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### Saturday and Sunday

Sábado y Domingo  
9:00am to 7:30pm

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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2016



## 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) (English)	6:00pm <b>Wednesday</b> (English)
	12:30pm (Spanish)	
	6:00pm (Jazz) (English)	

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY** - Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> has been set aside by the Archdiocese of New York as Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard in every parish on that afternoon. Here at Ascension, confessions will be heard from 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

**LUNES DE RECONCILIACIÓN** - Lunes, 19 de diciembre ha sido reservado por la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York como Lunes de Reconciliación. Confesiones se escucharán en cada parroquia en esta tarde. Aquí en la Ascensión, las confesiones se escucharán de 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

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## Sacraments (English)

**Penance:** Saturday 4-5pm

**Baptism:** Second Saturday & third Sunday. Call the rectory, e-mail sacraments@ascensionchurchnyc.org, or visit 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

**Bautizos:** 2do Domingo y 3er Sábado del mes. Contacte la rectoría para detalles, email sacraments@ascensionchurchnyc.org, o visite AscensionChurchNYC.org  
*Planificaciones tienen que ser 6 semanas por adelantación.*

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

## Ministry For The Sick/ Homebound

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.

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome





## Pastor's Letter Notas del Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Today is Gaudate Sunday. Gaudate Sunday is always celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudate" 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. Today's liturgy gives a hint that something 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.

In many Latin American countries, it is a custom to celebrate a novena of Masses on the mornings immediately preceding Christmas. These masses are typically called 'aguinaldos.' To that end, we will celebrate these early morning Masses for the days before the 25th of December (including Saturday and Sunday). The Masses will begin on Saturday, December 17th. The Masses will be at 6:00a.m., followed by some hot chocolate or coffee. The Masses will be celebrated in Spanish. These are masses with music and they are very uplifting. All are invited to attend.

From your Finance Committee: For us as a Community of Believers, we have a lot for which to REJOICE 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 couple of years, 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.

And finally - next Sunday, December 18th, calendars will be distributed at all of the Masses. These calendars have been made possible through the generosity of the Crestwood Funeral Home, located on West 43rd Street, between 9th and 10th Ave.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near! (Philemon 4:4,5)

Peace, Fr. Kearney

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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 antifona de entrada y significa ¡alégrense! 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.

En muchos países de América Latina, es la costumbre celebrar una novena de misas en las mañanas inmediatamente antes de la Navidad. Estas misas son típicamente llamadas aguinaldos. Con ese fin, celebraremos estas misas temprano por las mañanas en los días antes del 25 de diciembre (incluyendo el sábado y domingo). Las misas comenzarán el sábado, 17 diciembre. Las misas serán a las 6 de la mañana, seguidas por chocolate caliente o café. Las misas serán celebradas en español. Éstas son misas con música y son muy alentadoras. Todos están invitados a asistir.

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.

Y finalmente – el próximo domingo, 18 de diciembre, se distribuirán calendarios en todas las misas. Estos calendarios se han hecho posibles a través de la generosidad de la Funeraria Crestwood, ubicada en la calle 43, entre las avenidas 9na y 10ma. "Alégrense siempre en el Señor. Repito: ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca." (Filipenses 4: 4, 5).

Paz, Padre Kearney

## Ascension Mass Schedule for Christmas season

**LOS AGUINALDOS** December 17<sup>th</sup> - December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 6:00 AM Mass daily Spanish  
*Confessions will be heard on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM*

**CHRISTMAS EVE** Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
*No confessions will be heard*  
**No 12:10 PM Mass**

5:00 PM English  
 12:00 Midnight Bilingual

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 11:00 AM English  
 12:30 PM Spanish

**NATIONAL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE** Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 AM Bilingual  
*Church closed after Mass*  
*Rectory closed*

**SOLEMNITY VIGIL: MARY MOTHER OF GOD** Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
*No confessions will be heard*  
**No 12:10 PM Mass**

5:00 PM English  
 6:15 PM Spanish

**SOLEMNITY: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
 9:30 AM Spanish  
 11:00 AM English  
 12:30 PM Spanish  
 6:00 PM English

**NATIONAL NEW YEARS OBSERVANCE** Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 7:00 PM Spanish  
*Church closed until 7:00 PM Mass*  
*Rectory closed*



### Daily Readings and Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 11** – Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

11:00am Veronique Saintpierre  
 12:30pm Felipe Rosado, Virgen de Guadalupe  
 6:00pm Paula Corredor

