First Sunday of Advent

November 30 & December 1, 2019

Ascension Catholic Parish

Sharing the Spirit Together in Christ

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Mass Times:

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday:
9:00 AM

Tuesday - Friday:
6:30 PM

Wednesday: *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:15 PM*

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM & 4:00 PM

Reconciliation:

Tuesday - Saturday:
8:30 AM - 8:55 AM

Tuesday - Thursday:
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM

Saturday:
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Sunday:
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

By Appointment

Adoration & Benediction:

Monday - Friday:
9:30 AM -10:00 AM

First Friday:
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
(*Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction*)

Advent people - watching with expectant faith and yearning for Christ's coming

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.

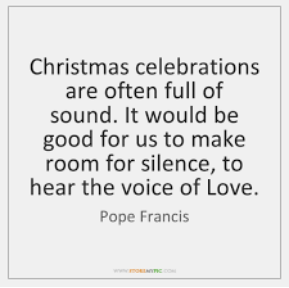
Don Schwager - www.dailyscripture.net

Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm & Midnight
Christmas Day - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm
New Year's Eve - 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
New Year's Day - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

9:00 am Mass will be celebrated on December 26th, 27th, 31st, January 2nd & 3rd.
There is no 6:30 pm Mass on December 26th, 27th, January 2nd & 3rd.

Christmas Office Hours

Closed at Noon on December 24th, 27th, 30th & 31st
Closed on December 25th, 26th & January 1st
Regular office hours resume Thursday, January 2nd.



Catechesis Corner

(For the week of Nov 30-Dec 6, 2019)

The Feast of St. Nicholas

On Friday the 6th of December we celebrate the great Feast of St. Nicholas, commonly known as Santa Claus, or Father Christmas in the English Catholic tradition.

St. Nicholas was from the city of Myra, which is now situated in southern Turkey. He was known for being kind to everyone he met. One of the most famous stories is when he heard that a man, in order to pay his debts, had to sell his three daughters into slavery. Nicholas, hearing of this, threw money through the window secretly on nights to save the man's three daughters. Some of these stories say that he threw socks through the window, or that he dropped the money down the chimney instead of through the window. You can see how some of our Christmas traditions date back to this wonderful man.

Nicholas also fought valiantly against the heresy of Arianism, which claimed that Jesus was not God. As Nicholas was a Bishop at this time, he was one of the signers of the Nicene Creed, which we recite every Sunday and which speaks of the essentials that all Christians should believe.

There are many other stories of the life of this great man who is the perfect example of a Christian: loving, and merciful but never compromising on the truth of Jesus' love for us. May we affectionally remember St. Nicholas this week as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. St. Nicholas, pray for us to be merciful and orthodox Catholics! May we remember the true Christian origin when we give gifts or hang stockings!

SSVP Angel Tree

Thank you for supporting the SSVP Angel Tree program. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the Parish no later than December 8th. **Volunteers are needed** to prepare the Christmas hampers on Wednesday, December 11th from 3:30-6:00 pm and police screened volunteers are needed to deliver the hampers on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 am until noon. **Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.**

The Ascension Parish CWL Council general meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 PM after the 6:30 PM Mass in Rooms 4 and 5. All Ladies aged 16 and above are welcome to attend.

Food for Families - SSVP Store Card Food Drive

This Advent, there are many ways to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul during their Advent Food drive. The Angel Tree is located in the Narthex and you may pick up an ornament, purchase the item and return it to the Parish. You may also bring your non-perishable food item with you to Mass. Please consider purchasing a Knight's of Columbus Store Card for $25 for your Angel Tree purchase and you may also purchase a $25 store card to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. In both cases a tax receipt will be provided. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

November 30th - December 6th, 2019

Day	Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday	November 30	9:00 AM	**Teresa Stante (+)**
Saturday	November 30	5:00 PM	**Catherine Yates (+)**
Sunday	December 1	8:00 AM	**Valentine De Jesus (+)**
Sunday	December 1	10:00 AM	**SI of Oi Lin Chan**
Sunday	December 1	12:00 PM	**Mass for Parishioners**
Sunday	December 1	4:00 PM	**Wanda Sanguin (+)**
Monday	December 2	9:00 AM	**Martin Affonso (+)**
Tuesday	December 3	9:00 AM	**SI of Dr. Zamarino Jaramillo**
Tuesday	December 3	6:30 PM	**Marissa Reyes (+)**
Wednesday	December 4	9:00 AM	**Rosa & Nicolino Cassetta (+)**
Wednesday	December 4	6:30 PM	**SI of Julie Valencia Family**
Thursday	December 5	9:00 AM	**Jorge Antonio Lazano (+)**
Thursday	December 5	6:30 PM	**Edward Smelquist (+)**
Friday	December 6	9:00 AM	**SI of Izuchu Kuu Ereh**
Friday	December 6	6:30 PM	**SI of Julie Valencia Family**

