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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

DECEMBER 04, 2022 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD
(Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you
(Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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CHING CHING CHORUS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm
@ Ascension Parish

This is their 41st annual performance and the first one at Ascension. The group was formed with a group of Stanford students and people who have a passion for singing. Songs that they practice are Taiwanese and Chinese ballads, folk songs, modern songs, classics, songs in foreign languages, Black soul songs, opera, classic musicals, and Asian pop songs.

Tickets:
\$20 at door/\$15 in advance
Contact 408-569-5685
(Masks required)



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Wed., Dec. 7th—7:00 pm

Thur., Dec. 8th—8:00 am & 7:00 pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sat., Dec. 17th—9:30—11:00 am

(No Confession at 4:00 pm)



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sat., December 24

5:00 & 7:30 pm

"Christmas Carols" by the Music Ministry
(30–45-minute) before the 7:30 pm Mass



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
5:00 PM (Sunday schedule).

December Musings

Last Sunday, the 1st Sunday of Advent, began a **new liturgical year**—Happy New Year, liturgically speaking! A result of the Second Vatican Council, we have a three-year cycle of readings built around readings from the three synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The start of a new liturgical year marks the transition from one lectionary cycle (A, B, or C) to the next. We have begun year “A” and the readings are from the Gospel of Matthew.

Last Sunday we also lit the first of four candles in the **Advent Wreath**. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the “Light of the World;” thus, lighting an increasing number of candles is not only a countdown to the birth of Jesus but also gives us a visual contrast between darkness and light. The Advent wreath represents the long wait in spiritual darkness for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the gradual lighting of the candles represents the increasing light of Christ as His coming draws nearer.

Please note that **December 8** is a Holy Day of Obligation and extra masses are scheduled. Nine months before Our Lady’s official birthday (September 8), the Church honors her conception free from original sin.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	St. Nicholas (4th cent. Greek bishop; legendary stories of his charity became basis for Santa Claus)
Wednesday	St. Ambrose (4th cent. Roman bishop & Doctor of the Church; patron of beekeepers, candle makers)
Thursday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (at Mary’s conception, God kept her soul “immaculate,” i.e. free from original sin; patroness of the United States)
Friday	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (16th cent. Mexican who saw Our Lady in 1531; protector & advocate of indigenous people)
Saturday	Our Lady of Loreto (refers to the House of Loreto, the house in which Mary was born, and where the Annunciation occurred; under this title, Our Lady is patroness of airline pilots, attendants & those serving in the Air Force.)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 03	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	Francisco Moreno +
Dec 04	Sun	7 a.m.	Marty Burgoon (L)
		9 a.m.	Elvira Cordova +
		11 a.m.	Miranda Wong +
		5 p.m.	Helen Sheahan +
Dec 05	Mon	8 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
Dec 06	Tue	8 a.m.	Basha Aziz +
Dec 07	Wed	8 a.m.	Concepcion Bernardez +
		7 p.m.	All Parishioners
Dec 08	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
		7 p.m.	All Parishioners
Dec 09	Fri	8 a.m.	Juan Bernardez +
Dec 10	Sat	9 a.m.	Kathy Weeks (L)
		5 p.m.	Basha Aziz +
Dec 11	Sun	7 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
		9 a.m.	Anne Sanquini +
		11 a.m.	Corazon G. Vicencio +
		5 p.m.	Evelyn Tanner +

MEN’S CLUB NEWS

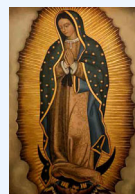
Men’s Club in-person Meeting
Worner Hall/Lounge Room
Friday, December 9th, 6:00 p.m.
All men of Ascension are invited!!

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Ascension’s parish website offers an excellent Advent Retreat from the Ignatian Spirituality Center.

It’s a great resource with a Scripture reading, pictures, music and a reflection offered each day during Advent.

ROSARY & FAITH TALK



Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon on **Friday, December 9th, 2022** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fr. Noel Sanvicente will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and share a faith talk.

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually at <https://rosarydecember0922.eventbrite.com>

Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433; admin@ghswomenscenter.com

THANK YOU

Nov. 27, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,560 \$ 850
TOTAL	\$5,410

Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program



See’s candy will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 11 and 18.

Thank you for supporting our parish’s youth program.