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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2015



Celebration of the Eucharist

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 Wednesday (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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Penance: Saturday 4-5pm

Baptism: Second Saturday & third Sunday. Contact Fr. Rafferty at sacraments@ascensionchurchnyc.org
Plans need to be made at least 6 weeks in advance.

Marriage: Please make arrangements in advance with the Pastor or a Priest.

Los Sacramentos (Español)

Penitencia: Sábado 4-5pm

Bautismos: 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. Contacte la rectoría para detalles o visite AscensionChurchNYC.org
Planificaciones tienen que ser 6 semanas por adelantación.

Bodas: Favor de hacer arreglos con anticipación con el Párroco o sacerdote.

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We are anxious to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church because of illness, handicap or age. Please call **Cipriano Lantigua** at the rectory.

Ministerio Para Los Enfermos

Ayudamos a todos los que no pueden venir a celebrar la Misa por enfermedad o otra razón. Favor de llamar a **Cipriano Lantigua** en la Rectoría.



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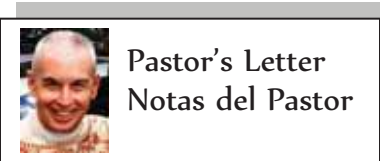


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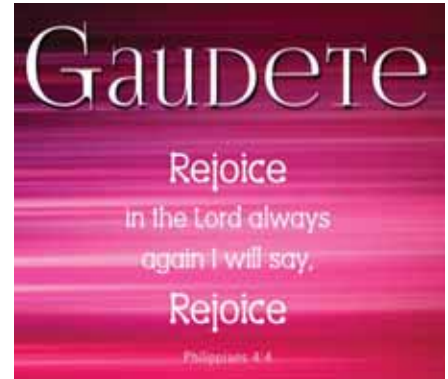




Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is always celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete" Sunday, which is taken

from the first word of the entrance antiphon, means REJOICE. The penitential purple of Advent is replaced with rose, the color of joy. Today the third candle on the Advent Wreath is lit, and today's liturgy gives a hint that something joyous is on the horizon. Possibly dating back to the middle ages, when the season of Advent bore an overly penitential character, the rose color signaled joyfully that the church was close to Christmas. Although today the rose color is still a sign of anticipatory Christmas joy, we understand the continuity of Advent as a season of joyful expectation. Today's liturgy helps heighten that expectation which will carry through to the celebration of Christmas.



From your Finance Committee: For us as a Community of Believers, we have a lot to REJOICE in and for this year. In keeping with our vein of "We Can Do it Together as an Ascension Community", we are asking this year for two Christmas gifts to Ascension Church. The first would be a monetary gift of \$250 - \$500 if you are able to provide one, but any extra donation is greatly appreciated. The second gift is signing up for the automated gift-giving system known as Faith Direct (see Faith Direct's website - Ascension Church's Code is "NY588"). We have added many parishioners to Faith Direct over the past year, but in order to be a financially self-sustaining Parish we need more support for Faith Direct. While we know much is being asked, we hope all would see the sacrifice as having great value for us as a Community.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 14th, is the day that has been set aside by the Archdiocese as Reconciliation Monday. All parishes in the Diocese are asked to make the sacrament of Reconciliation available to people. Tomorrow we will have confessions from 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

I am personally grateful to each and every one of you in keeping OUR wonderful parish going.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Hoy es domingo de "gaudete" o de regocijo. El domingo de "gaudete" siempre se celebra el tercer domingo de Adviento. Domingo de "gaudete" se debe a la primera palabra de la antífona de entrada y significa ¡alégrese! El morado penitencial del Adviento se reemplaza con rosado, el color de la alegría. Hoy se enciende la tercera vela en la corona de Adviento y la liturgia de hoy da un indicio de que algo alegre aparece en el horizonte. Quizás data desde la Edad Media, cuando la temporada de Adviento tenía un carácter demasiado penitencial, el color rosado señalaba alegremente que la iglesia se acercaba a la Navidad. Aunque hoy en día el color rosado es todavía una señal de alegría navideña anticipatoria, comprendemos la continuidad del Adviento como una temporada de alegre esperanza. La liturgia de hoy nos ayuda a elevar esa esperanza que seguirá hasta la celebración de la Navidad.