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

7:00pm Carmen Mendoza Gomez, Virgen de Guadalupe Mass

**Tuesday, December 13** – Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

12:00pm Santa Lucia  
 7:00pm San Judas Tadeo

**Wednesday, December 14** – Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

6:00pm Constancio & Jaima Olvido Jr.  
 7:00pm Juan Feliciano

**Thursday, December 15** – Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

7:00pm Nelly Jorge, Leticia Gonzalez

**Friday, December 16** – Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36

12:00pm Rafael Baldemora  
 7:00pm Ana Paulino

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

6:15pm Sofia Peralta, 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	
2-Oct	\$ 3,263	6-Nov	\$ 5,639	4-Dec	\$ 3,74
9-Oct	\$ 3,462	13-Nov	\$ 4,022	11-Dec	
16-Oct	\$ 4,610	20-Nov	\$ 3,447	18-Dec	
23-Oct	\$ 3,328	27-Nov	\$ 4,491	25-Dec	
30-Oct	\$ 3,430				
Faith Direct: (135)	\$ 12,935	Faith Direct: (135)	\$ 12,069	Faith Direct: (136)	
	\$ 31,028		\$ 29,668		\$ 3,74

### Upcoming Special Collections

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Retired Religious

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Communications and the Catholic University of America

### Calling all Carolers- Save the date: December 16

Get in the Christmas spirit by joining with fellow parishioners and bring Christmas cheer to the neighborhood. Ascension Adults in Action is sponsoring a night of caroling to share the spirit of Christmas with our neighbors. No talent is needed just your enthusiasm. This is a family friendly event and all ages are welcome. Meet at the rectory at 6:30pm on Friday, December 16. We will end the event at a coffee shop to warm up and socialize.

**Llamamos a todos los villancicos - reserva 16 diciembre**  
 Adopte el espíritu navideño al juntarse con otros parroquianos para traer alegría navideña al barrio. Ascensión Adultos en Acción está patrocinado una noche de villancicos para compartir el espíritu navideño con nuestros vecinos. Ningún talento es necesario, sólo su entusiasmo. Es un evento para toda la familia; personas de cada edad están bienvenidas. Nos reuniremos a la rectoría a 6:30pm, viernes 16 diciembre. Al final iremos a un café para calentarnos y socializar.



Norbert Burgos, Laura Moore Brown, James Gilroy Sr., Carmen Ithier, Dean Morse, Angela Pistilli, Tadeo Sotomayor Jr., Yuan Su

*A person's name will appear for four weeks, after which it will be removed unless we hear from the family.*

*El nombre de una persona aparecerá durante cuatro semanas, después de lo cual se eliminará al menos que la familia se comunique con nosotros.*

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe  
Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Adults in Action Meditation Monday  
Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – Ascension Adults in Action Christmas Caroling  
Now through December 18<sup>th</sup> – Santa's Recycling Sale  
Ongoing - Homeless Shelter Ministry Sock Drive  
Ongoing - Food Pantry can collection

Visit [AscensionChurchNYC.org](http://AscensionChurchNYC.org) for details



### Ascension Adults in Action

Join Us for Meditation Monday as we explore Catholic mindfulness together!

Monday, December 12 at 7:30pm we will:

- Practice silent meditation
- Read Scripture with friends
- Faith Share
- AND HAVE FUN!

Please meet at Parish Rectory (221 W. 107<sup>th</sup> St.) and follow signs!

#### Questions?

Email:

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Unase a nosotros al **lunes** de **meditación**, mientras exploramos la atención Católica juntos este lunes!

Lunes 12 de diciembre a las 7:30pm vamos a:

- Práctcar meditación en silencio
- Leer las Escrituras con amigos
- Compartir la fe
- ¡divertirse!

Por favor, reunirnos en la Rectoría de la Parroquia (221 W. 107th St.) y seguir los letreros de los adultos en acción la Ascensión!

