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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015



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Saturdays	Sundays	Weekdays
12:10pm (Spanish)	8:15am (English)	Noon (English)
5:00pm (English)	9:30am (Spanish)	7:00pm (Spanish)
6:15pm (Spanish)	11:00am (Choir)	6:00pm <b>Wednesday</b> (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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**Bautismos:** 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. Contacte la rectoría para detalles o visite [AscensionChurchNYC.org](http://AscensionChurchNYC.org)  
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Pastor's Letter  
Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

At the beginning of this new liturgical year, the Season of Advent is punctuated with two special feast days in honor of Mary. Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Since under this title, Mary is the patroness



of the United States, this feast is always celebrated as a holy day of obligation. This coming Saturday, December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Under that title Mary is the patroness of all the Americas. In our parish we will have the traditional singing of the Serenta/Mañanitas beginning at 10:30p.m. on Friday night. A special Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 6:15p.m. in Spanish, followed by a festive celebration in the school to which all are invited.



Since mercy has been such an important theme of Pope Francis' ministry, first as priest, then as bishop, and now as pope, Pope Francis, on March 13th of this year, announced that there will be an extraordinary jubilee, A Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will begin this Tuesday, December 8, 2015 (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and continue until November 20, 2016 (The Feast of Christ the King.) The purpose of this extraordinary Jubilee Year is to give everyone an opportunity to keep mercy in the forefront of our minds.

In this Holy Year, each of us is invited to open our hearts, most especially to those living on the outermost fringes of society. "During this Jubilee, the Church will be called upon even more to heal wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care." Here at Ascension, we will place our focus on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We will begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy by opening our homeless shelter on Saturday, December 11th. Much more will be said about the Year of Mercy in the very near future.

Peace,  
Fr. Kearney

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY  
DIC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

A principios de este año litúrgico, la temporada de Adviento está puntualizada por dos días de fiestas especiales en honor a María. El martes, 8 de diciembre, celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Ya que bajo este título María es la patrona de los Estados Unidos, esta fiesta siempre es celebrada como un día de precepto. Este próximo sábado, el 12 de diciembre, es la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Bajo este título, María es la patrona de las Américas. En nuestra parroquia tendremos la tradicional serenata de las mañanitas comenzando a las 10:30 de la noche el viernes. Se celebrará una misa especial para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el sábado por la tarde a las 6:15 en español seguida por una festiva celebración en el gimnasio de la escuela, a la que están todos invitados.

Como la misericordia ha sido un tema de tanta importancia en el ministerio del Papa Francisco, primero como sacerdote, después como obispo y ahora como papa, el Papa Francisco anunció el 13 de marzo de este año que habrá un extraordinario jubileo – un Año Santo de Misericordia. Este Año Santo comenzará este martes, 8 de diciembre de 2015 (la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción) y continuará hasta el 20 de noviembre del 2016 (la fiesta de Cristo Rey). El propósito de este Año Santo extraordinario de jubileo es para dar a todos una oportunidad de mantener la misericordia presente en nuestras mentes.

En este Año Santo cada uno de nosotros está invitado a abrir nuestros corazones, -- muy en especial a aquellos que viven en el borde extremos de la sociedad. "Durante este jubileo, la iglesia estará llamada aún más a sanar heridas, para aliviarlas con el aceite del consuelo, para vendarlas con misericordia y curarlas con solidaridad y cuidado vigilante." Aquí en la Ascensión, pondremos nuestro enfoque en las obras de caridades corporales y espirituales. Comenzaremos este Año de Jubileo de Misericordia abriendo nuestro albergue para desamparados el sábado, 12 de diciembre. Se dirá mucho más acerca del Año de Misericordia en el futuro muy cercano.

Paz,  
Padre Kearney

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pray for  
the sick

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Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are as follows:

Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>,

Vigil Mass at 7:00pm in Spanish

Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup>

Masses at 8:30am and 12 noon in English  
and 7:00pm in Spanish

Martes, 8 de diciembre es la  
**Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción**  
Es un día de obligación.