De su Comité de Finanzas: Nosotros, como una comunidad de creyentes, tenemos mucho por qué alegrarnos en este año. De acuerdo con nuestro tono de "Juntos Podemos Hacerlo Como Comunidad de la Ascensión," estamos pidiendo este año dos regalos de Navidad para la Iglesia de la Ascensión. El primero sería un regalo monetario de \$250-\$500 – si puede proveer uno, pero cualquier donación adicional será muy agradecida. El segundo regalo es apuntarse en el sistema automático de dar donaciones conocido como Faith Direct (Fe directa – véase el sitio web de Faith Direct – el código de la Iglesia de la Ascensión es "NY 588"). Hemos añadido a muchos feligreses a Faith Direct durante este año pasado pero para ser una parroquia económicamente sostenible necesitamos más apoyo para Faith Direct. Mientras que sabemos que se está pidiendo mucho, esperamos que todos vean el sacrificio como uno de gran valor para nosotros como una comunidad.

Mañana, lunes, 14 de diciembre, es el día que ha sido apartado por la arquidiócesis como el lunes de reconciliación. A todas las parroquias en la diócesis se les ha pedido que hagan disponible a los fieles el sacramento de la reconciliación. Mañana tendremos confesiones desde las 4 de la tarde hasta las 7 de la noche.

Le estoy personalmente agradecido a todos y cada uno de ustedes por hacer que nuestra maravillosa parroquia continúe en marcha. Gracias.

Paz, Padre Kearney

The second collection this weekend is for the *Retirement Fund for Religious*. Please remember those who have served the Lord and His people for many years and now need our help.

La segunda colecta este fin de semana es para el *Fondo de Jubilación de Religiosos*. Por favor recuerde a aquellos que han servido al Señor y su pueblo durante muchos años y ahora necesitan nuestra ayuda.

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pray for
the sick

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL GYM. ALL INVITED! WE WILL SHARE A POT-LUCK LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 13 – Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
 9:30am Pedro Ortiz, Milagros Ferreira, Ofelia Reyes, Adriana Caceres, Luis Robles, Efrain Robles, Vicenta Jimenez, Arturo Jimenez, Nemecio Rodriguez, Francisco Rodriguez, Cesar Jimenez, Fernando Jimenez, Loyda Rodriguez, Danelsa Rodriguez
 11:00am Ray Taylor
 12:30pm Crimilda Caraballo, Irene Castro

Monday, December 14 – Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
 7:00pm Juan Perez, Pedro Ortiz, Santiago Trejo, Cecilio Reyes, Jesus Honori Peña, Finnualla Ahearn

Tuesday, December 15 – Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 7:00pm Pedro Ortiz, Nelly Jorge, Maria Rosa Mendez, Lillian Santos McKinney,

Wednesday, December 16 – Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
 12:00pm Rafael Baldemora, Hyman Rocklin
 7:00pm Pedro Ortiz

Thursday, December 17 – Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Friday, December 18 – Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 7:00pm Florentino Santos, Juan Santos, Marina de Jesus, Emelinda Estrella, Eduardo de Jesus Martinez, Temistocles Eduardo Disla

Saturday, December 19 – Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 12:10pm Daria Peña Santos
 6:15pm Steven Rodriguez



We can do it TOGETHER!

¡JUNTO Podemos Hacerlo!

We here at Ascension are very grateful for the exemplary way you willingly share the precious gifts of *time, talent, and treasure* God has given you.

October Collections		November Collections		December Collections	
4-Oct	\$ 6,714	1-Nov	\$ 5,290	6-Dec	\$ 6,925
11-Oct	\$ 4,456	8-Nov	\$ 6,603	13-Dec	
18-Oct	\$ 6,559	15-Nov	\$ 5,975	20-Dec	
25-Oct	\$ 4,897	22-Nov	\$ 5,739	27-Dec	
		29-Nov	\$ 4,681		
Faith Direct: (116)	\$ 11,481	Faith Direct: (120)	\$ 12,809	Faith Direct:	
	\$ 34,107		\$ 41,097		\$ 6,925

Remember to bring lights and ornaments to decorate the parish tree. Bring them to the rectory by December 19th. Thank you for your support.

