



ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church
86-13 55th Avenue Elmhurst, NY 11373

Parish Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Ascension, strive to be united in Christ through worship and prayer, grow in Christ through God's word and the sacraments, and serve Christ in one another by sharing time, talent and treasure.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14, 2024



From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Ascension Family,

Blessings of peace and good health!

Today's gospel reading presents a very memorable encounter. In fact, John the Evangelist marked the hour: "It was about four in the afternoon." Jesus was passing by and his cousin John the Baptist pointed him out to his two disciples, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. When Jesus noticed the two following him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" The two disciples were too excited to answer that question. Instead they asked, "Rabbi, where do you stay?" Jesus did not give them his address. Instead he invited them, "Come and see." And they stayed with him that day.

The added information, that it was four in the afternoon, is significant. The Jewish day begins not at midnight or dawn, but in the late afternoon. Some scripture scholars think that Andrew and his friend may have come to Jesus at four on a Friday afternoon. That was the beginning of the Sabbath, when all unnecessary movement and work were forbidden. In this case Andrew and his friend would have had to stay with Jesus not merely overnight, but the whole of the following Saturday as well.

We do not know what Andrew and his friend saw and heard during their stay with Jesus. But one thing is clear, that those twenty-four hours in Jesus' company changed their lives. For as soon as they left Jesus, Andrew hurried to find his brother Simon and gave him momentous, almost unbelievable news: "We have found the Messiah!" It is not difficult to imagine the excitement with which Andrew imparted his momentous message to his brother Simon. It could be compared

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9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00 & 9:00AM

Saturday : 9:00 AM

: 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

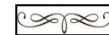
Sunday : 8:30 | 10:00 | 11:30AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

1st Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Cebuano)

2nd Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Tagalog)

4th Sunday @ 5:00 PM (Divine Mercy)



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to the excitement a person would feel at winning the jackpot of a lottery. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. And on seeing Simon, Jesus said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated *Rock*).

Andrew became a disciple of Jesus because he responded positively to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." In carrying the unbelievable news of Jesus' identity to his brother Simon, Andrew moves from disciple to apostle. For "apostle" means "one who is sent", or messenger to others.

John the Baptist was instrumental in Andrew's discovery of Jesus as the Messiah and becoming one of Jesus' first apostles. Then, it was Andrew who was instrumental in Simon Peter's becoming not only an apostle but also the "Rock" upon which Jesus founded his Church.

When we reflect on the beginning of our Christian faith, many of us can point out to certain people, incidents or events that led us to Jesus. They can be our parents who taught us about him from our childhood and who as we grew up lived according to Jesus' teachings in thought, word and deed in their quiet way. They can be people who are bedridden or suffering from a chronic illness yet continue to put their trust in God as they fingered their rosary beads thus remaining cheerful, kind and considerate despite everything. Or it can be a good deed done to us by someone we do not even know or something we have heard or read or an event that happened to us which made us reflect on what life is all about thus leading us to start or even restart our journey of faith.

In short, before we got to know Jesus, there was a litany of people, incidents and events that came our way which enabled us to know and accept him in faith. In fact, this is the story of how Christianity spread throughout the world and how we accepted it in our own time. Having accepted Jesus, have we become the person we can be by living up to his teachings and examples? And have we become instrumental in bringing another person to meet and accept Jesus in faith?

Praying for you all,

Fr. Anacleto

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 AM, Baptism Class is the last Saturday of the month preceding the baptism @ 9:00 AM, pre-registration is needed, available in English & Spanish instruction. Please call the rectory to schedule, at least one month ahead of desired date. For further information and for the requirements of the godparents, please call the Rectory office.

Confession

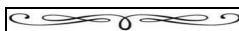
Saturday @ 4:00 – 4:40 PM and by appointment

Marriage

Couple should contact the rectory office for information and registration at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the rectory to arrange for a Priest's visit



CHURCH OFFERING

January 7, 2014

1st Collection - TO BE PROVIDED

2nd Collection - AT A LATER DATE (Diocesan Mission)

Upcoming Collections

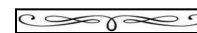
January 14th - Church Maintenance

January 21st - Fuel Offering

January 28th - Churches in Need

Online Giving

If you are interested in donating online, please visit the parish website. Parishioners can schedule their contribution to be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.