Las misas son las siguientes:

Lunes 7 de diciembre,

Misa de Vigilia a las 7:00 pm en español

Martes 8 de diciembre

Misas a las 8:30 am y las 12 del mediodía en Inglés  
y las 7:00 pm en español

Lunes, 7 de diciembre es también será Lunes Eucarístico

### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 6** – Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
9:30am Animas del purgatorio, Rafael Andre Reyes, Danny Martin

11:00am Joe Mendez

12:30pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Richard Craig, Juanita Diaz

**Monday, December 7** – Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Tuesday, December 8** – **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Damell Mickens, Prospero freites hurrero il mese

**Wednesday, December 9** – Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

12:00pm Sr. Adele Meyers, O. P.

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 10** – Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Luis Mercedes, Juana Diaz Taveras

**Friday, December 11** – Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Saturday, December 12** – **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

6:15pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Regin Antonio Peña, Rosa Maria Mizhquiri



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20-Sep	\$ 5,266	18-Oct	\$ 6,559	15-Nov	\$ 5,975
27-Sep	\$ 5,457	25-Oct	\$ 4,897	22-Nov	\$ 5,739
				29-Nov	\$ 4,681
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	\$ 33,336		\$ 34,107		\$ 41,097

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY  
DEC 8 2015 - NOV 20 2016



### YEAR OF MERCY STARTS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Pope Francis has declared that our global Catholic Church will celebrate a Holy Year of Mercy from Dec. 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, through Nov. 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

Let's all participate! The Ascension Parish Council will offer suggestions based on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. One action each month will be a prayer; and one will be an action of mercy for our Mother Earth.

The first action for the first week of the year of mercy will be a parish wide toy drive, to benefit Catholic Charities "St. Nicholas Project". Please drop off NEW (not used) toys for newborns to kids aged 18; the greatest need is for toys for children ages 10 to 15. **Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the Rectory by December 20<sup>th</sup>**

*The honor of your presence is requested at the  
Ascension Gay Fellowship  
Annual Advent Christmas Party and Mass*

*Tuesday December 15, 2015*

*5:45 Church Mass*

*6:45 Reception in Rectory Dining Hall*

*RSVP to Nicholas.Donis@gmail.com by Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>*



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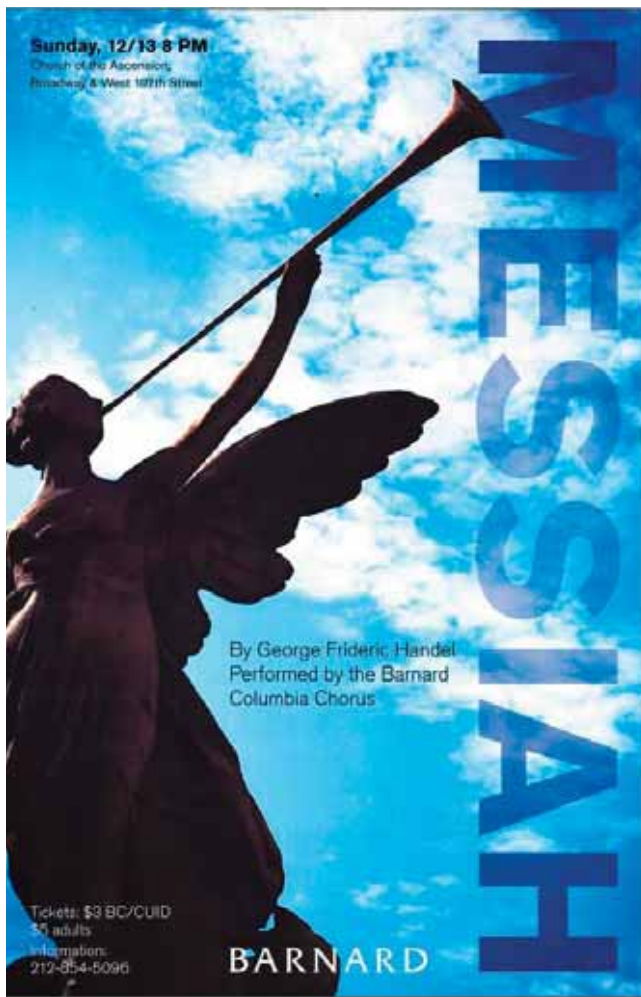
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**PROGRAMA**

**Sábado**

5 de diciembre

11:00 a.m. - Retiro Guadalupano  
 6:15 p.m. - Misa

Actividades

El Retiro Guadalupano se llevará a cabo en Grace House 220w 108 St. Terminamos con la misa 6:15 pm con la consagración a las familias.