Recuerden traer luces y adornos para decorar el arbol de la parroquia. Traerlo a la rectoria antes del 19 de diciembre. Gracias por su apoyo.

An Advent Celebration of Christian Unity

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015

7:00-9:00 PM

The Church of St. Paul the Apostle
 Corner of Columbus Avenue & West 60th Street, NY

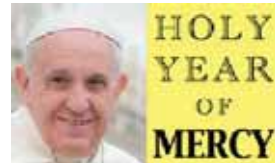
Novenas de Aguinaldos

Las misas de Aguinaldo comenzaran el Jueves 17 de diciembre a las 6:00am. Los grupos encargados de la celebracion:

Grupos:

Carismatico	Jueves 17 diciembre
Cursillista	Viernes 18 diciembre
Walkrios/Jovenes	Sabado 19 diciembre
St. Vicente de Paul	Domingo 20 diciembre
Grupo Interseccion/Grupo las Almas/Dominican Sunday	Monday 21 diciembre
Ministros de la Eucaristia/Lectores	Martes 22 diciembre
Sagrado Corazon de Jesus/Grupo Mariano	Miercoles 23 diciembre
Todos los grupos	Jueves 24 diciembre

EL ULTIMO DIA ES UN COMPARTIR TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS A TRAER ALIMENTOS, POR FAVOR HABLE CON ESPERANZA O MERY PARA A NOTAR LO QUE VAN A TRAER!



Ascension's Activities

Toy drive, to benefit Catholic Charities' "St. Nicholas Project".
Now through Dec. 20

Ascension Homeless Shelter moves in **Dec. 15**, Opens **Dec. 19**

Coat Drive: Anticipated Jan 2016

Lenten Parish Ministries event: Anticipated Feb 2016

Ascension's Holiday Schedule

2015

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

Jóvenes
Adultos



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NO SE LO PIERDAN, LAS ESPERAMOS

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Gran Concierto Navideño

Domingo 20 de Diciembre 3:00 pm después Misa de 12:30



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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 5 o'clock mass the Cantor is *Hayden DeWitt*; at 8:15, *Margarita Martinez*. Ascension Choir sings at 11 o'clock.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Organ, Savior of the nations, come – *J. S. Bach, 1685-1750*
- Processional Hymn, O come, O come, Emmanuel (*Veni, veni Emmanuel*) **357**
- Kyrie eleison
- (5pm and 8.15am) *Kyrie cum Jubilo* **274**
- (11am) Choir, “Messe Basse” – *Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924*
- Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Responsorial Psalm, Isaiah 12 Page 40
- R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
- Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**
- v. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor.*
- General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**
- R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Offertory Hymn, Lift up your heads, O mighty gates (*Truro*) **363**
- Choir Anthem, People look East – *Philip Dietterich, b.1931*
- As the Choir sings, the words of Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) may be followed in the Worship hymnal: 359.*
- Sanctus and Memorial Acclamation – *Michael Joncas, 2010* Pages 201-202
- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
- We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

- Agnus Dei – *Joncas* Page 204
- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (*repeat*)
- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
- Choir Anthem, Rejoice in the Lord alway – *Henry Purcell, 1658-1695*
- Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Philippians 4: 4,6,7*

CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Hymn, O come, Divine Messiah (*French carol*) **367**
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NEXT SUNDAY, 20 December, Advent IV: At the 11 o'clock mass Ascension Choir presents eight movements from Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols, Op. 28*, with harp accompaniment. Other works include Hassler's *Dixit Maria*, Gardner's *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*, and Camille Saint-Saën's *Ave Maria*.

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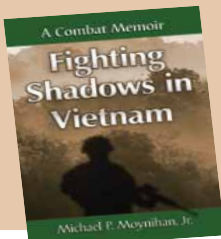
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