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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18

**ALL MASSES, CONFESSION AND ADORATION
WILL BE IN THE JP II CENTER (PARISH HALL).**

An outdoor covered seating area will be available for all Masses.

CHURCH/JP II CENTER 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

* Denotes Masses and Adoration that are both in person and Livestreamed

Sunday, 01/23/22 - Second Collection

- ◆ 8:30am - Mass (Parish Hall)
- ◆ * 10:30am - Mass (Online) (Parish Hall)
- ◆ 11:30am - RCIA (Pavilion)
- ◆ 5:30pm - Mass (Parish Hall)

Monday, 01/24/22

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

Tuesday, 01/25/22

- ◆ * 8:30am - Mass (Online) (Parish Hall)
- ◆ * 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration (Parish Hall)
- ◆ 7:00pm - CWPM Meeting (Pavilion)

Wednesday, 01/26/22

- ◆ * 8.30am - Mass (Online) (Parish Hall)
- ◆ After Mass - Coffee Social (Pavilion)
- ◆ * 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration (Parish Hall)

Thursday, 01/27/22

- ◆ 8:30am - Communion Service (Parish Hall)
- ◆ 1:00pm - Grief Support (Pavilion)
- ◆ * 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration (Parish Hall)

Friday, 01/28/22

- ◆ * 8:30am - Mass (Online) (Parish Hall)
- ◆ * 3:00pm - Live Online Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration (Parish Hall)

Saturday, 01/29/22

- ◆ 2:00pm-3:00pm - Confession (Classroom 1- Parish Hall)
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass (Parish Hall)



Sat, Jan. 22nd	4:30pm	Joe † & Frieda † Neureiter
Sun, Jan. 23rd	8:30am	Jean Dan & Kim Tran
	10:30am	Parishioners of Ascension
	5:30pm	1) Hong Tran
		2) Karen Garcilazo
Mon, Jan. 24th	8:30am	Joann Smith †
		Sam Thompson †
		John Hoefer †
Tues, Jan. 25th	8:30am	Lee Beel †
Wed, Jan. 26th	8:30am	Angelina Avila †
Thurs, Jan. 27th	8:30am	Communion Service
Fri, Jan. 28th	8:30am	Rodrigo Ferrer †
Sat, Jan. 29th	4:30pm	Roger La France
Sun, Jan. 30th	8:30am	Joseph & Pauline Duong
		Dominic Tien Vu †
	10:30am	Grace Roldan †
	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 | Lita C. Garcia |
| Joanna Baker | Dr. David Ding |
| Marc Hyman | Bobby Laberinto |
| Sheila Barker | Jerry Casison |
| Dorothy Croxton | Tim Staples |
| Joe & Karen Garcilazo | Frances Gargaro † |
| Martha Becerra | Luigi Gargaro Sr. |
| Pat McNamara | Kent Lewis |
| Heizi & Jordan Irwin | Jeff Lindsey |
| Mimi (Noemi) Carrillo † | Hayden Shaw |
| Stephanie Valderrama | The Shaw Family |
| Enrique Perez | Mary Todd |
| Betancourt | Ben Rubi |
| Fr. Paolo Perenio † | Barbara Parker |
| Peter Penzcar | Ed & Anita Fredendall |
| Chuck Cox | The Bowen Family |
| | Linda Blessing |

Grief Support meeting
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 27TH,
1:00pm in the Pavilion.



Anyone who has lost a loved one is invited to find help & healing. Any questions, call Sandy at [858-565-2101](tel:858-565-2101).

**First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, February 4th**



Following the 8:30am
Mass. Benediction is at
5:45pm.

Please come spend an hour in the
silent awesomeness of our Lord.

Please use the white boards located
in the vestibule for signing up.

Please wear your medal.

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

**THANK
YOU!**

to EVERYONE
involved in the
setting up of our
new Worship Space.