Religious Education

Faith Formation Classes are held Sundays from 8:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Classes take place at the Ascension School, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (across the street from the firehouse). The classes run from September through June. Classes are for children in grades 1 through 8th. Proof of baptism is required for children who are being registered for the first time, as well as birth certificate. For further information on registration please call the Rectory Office at 718-335-2626.

Volunteers Needed: If you would be interested in volunteering for the Faith Formation Program, please call the Parish Office at 718-335-2626

or e-mail ascensionfaithformationoffice@gmail.com

Religious Education Calendar

There will be no classes for the children in the Religious Education Program on Sunday, January 14th, (Martin Luther King, Jr.). Classes will resume at the school on Sunday, January 21st.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you an unbaptized adult but want to be baptized in the Catholic church? Or, are you baptized non-Catholic who desires to be a Catholic? Or, are you baptized Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the place for you. Registrations are presently being accepted at the Rectory Office. For further information please call the Rectory office at 718-335-2626.



Saturday, January 13th

5:00 PM Raul Maturan

Sunday, January 14th

8:30 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Victoria T. Lo

11:30 AM In Honor of the Infant Jesus

1:00 PM Ministros de Hospitalidad de la Iglesia Asuncion en Agradecimiento (L)

5:00 PM Salvacion Creus (L) & Louis Creus Paguay (L)

Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Holiday

7:00 AM Michael Mare

9:00 AM Robert Dunlap

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 AM Mary & Bonaventure Lobo

9:00 AM George Schwab

Wednesday, January 17th - St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Rustico (L), Linda (L), Karen (L) & Vincent Castellano (L)

9:00 AM Eduardo Montana

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 AM Flordeliza De Guzman (L) & Imelda Pineda (L)

9:00 AM Mary Ellen Devaney

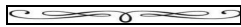
Friday, January 19th

7:00 AM Sebastian & Pauline Tavaris

9:00 AM Rebecca Navarro (L)

Saturday, January 20th - St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, BVM

9:00 AM Lucy (L) & Rudy Suarez (L)
Constantina Paredes, Juan & Andres Acosta



Please pray for:

Deceased members of our families



Pray for the Sick:

Rosa Tan, Carmen Moredo, Sandra P. Carvajal. Julissa Martinez, Luis Arnulfo, Elizabeth Yee, Elie Fornilda, Jose Reynel Vigoya, Joel Rivera, Sursatti Shaw, Gloria Patricia Rios, Harold, Diego y Kennedy Gomez, Elisa Marquina, Maria Daulo, Jose M. Rosado, Karla Nicole Paredes, Romelia Arenas, Rubiela Arenas, Enrique Soto, Eduardo D. Soto, Teresita Danseco, Evangeline & Victoria Danseco, Nazarette Serion, Greta Tasayco, Nerissa Infante, Laura Kreft, Shirley Ann Gundry, Egbert Nuñez, Avelina Quilung, Dennis Anthony Calimlim, Exelito Valencia, Bonifacio Guiab, Margie Bulwag, Egbert Nuñez, Maria Dala Rosa George, Renato Go, Leticia Maranan, Denise Giglio, Rustico Castellano, Beth Bagnol Enriquez, Cely DeBorja. To add names, please call the Parish Office.



MEMORIALS

January 14 – January 20



Altar Bread and Wine has been donated
In Loving Memory of
Gloria & Patrick Cifferello

Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
Romeo Bordeos

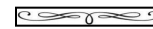


Altar Flowers has been donated
In Loving Memory of
(please contact the Rectory Office to request a flower memorial)

Altar Candles will burn
In Loving Memory of
Adelberto Murillo



Memorials are available, kindly contact Rectory Office.



EUCARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2024
EXPLANATION OF THE MASS

After a series of short catechesis on the sacrament of the Eucharist, we will now have a series of short explanation of the different parts of the Mass.

Preparation of the Altar: An acolyte, or a minister, prepares the **altar**, placing the **corporal**, the **purificator**, the **chalice**, the **pall** and **Missal** upon it.

Altar: The **altar**, which is the center of the entire Liturgy of the Eucharist, is the sacred table where the sacrifice of Christ is sacramentally reenacted. The name comes from the Latin *alere*, meaning “to burn,” since in many religions the incense and the sacrifices were burned on it. Also the Temple of Jerusalem had the Altar of Sacrifice, or Altar of Burnt Offerings, where thousands of lambs and other animals were burned in sacrifice. After Jesus offered himself on the cross as the *perfect lamb of sacrifice*, there was no longer need of the Altar of the Temple, which was destroyed in 70 AD by the Roman Army and never again rebuilt. The Altar, which is the focal point of the church, should be fixed and immovable, to represent the perpetual and unchanging sacrifice of Christ. It should also be freestanding, in such a way that
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Received: \$47,875.78

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Remember, that no gift is too small. Thank you.

Spanish Corner:

El Sacramento del Bautismo

Tenemos Bautismo en español el tercer sábado del mes a las 11:00 AM La clase pre-bautismal será el sábado antes del bautismo a las 9:00 AM Se requiere inscripción previa para la clase y el Bautismo, lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Llamar a la oficina parroquial para más información y para los requisitos de los padrinos.

Clases de Educación Religiosas Para Adultos

La Orden de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OICA) son clases para adultos necesitados de recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases de OICA también son para adultos que no son Católicos, pero están interesados en ser Católico.

Para información sobre el programa y atención en español, llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Clases De Educación Religiosa para Niños/Jóvenes

Las clases de Educación Religiosa para los niños/jóvenes del primero a octavo grado toman lugar los domingos de 8:45 AM a 11:00 AM de septiembre a junio. Las clases toman lugar en la Escuela Asunción, 86-37 53rd Avenue, (frente la estación de bomberos). Se requiere prueba de bautismo y acta de nacimiento para todo niño registrado por primer vez. Para más información en español llamar al 718-335-2626, en el horario de día de lunes a viernes.

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas y voluntarios para el programa de educación religiosa. Animamos a los que puedan a compartir su fe Católica, su tiempo y talento. Si le interesa, favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial, 718-335-2626.

Campaña Católica Anual Del 2023

Unidos en Comunión Unidos en Caridad

Más que nunca, necesitamos su ayuda para difundir la luz de Cristo en nuestra ciudad y vecindarios contribuyendo a la Campaña Católica Anual del 2023. Su participación lo une en la fe con otros en la iglesia para hacer buenas obras durante tiempos desafiantes con nuevas formas innovadoras:

Haga su donación hoy en [Annual Catholic Appeal.org](https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/) o envíe un texto con las siglas ACA al 917-336-1255. Para donar en línea: <https://catholicfoundationbq.org/annual-catholic-appeal/>

Recuerden que cualquier cantidad será aceptada. Gracias.

Registro Parroquial

Si asiste a esta Iglesia le sugerimos que se registre como miembro de nuestra parroquia. Formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Los sobres de donación vienen con registro y utilizándolos nos permiten darle un informe de sus contribuciones para fines impositivos. Tener su nombre en nuestros registros es la única manera que tenemos de certificar que usted es un católico practicante, ya que tenemos que hacer para personas que se les pide que sirvan de patrocinadores (padrinos) de bautismo o confirmación.

Calendario de Educación Religiosa

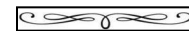
No habrá clases de Educación Religiosa el domingo 14 de enero (Martin Luther King, Jr.). Regreso a clases será el domingo 21 de enero en la escuela.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Por fiesta civil la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada el lunes 15 de enero por el día del Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nuestro horario de Misa: 7:00 y 9:00 AM.

