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## First Sunday of Advent

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 <b>Wednesday</b> (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz)	

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## Los Sacramentos (Español)

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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,

This weekend in the church we begin a new liturgical season and a new liturgical year. This weekend we begin the Season of Advent. Advent has a two-fold character. The first part of Advent (First Sunday of Advent until December 16<sup>th</sup>) directs us to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent, therefore, is a period of devout and joyful expectation. The second part of Advent is from December 17<sup>th</sup> until December 24<sup>th</sup>. On those days, the readings are very specifically meant to help us prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ in history, his birth. Hopefully this Advent Season will be a time of heightened prayer and expectation for all of us.

Ascension will be having a discussion of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si* (Praised Be), *On Care for our Common Home*. In this lengthy encyclical, broadly addressed to "every person" who lives on Earth, the pope lays out a moral case for supporting sustainable economic and population growth as part of the church's mission and humanity's responsibility to protect God's creation for future generations. While saying that there have been natural causes to climate change over the earth's history, the letter also says in strong words that human activity and production of greenhouse gases are also to blame. The discussion on this encyclical and its meaning will be facilitated by a parishioner, Erin Lothes Bibiano, who is an assistant professor of theology at the College of Saint Elizabeth. Our discussion of the encyclical will, we hope, lead to prayer and action in support of our common home, the earth. The discussion will take place in the rectory at 7p.m. on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage others to come and by all means, come prepared with questions and observations.

This afternoon, the Charismatics of the parish are hosting their annual Advent Retreat. This day of prayer will begin with the 12:30 Mass. After the Mass, all are invited to the Center. The afternoon of prayer will continue until 5:00p.m. All are invited to attend.

A prayerful and blessed Advent to all.

Peace, Fr. Kearney



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Queridos Feligreses y Amigos de la Ascensión,

Este fin de semana en la iglesia, iniciamos un nuevo tiempo litúrgico y un nuevo año litúrgico. Este fin de semana comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento. El Adviento tiene un doble carácter. La primera parte del Adviento (el primer domingo de Adviento hasta el 16 de diciembre) nos dirige a esperar la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. El Adviento es, pues, un período de devota y alegre expectativa. La segunda parte del Adviento es a partir del 17 de diciembre hasta el 24 de diciembre. En esos días, las lecturas son muy especialmente pensadas para ayudarnos a prepararnos para celebrar la primera venida de Cristo en la historia, - su nacimiento. Esperemos que este tiempo de Adviento sea un momento de intensificación de la oración y la esperanza para todos nosotros.

Ascensión tendrá una discusión del Encíclica *Laudato Si* "del papa San Francisco", (alabado sea), sobre el cuidado de nuestro hogar común. En esta larga carta encíclica, ampliamente dirigida a "toda persona" que vive en la tierra, el papa se establece un caso moral para apoyar el desarrollo económico y el crecimiento de la población como parte de la misión de la iglesia y de la humanidad tiene la responsabilidad de proteger la creación de Dios para las futuras generaciones. Mientras decía que existían causas naturales para el cambio climático de la historia de la tierra, la carta también dice en palabras más fuertes que la actividad humana y la producción de gases de efecto invernadero también son responsables. El debate sobre esta encíclica y su significado será facilitado por un feligrés, Erin Lothes Bibiano, quien es un asistente profesora de la facultad de teología de la Universidad de San Elizabeth. Nuestra discusión de la encíclica, esperamos, conducirá a la oración y la acción en apoyo de nuestro hogar común, la tierra. El debate tendrá lugar en la rectoría a las 7:00 PM el Lunes, 7 de diciembre. Por favor anime a otros a venir y por todos los medios, venga preparado con preguntas y observaciones.

Esta tarde, los carismáticos de la parroquia están organizando su retiro anual en el tiempo de Adviento. Esta jornada de oración comenzará en la Misa de 12:30 PM. Después de la Misa, todos están invitados al Centro. La tarde de oración continuará hasta las 5:00 PM. Todos están invitados a asistir.

Un devoto y bendecido adviento para todos.