#### ¿Tienen Preguntas?

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### The Church of the Ascension

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**Music for Advent and Christmas**

**Sunday, 18 December, 11:00 a.m.**

**Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols**  
with Choir and Harp

**Wednesday, 21 December, 12:30 p.m.**

**Half-hour Organ Concert**

**"Bach Works for the Holidays"**

**Preston Smith, recitalist**

Müller and Abel instrument, Op. 56 (1898); Ernest A. Lucas, Jr. (1969)

43 stops, 53 ranks over 3 manuals and pedal

**Saturday, 24 December, 11:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, 25 December, 10:40 a.m.**

**Selections from Handel's Messiah**

with Choir, Violins, Trumpet, and Organ

#### November Shelter News- Brrr it's cold out there!

With the colder weather we are hosting more guests than previous months. Each Saturday night in November an average of 16 men stayed at the Ascension-Holy Trinity Shelter. The men continue to enjoy terrific meals cooked by our volunteers along with lively dinner discussions. In November the shelter received a much appreciated gift of a refrigerator from a parishioner. We also received a wonderful response from parishioners donating new socks for our guests. Our guests were grateful. So to everyone who donated socks, know your gift was appreciated. This month we are collecting either new or gently used good condition men's gloves, hats, and scarves. Please leave your donations in the parish office with a note indicating the gift is for the shelter. If you would like more information about the shelter ministry email: [shelter107@gmail.com](mailto:shelter107@gmail.com). For volunteer sign ups go to: <http://bit.ly/shelter-signup>

#### Noviembre Noticias del refugio – Hace frio!

Con el comienzo del clima más frío, tenemos más huéspedes que los meses anteriores. En los sábados de noviembre, un promedio de 16 hombres se quedaron en nuestro refugio de Ascensión-Holy Trinity. Los hombres continúan disfrutando de las comidas preparadas por nuestros voluntarios y también las animadas discusiones de la cena. En noviembre el refugio recibió un regalo muy apreciado de un refrigerador, de la parte de un parroquiano. También recibimos una respuesta generosa de parroquianos donando calcetines. Nuestros huéspedes estaban muy agradecidos. Entonces, a todos los que han donado calcetines, sepan que su regalo fue apreciado. Este mes, estamos colectando nuevos o ligeramente usados guantes, sombreros, y bufandas para nuestros huéspedes. Por favor, dejan sus donaciones en la oficina de la parroquia con una nota diciendo que el regalo es para el refugio. Si desean más información sobre el ministerio del refugio, envíen un correo a: [shelter107@gmail.com](mailto:shelter107@gmail.com). Para inscribirse a ser voluntarios, vayan a <http://bit.ly/shelter-signup>

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**MUSIC FOR THE MASSES IN ENGLISH**  
**5:00 P.M., 8:15 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M., WITH CHOIR**

Boldface numbers refer to music found in the red Worship hymnal. The Order of Mass may be followed in the missals.  
The Ushers will provide copies of the Schubert Mass parts. Kindly return them after mass.

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at 5pm & 8.15am: **DEUTSCHE MESSE (GERMAN MASS), D 872 – FRANZ SCHUBERT, 1797-1828**  
(Sung by Cantor and Congregation)

at 11am: **COMMUNION SERVICE IN E – HAROLD DARKE, 1888-1976**  
(Sung by the Choir)

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Music before the Mass:

Organ, Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the nations, come), S.659 – J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

(11am) Choral Introit, E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come – Paul Manz, 1919-2009

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sin, who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord the Lord almighty God, who was and is, and is to come sing holy, holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below for Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more, they need no light, no lamp, nor sun for Christ will be their All!*

Processional Hymn, O come, O come, Emmanuel (*Veni Emmanuel*)

**357**

Kyrie eleison

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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Psalm 146

R. Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation – *Plainsong*

v. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

General Intercessions

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R. Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Music

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

**370**

(11am) Choir Anthem – Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. [Romans V, 15,16]*

Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation and Amen

**COMMUNION RITE**

Agnus Dei

Communion Music

(11am) Choir Motet – Anonymous, 16<sup>th</sup> century

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. [Philippians IV, 4-7]*

**CONCLUDING RITE**

Closing Hymn, Savior of the nations, come (*Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*)

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Organ, Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, S.661 – J. S. Bach

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**Upcoming Music at Ascension:**

*Next Sunday, 18 December, 11 o'clock:* Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* with Choir and Harp.

*Wednesday, 21 December, 12:30 p.m., following Noon Mass:* Bach Organ Recital by Preston Smith

*Saturday, 24 December, 11:30 p.m., preceding Midnight Mass, and Sunday, 25 December, 10:40 a.m., preceding Christmas Day Mass at 11 o'clock:* Selections from Handel's *Messiah* by the Choir, Soloists, Violins, Trumpet and Organ.

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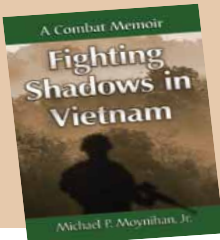
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