Advent Parish Mission & Penitential Service

The Church invites us during Advent to prepare to receive the greatest gift of all, Jesus. As a way to prepare our hearts for the greatest gift of all, we welcome **Fr. Cristino Bouvette**, the Vicar for Vocations and Young Adults, as the guest speaker for our Advent Mission on December 10th & 11th. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these amazing talks. ***Topic: "A Gift to The Lord"***

Tuesday, December 10th
Mass: 6:30 PM
Presentation: 7:00-8:00 PM
Gift Exchange: Giving back to the Father what He first gives to us"
Refreshments 8:00-9:00 PM – in the main hall
Wednesday, December 11th
Mass: 6:30 PM
Presentation: 7:00-7:30 PM
The Gift that Keeps on Giving: Receiving mercy in exchange for a contrite heart"
Penitential Service: 7:30-9:00 PM – several Priests will be at our Parish to hear confessions.

Finance Report - at a glance...

Gifts to the Parish		**November 2019**
	Week	47
Offerings for the Week:	19-Nov-19	25-Nov-19
	Last Week	YTD
General Collections:		
Collections	9,297	548,989
Operating Cost	20,400	708,200
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Operating Cost	(11,103)	(159,211)
Central Fund Loan (Mortgage):		
Building Fund Collections	4,600	420,805
2019 Pledges	0	117,775
Donor Wall	2,500	135,000
Weekly Loan Payment	12,400	565,150
Over / (Shortfall) YTD Loan Payment	(5,301)	108,430
Diocesan Annual Campaign:		
Together In Action		
2019 Collections	425	44,986
2019 Target		57,093
Remaining towards 2019 Goal		12,107
Collections in our Diocese:		
Catholic Education Sunday	100	5,614
Holy Childhood	412	12,167

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

A Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus from December 3rd to 11th. A Feast Day Celebration will conclude the Novena and will be held on December 12th. Please see the complete schedule on our website and join us.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS / December

Universal – The Very Young
That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

2020 Boxed Donation Envelopes

Boxed Donation Envelopes **for current envelope holders** are available for pick-up in the Narthex until December 22nd. They are filed alphabetically by last name. If you do not find your name or you would like to request envelopes, please use the sign-up sheet provided. Unclaimed envelopes will be reallocated in January.

Parish Staff

- Pastor: **Fr. Avinash Colaco**
- Associates:
  Fr. Rodel Abanto
  Fr. Adrian Martens
- Deacon: **Patrick Woo**
- Secretary: **Nancy Mitchell**
- Receptionist: **Angelina Ling**
- Sacraments: **Monica Purnama**
- Baptisms: **Jenn Pashula**
- Youth: **Vicki Hayles**
- Bookkeeper: **Nora Alzamora Torres**
- Custodian: **Jose Gil**
- Evening Staff: **David Cadegan**
- Resource Coordinator: **Sharron Robinson (Volunteer Position)**
- Office Assist **(Volunteer Position)**

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Lunch: 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Sacraments

Baptism for Infants: Baptisms are celebrated on the **2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays** of each month after the 12:00 PM Mass at 1:30 PM. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email baptism@ascensionparish.ca to register.

Baptism Preparation Class: Preparation classes take place on the **1st Saturday** of each month at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Parents are to attend the class at least 3 weeks prior to the Baptism Celebration. Please call Jenn at 403.275.2240 or email baptism@ascensionparish.ca to register.

First Holy Communion (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

First Reconciliation (Gr. 2 & up): Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in September 2020.

Confirmation (Gr. 6 & up): Registration is closed for 2019. Please register your child in October 2020.

Marriage: By appointment, 6 months in advance. Call the office.

Marriage Preparation Class: 3rd Friday & Saturday of each month (some exceptions apply). Registration fee is $100 per couple and includes course materials, snacks and lunch. To register please email Ferdie: marriageprepatascension@gmail.com

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
For more information contact the Church office.

RCIA SPONSORS: We are seeking sponsors to assist RCIA catechumens as they become familiar with the Christian way of life. Contact Rob at robkehrig@gmail.com for information.

Anointing of the Sick & Dying: Call the Parish office at 403.275.2240

Outside of the office hours, please call 403.275.2240.
When prompted, press 2 for Fr. Avinash, press 3 for Fr. Rodel, press 4 for Fr. Adrian (Thursdays & Fridays).
Please leave a detailed message. The priest will return your call.

Ministry *Contacts*

Sacraments

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