Paz, Padre Kearney



William Alcantara, Victorino Alcantara, Maria Eladia Garcia Alonza, Olivia Barnet, William Brown, Laura Moore Brown, Yveline Louis Charles, Paola Colon, Mariela Cristin, Luz Marina Cruz, Thomas & Maria Curr, Gina DeGivenchy, Javier DJuan, Milena Encarnacion, Julio Esteves, Alex Estevez, Sonia Feliz, Eneerica Fernandez, Florentina Flores, Mary Font, Claire Gaudiani, David Glassberg, Altagracia Gomes, Fredes Gonzalez, James Griffin, Carlos Gutierrez, Rafael Guzman, Marjorie Hanson, Mariana Heras, Raquelly Heras, Yoshie Kato, Cassandra Kirk, Paz Lual, Elba Luciano, Kathleen McNicholas, Paulino Reynaldo Navas, John O'Sullivan, Victor Parra, Joanna Pasquale, Rosa Peña, Creighton Redenbo, Andres Reyes, Benito Rivera, Carmen Rivera, Ramona Rocha, Gloria Rodriguez, Jennifer Rosario, Roger Rosenblatt, Ana Thillet Sola, Yuan Su, Jaime Daniel Urena, Carmen Vazquez

**Daily Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, November 29 – Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28; 34-36**

9:30am Efrain Robles, Luis Robles, Lidia Pichardo, Sagrado Corazon de Jesus

11:00am Lucia La Barrere, Juan Tejera

12:30pm Humberto Rodriguez Jr., Antonio Javier Liranzo, Augusto Liranzo, Bernarda Liranzo, Jose Bueno, Dolores Bueno, Andres Perez Jimenez

**Monday, November 30 – Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22**

12:00pm Andrea Pereyra

7:00pm Maria Peralta

**Tuesday, December 1 – Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24**

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Wednesday, December 2 – Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37**

12:00pm Marian Rogari

6:00pm Concepcion Ortoll, Octavio Liriano

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 3 – Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27**

12:00pm Francisca Castillo

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe

**Friday, December 4– Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31**

12:00pm Carmen de Tanco, Susana Tanco

7:00pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Marino Peña, Freddy Fernandez

**Saturday, December 5 – Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8**

6:15pm Virgen de Guadalupe, Aida Martinez



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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	
				29-Nov	
Faith		Faith		Faith	
Direct:	\$ 11,372	Direct:	\$ 11,481	Direct:	\$ 9,791
(113)		(116)		(119)	
	\$ 33,336		\$ 34,107		\$ 27,659

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> figures were not available by the holiday bulletin deadline.**

The Annual Merton Lecture will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121<sup>st</sup> St. on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30pm. Most Rev. Robert Barron will speak on "Thomas Merton: Metaphysics of Peace." Bishop Barron was the narrator of the successful CATHOLICISM series on video and PBS. Admission is free.



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Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am - 4:00pm

and  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Corpus Christi Church  
535 W 121<sup>st</sup> St.  
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Sábado 5 de diciembre 1  
1:00am - 4:00pm

y  
Domingo 6 de diciembre  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
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On **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, at our 5pm Mass, come to hear the Colleton County High School Singers, an outstanding visiting choir from Walterboro, South Carolina. In 2011 they performed at Carnegie Hall and were recently chosen to sing at the SC School Board Association Convention at Hilton Head Island. Director Stephanie Stackley Drawdy grew up in Kingstree, SC, and attended the same high school as our music director Preston Smith.

### Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis *A West Side Deanery initiative*

Workshop – Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis  
(Ch 3 Laudato Si)

**Tues Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 - 9pm - doors will open at 6:30 offering some networking time.** Church of the Holy Name, Lower Church (96st, btw Bdway and Amsterdam)

**Recommended reading:** Chapter 3 Laudato Si

## IGLESIA DE LA ASCENSION

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Rvdo. Daniel Kearney, Pastor