**Your Gift of Treasure:
Weekend of January 15 — 16**

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

2021-22	Jan. 15-16	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$6,242.34	\$234,094.73

2020-21	Jan. 16-17	Fiscal YTD
Collection	\$7,734.70	\$231,909.30

Jeff Shaw Recovery Fund: \$12,106.39

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

GIFT Capital Campaign donation: \$1,867.27

Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Parish Update on moving Worship space
into the JPPI Center (Parish Hall)**

We have had lots of wonderful feedback on
our new worship space along with
suggestions for improvement. Thank you!

Our Masses will be in the Parish Hall until our
renovation project is completed.

Our Parish office will relocate to Classroom 1
in the Parish Hall, Monday, January 31st.

The Parish office will not open until Daily
Mass/Communion Service has concluded.

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!**

FATHER JOE'S LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:

"THE ROARING 20'S"
Monday February 21, 2022
San Diego Mission Valley Hilton
Parking \$3/Car

10:30 AM - Silent Auction, Preview & Social Hour
12:00 PM - Entertainment, Luncheon, Drawing/Silent Auction

\$60.00 per person, Table of 10- \$600.00
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Father Joe's Villages

Reservations, donations and information:
Kathy McKinley kmcocoa@gmail.com or
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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 Catechist/Aide
- RCIC Catechist/Aide
- Children's Liturgy Facilitator

The poster features three illustrations: a woman and a man talking, a man and a child talking, and a group of children with their arms raised.

Contact Emma at emma@ascension-sd.org

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Blessing of the Candles - Candle Mass
Wednesday, February 2nd



“God enters the temple not as a powerful ruler but as a little child in his Mother’s arms. The King of glory comes not with a show of human force and power, not with a great fanfare and noise, not causing fright and destruction. He comes into the temple as he came into the world, as an infant in silence, in poverty, and in the company of the poor and the wise.” – Pope John Paul II

On February 2, we observe the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honoring Jesus Christ’s presentation in the Temple when he was a young child.

Fulfillment of the Old Covenant

Jesus’ presentation in the Temple reflects how he fulfills the Old Covenant. According to Old Testament law, a sacrifice had to be offered in the Temple when a child was consecrated to the Lord. Mary and Joseph honor this tradition, as Luke 2:22-24 describes:

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,” and to offer the sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,” in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Simeon, a devout and upright man, had been told by the Lord he would meet the Messiah before his death. When Jesus comes to the Temple, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy. Simeon and the prophetess Anna, acting – in the words of Pope John Paul II – as “representatives of the Old Covenant” – recognize Jesus’ Lordship as Messiah in this culmination of their watchful waiting. When Simeon receives Jesus, he blesses him, and prophesies Jesus’ future as Savior, proclaiming him the Light of the world:

[H]e took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” – Luke 2:28-32

The Feast of St. Blaise - Thursday, February 3rd Blessing of Throats



This bishop and martyr lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution.

On his feast the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone.

The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

MOC UPDATE

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 meeting will be scheduled for February. 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.

ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Our Ascension Food Pantry is open and we continue to have 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.

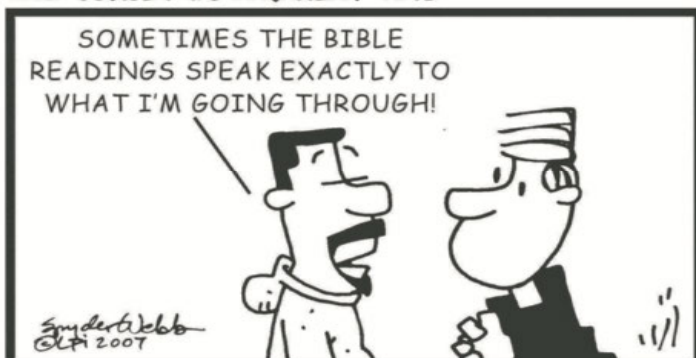
NEWS FROM RACHEL'S HOUSE AND DAY CENTER:

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 those needed dinners on the following dates in 2022: March 8th and 19th; June 6th and 22nd; Sept 6th and 27th, and Dec. 5th and 30th. If you would like to help Rosa, please contact her directly:

Rosa Germain (858) 279-7397. Thank you.

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

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)



PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)



GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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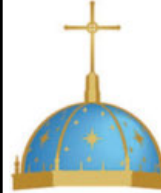
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