PRAYER GROUPS & DEVOTIONS

- Monday:** **Miraculous Medal Novena**
Mondays @ 9:30 AM
- Tuesday:** **Spanish Prayer Group @ 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday:** **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Novena @ 9:30 AM | Novena Mass @ 7:00 PM (1st Wednesday)
- Thursday:** **Rosary Making Ministry** - to request supplies and/or pick up rosaries, please email: marie_panas@msn.com
- Friday:** **Holy Hour / Exposition & Benediction**
1st Friday @ 9:30 AM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus & Black Nazarene
1st Friday – Angelus | Rosary | Novena to Our Lady of Fatima @ 6:00 PM & Mass @ 7:00 PM
Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group & Choir
3rd Friday 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Saturday:** **2000 Hail Mary**
1st Saturday @ 9:30 AM
Lady of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace
2nd Saturday @ 9:30 AM
El Shaddai
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Church)
- Sunday:** **Ascension Parish Rosary Society**
1st Sunday @ 10:00 AM
Religious Education Children's Choir
2nd, 3rd, 4th and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 11:15 AM-12:30 PM
Divine Mercy Devotion Prayer Group and God the Father of All Mankind Devotion Prayer Group
4th Sunday @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Lower Church)
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Church)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Church)
CFC Christian Life Program*
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and if applicable 5th Sunday @ 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Lower Church)
4th Sunday of the month @ 3:00 to 6 PM (Lower Church)



EVENTS / NEWS & UPDATES

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our Mass schedule is 7:00 and 9:00 AM.

Sto. Niño Novena, Mass Schedule and Celebration: Friday, January 12th through Saturday, January 20th: 6:00 pm Rosary/Novena; 7:00 pm Mass
Feast Day: Sunday, January 21st: 3:00 pm Procession; 4:00 pm Mass

Eucharistic Revival
(continuation)

can be easily circled and that the celebration can be carried on facing the people. The altar is to be covered with a cloth, which recalls the burial linen of Christ and the sacrificial nature of the Mass. The altar stays covered even outside the Mass, except on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The practice of placing within the altar relics of the saints is to be maintained, because it signifies the communion of saints.

Corporal: The *corporal* is a square linen cloth, which is placed at the center of the altar, whose purpose is to catch any particles of the Host, or drops of the precious Blood, that might fall. It is named from the Latin word *corpus*, meaning "body," since it is placed under the paten and the chalice containing the Body and Blood of Christ. At the end of the mass, the corporal is carefully folded so that any particles will not fall to the ground or be scattered upon the altar cloth. The corporal rests on the altar only during Mass and is reverently removed after Holy Communion.

Saint's Corner:

St. Raymond of Peñafort
January 7

Raymond was born in 1175 in Spain. As a member of the Spanish nobility, he had the resources and the education to get a good start in life.

He was teaching philosophy at the age of 20. In his early thirties he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. He became an eminent lawyer - but a lawyer with the heart of a saint. At age 41 he joined the Dominican Order. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils. Raymond compiled five books called the *Decretals*.

At the age of 63, he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the master General of the Dominicans, remained in that post for two years and retired at 65.

At an age when most men may think about retiring to the golf course, Raymond began a life of preaching, instructing converts, and establishing religious houses. The second half of his life found him imitating the Lord by feeding thousands of people with the Word of life and the Bread of life.

Raymond was always forward-looking. His gaze was always the work he could still do for the Gospel. Sometimes we might feel that our best years are behind us, but every stage of life has its own strength and grace. As physical sight weakens in our senior years, insight grows. We are given the gift of time to use our accumulated experience to bring spiritual nourishment to others.

Although not formally declared as such, Raymond of Peñafort might well be the patron saint of senior citizens. He lived for a hundred years and used them all productively in the service of the Gospel.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?
WELCOME! PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

New parishioners are to register in the Parish. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please cut out and return to Parish office or drop in the collection basket. Thank you.



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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time John 1:35-42



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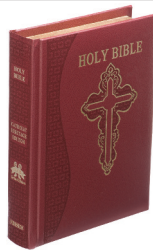
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