**Viernes**

11 de diciembre

9:30 p.m. - Rosario  
 10:00 p.m. Danza de los Tecuanes  
 10:30 p.m. - Serenata

Con la participación especial de:

- Cantantes solistas
- Mariachi

**Sábado**

12 de diciembre

6:15 p.m. - Misa a Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe con Mariachi Guerrero.

Al termino de la misa

Festival Folklórico.  
 en el gimnasio de la escuela 220 west 108 st.

**Ascension Reading Group**

The Ascension Reading Group will meet next on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the rectory to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's *SHORT STORIES BY JESUS: THE ENIGMATIC PARABLES OF A CONTROVERSIAL RABBI*.

All are welcome.

We have also chosen books for January and February 2016.

- Jan. 20 2016 Pope Francis I: LAUDATO SI
- Feb. 17 2016 Ronald Rolheiser: THE HOLY LONGING

Holiday	Date	Church	Rectory
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2015	5:00pm English Midnight Mass Bilingual	Open
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2015	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	CLOSED
	Saturday, December 26, 2015	No 12:10 Mass	Open
	Sunday, December 27, 2015	Open	Open
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2015	5:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish	Open
New Year's Day	Friday, January 01, 2016	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	CLOSED
	Saturday, January 02, 2016	No 12:10 Mass	Open
	Sunday, January 03, 2016	Open	Open

## MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH – 5 P.M., 8:15 A.M. & 11 A.M.

Italicized page numbers refer to the paperback Missals found in the pew racks (The Order of Mass, Page 2; Nicene Creed, Page 112; Liturgy of the Eucharist, Page 116). Boldface numbers are for music in the red Worship hymnals. At the Saturday mass we welcome the visiting Colleton County High School Singers from Walterboro, South Carolina; Stephanie Stackley Drawdy, conductor. The Ascension Choir of Adults sings at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

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### INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choral Prelude (5pm), Let all mortal flesh keep silence – *Gustav Holst, 1874-1934* Colleton County H. S. Singers

O come, ye servants of the Lord – *Christopher Tye, ca.1505-1572*

Organ, Improvisation on *Wachet auf* – *Frank Speller, b.1938*

Processional Hymn, On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (*Winchester New*) **356**

Kyrie eleison

(5pm and 8.15am) "Kyrie cum Jubilo" **274**

(11am) Choir, *Canterbury Mass* – *Anthony Piccolo, b.1946*

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 126

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R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**

v. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: /  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**

R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.

Prayer for Peace (tune: *Finlandia*)

1. This is my prayer, O God of all the nations,  
A prayer of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations,  
A prayer of peace for their land and for mine.

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn, Comfort, comfort, O my people (*Geneva*) **370**

Choir Anthems

(5pm) Hallelujah, praise the Lord – *Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750*

(11am) Chorus from "Messiah" – *George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759*

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)*

Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation – *Michael Joncas, 2010*

Pages 201-202

### COMMUNION RITE

Agnus Dei - *Joncas*

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Choir Anthems

(5pm) The Lord is my shepherd – *Allen Pote, b.1945*

Eternal life (Prayer of St. Francis) – *Olive Dungan, 1904-1997*

(11am) This is the record of John – *Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625*

*This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou! And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What are thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord.*

### CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn, The voice of God goes out through all the world (*Toulon*)

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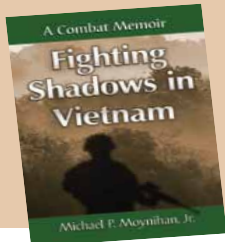
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