### RETIRO DE ADVIENTO 2015

### "Misericordiosos como el Padre"

**DOMINGO, 29 de NOVIEMBRE**

Iniciando con la Santa Misa de las **12:30 PM**

Predicador **Rev. SILVIO ORTIZ**



The Ascension Church Religious Education group is collecting and selling gently used, outgrown or extra Christmas decorations, linens, music, statues, lights, etc. for **SANTA'S RECYCLING PROGRAM**. Please donate **CHRISTMAS ITEMS ONLY** (we have no space for any other type of donations). On Sundays between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. stop by the school gym (220 West 108th Street) to check out the bargains (Note **we will not be selling on November 29**, Thanksgiving weekend). Proceeds go to the Religious Education scholarship program. Donations that are not sold will be distributed through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

El grupo de educacion religiosa de la Iglesia de la Ascension esta una vez más haciendo la colecta y la venta del programa de reciclaje de SANTA. Por favor done decoraciones que tengan poco uso, sabanas, música, estatuas, luces, etc. artículos de Navidad **SOLAMENTE** (no tenemos espacio para cualquier otro tipo de donaciones en este momento). Tambien puede pasar por el gimnasio de la escuela (220 Calle 108 Oeste) los domingos entre las 09:00 y las 11:00 de la mañana a ver las ventas (Tenga en cuenta que no tendremos la venta el 29 de noviembre, por el fin de semana del dia de accion de gracias). Las donaciones pueden ser entregadas en cualquier momento en la rectoria de la Iglesia. Los ingresos van al programa de becas de Educación Religiosa. Las donaciones que no se venden se les dará a las familias necesitadas a través de grupo San Vicente de Paúl.

Ascension's Holiday Schedule 2015			
Holiday	Date	Church	Rectory
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2015	Bilingual Mass ay 10:00am	<b>CLOSED</b>
	Friday, November 27, 2015	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
	Saturday, November 28, 2015	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
	Sunday, November 29, 2015	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24, 2015	5:00pm English Midnight Mass Bilingual	<b>Open</b>
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2015	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	<b>CLOSED</b>
	Saturday, December 26, 2015	No 12:10 Mass	<b>Open</b>
	Sunday, December 27, 2015	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
New Year's Eve	Thursday, December 31, 2015	5:00pm English 7:00pm Spanish	<b>Open</b>
New Year's Day	Friday, January 01, 2016	11:00am English 12:30am Spanish	<b>CLOSED</b>
	Saturday, January 02, 2016	No 12:10 Mass	<b>Open</b>
	Sunday, January 03, 2016	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>

# 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 5pm the Cantor is *Hayden Dewitt*; at 8:15am, *Margarita Martinez*. The Choir of Ascension sings at the 11am mass.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

- Organ, Wake, O wake, and sleep no longer, *BWV 645 – J. S. Bach, 1685-1750*
- Processional Hymn, The King shall come when morning dawns (*St. Stephen*) **373**
- Kyrie eleison
- (5pm and 8.15am) “*Kyrie cum Jubilo*” **274**
- (11am) Choir, *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo – Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809*
- Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
- [“*Gloria in excelsis Deo*” is not sung in Advent.]

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Psalm 25
- R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. Page 22
- Gospel Acclamation – *A Gregory Murray, OSB, 1958* **279**
- v. Show us, Lord, your love; /  
and grant us your salvation.
- General Intercessions – *Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM, 1979* **300**
- R. Jesus, Jesus, hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Offertory Hymn, Come, Lord, and tarry not! (*St. Bride*) **366**
- Choir Anthem – *Charles Wood, 1866-1926*
- O thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God’s ordaining counsel, as thy sight Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.  
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*
- 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

- Lamb of God - *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 – *Healey Willan, 1880-1968*
- The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him; and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia! [Romans 13:12, from the Epistle for Advent I and two Advent antiphons]*

## CONCLUDING RITE

- Recessional Hymn, Rejoice, the Lord is King! (*Darwall’s 148th*) **493**
- Organ, Toccata and Fugue in F, *BuxWV 157 – Dieterich Buxtehude, ca.1637-1707*
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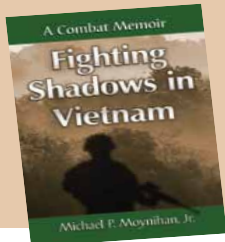
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