facilitator



Contact Emma at emma@ascension-sd.org

Parish Update on moving Worship space into the JPll Center.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this weekends relocating of furniture, file cabinets, boxes and other items as we prepare for the start of the renovation on our church.

This week beginning Monday, January 10th we will start moving the pews over from the church into the JPll Center to start set up our new worship space. If you are able to help with the relocating of the pews or other items, please reach out to Gene 858 336 2008.

Our first Mass will be held in the JPll Center Saturday, January 15th @ 4:30pm. We will continue to worship in the new space until the renovations are complete.

Our Parish office will also be relocating into the JPll Center starting Monday, January 31st.

Please note effective immediately
the Parish office will not open for business until
Daily Mass/Communion Service has concluded.

**“ I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”
Luke 3:16bc**

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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:

<https://www.helpourmarriage-sandiego.org>

Winter Coat Drive:

It's time to check your closet, and if you have some winter coats or jackets in a good state that you do not use, please bring them to the Parish Office to donate. This winter let us help to warm the hearts of those who need it. Winter coats and jackets are needed for all ages and sizes.

These donations will be designated for the Catholic Charities shelter that takes care of migrants.



MOC UPDATE

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE FAMILY OF ONE OF OUR OWN

Many of you know our long-standing parishioner, Carol Shaw. Carol, her husband Steve (until his passing), Chrissy and Jeff their children are one of the founding families of our parish and very active supporters of Ascension over the past 5 decades. Chrissy and Jeff now grown, with families of their own, have moved away from San Diego, but still come back to visit family and Ascension almost every year.

Most of you have also heard of the devastating Marshall fire in Colorado over the holidays, where over 1000 homes were lost. Jeff Shaw and his family were one of those families whose home was destroyed by that fire. They have lost most everything. It is hard to imagine how a family can recover from such a devastating loss.

Your Ministries of Charity would like to help. We would like to set up a recovery fund on behalf of Carol, for the Jeff Shaw Family. We are asking for your help! Your donations will help one of our own, transition through the difficult process of beginning again and getting back on their feet. We will guarantee that every cent of your donation will go directly to the Jeff Shaw Family.

We know that you have been especially generous this Christmas Season and that this is one more charitable request, but this is a great need for one family we love, and we must act. We thank you always for your consideration of this request. Your checks can be made out to Ascension Parish - MOC, with Jeff Shaw Family Fund in the memo line. If giving online, please ensure to add amount under MOC line and note Shaw Family Fund in the comment section to the right.

CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON: Caring for the Whole Person Ministry (CWP) 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.

Our next CWP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th, 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, please join us. 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

NEXT ASCENSION MINISTRIES OF CHARITY MEETING: Our NEXT MOC MEETING is scheduled on January 18, 2022, 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. Please look to future MOC updates for the date and time.

Remember this is your charitable work. We invite everyone to come and join us. If God is calling you to Works of Mercy, this may just be your ticket. We would love to have you join us.

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

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
(40:5)



PSALM

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)



SECOND READING

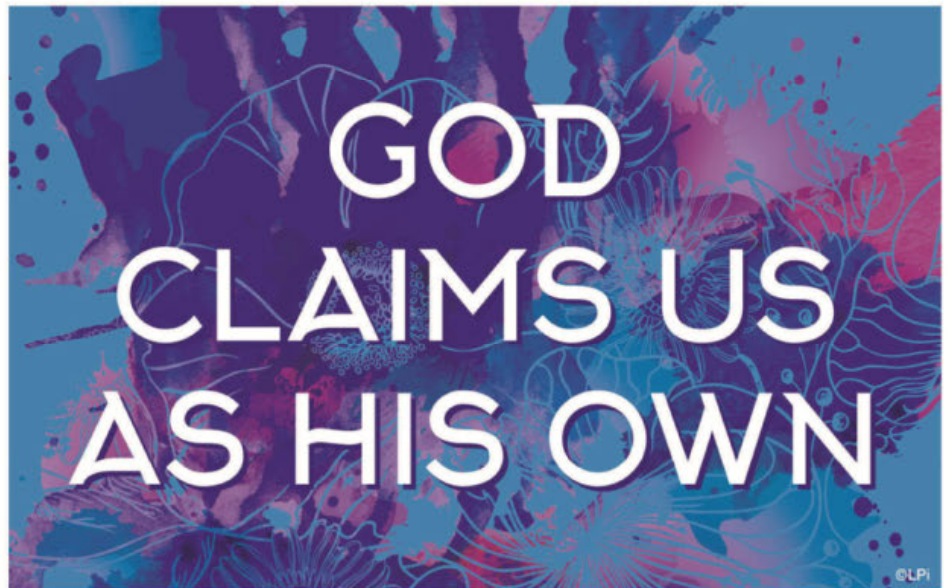
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)



GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and
was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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