

The Church of the Ascension

in the City of New York

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*Serving the Upper West Side, Manhattan Valley,
and Morningside Heights communities since 1895.*

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11 MAY / MAYO 2025

EASTER IV

PASCUA IV

ALL ARE WELCOME. / TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS.



THE NEWLY ELECTED 267TH POPE, ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST, WHO HAS CHOSEN THE NAME LEO XIV.

ASSISTING CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Daniel LeBlanc, OMI
The Reverend Deacon Nelson Falcon
Preston Smith, Director of Music

The Reverend Deacon Daniel Corniel
Mary Santorello, Director of Faith Formation
Cipriano Lantigua, Minister to Homebound

Lucas Gonzalez and Mireya Vilma, Facilities

Millie Marte, Hospitality

Sareda Rodriguez (M-F), Jeffrey Salazar (M-F), Jose Velazquez (Weekend), Reception

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

Today, we joyfully pause to honor and celebrate the wonderful gift of motherhood. To all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual mothers, and those who lovingly fill a mother's role in the lives of others—Happy Mother's Day!

We thank you with all our hearts for the many ways you nurture, support, and guide your families and communities with faith, wisdom, and unconditional love. Whether through small daily sacrifices, heartfelt prayers, or the patient listening ear you offer, your vocation as a mother reflects the tender love of God Himself.

Mother's Day has a rich history. The modern celebration began in the United States in the early 20th century, largely through the efforts of Anna Jarvis, who sought to honor her own mother's legacy of Christian service. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Yet the idea of honoring mothers stretches back even further, with roots in ancient traditions and, most importantly for us, in Scripture. We recall with gratitude the example of Mary, who gave her loving "yes" to God and stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, commonly referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel reading for this Sunday is always taken from the Good Shepherd Discourse found in the 10th chapter of St. John's Gospel. This Sunday is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Traditionally, we have used this day to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. However, we must always remain open to the movements of the Holy Spirit and recognize that God continues to call people to all kinds of ministries within the Church. His call is not necessarily limited to consecrated or ordained life. While ordained ministry is absolutely essential to the life of the Church and the perpetuation of the Eucharist, we also acknowledge that many ministries flourish because of the leadership and dedication of so many good and faithful laypeople.

During his pontificate, Pope Francis strongly denounced the culture of clericalism within the Church, calling it "one of the greatest deformations" and emphasizing that it diminishes and undervalues the countless contributions of laypeople. Hopefully, our new pope, Pope Leo XIV, will likewise denounce clericalism—the very mindset that contributed in part to the Church's recent struggles.

Please remember to mark your calendars for Thursday, May 29th, as we joyfully celebrate the Feast of the Ascension—our parish's Titular Feast. This year's celebration is especially meaningful as we mark the 130th anniversary of our parish. Cardinal Dolan is scheduled to be the principal celebrant at our Special Anniversary Mass at 7:00 PM.

On Thursday, Cardinal Robert Prevost of Chicago was elected as Pope Leo XIV, marking a very historic moment as the first American to lead the Catholic Church. His election is seen as a continuation of Francis's progressive legacy. As Pope, Leo XIV is expected to uphold and advance the values championed by his predecessor. Given his American heritage and extensive experience in Latin America, he is uniquely positioned to bridge cultural divides and promote unity within the global Church. His election has been met with widespread acclaim, with leaders expressing hopes for his leadership to foster peace, dialogue, and support for the oppressed. Hopefully all of us will hold the new pope in our special prayers.

Today, we pray in a special way for all mothers—those who are with us and those who have gone before us. May God bless you abundantly with grace, strength, and joy. And may Mary, Mother of us all, watch over you and intercede for you always.

On behalf of Fr. Daniel, Fr. Florio, Fr. Louie, Deacon Nelson, and Deacon Daniel, we wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for all that you do and for all that you are.

Peace, Fr. Kearney

Queridos amigos y feligreses de la Ascensión,

Hoy, con alegría, nos detenemos para honrar y celebrar el maravilloso don de la maternidad. A todas las madres, abuelas, madrinas, madres espirituales y a quienes con amor desempeñan el papel de madre en la vida de los demás: ¡Feliz Día de la Madre!

Les agradecemos de todo corazón las muchas maneras en que nutren, apoyan y guían a sus familias y comunidades con fe, sabiduría y amor incondicional. Ya sea a través de pequeños sacrificios diarios, oraciones sinceras o la paciencia con la que escuchan, su vocación como madres refleja el tierno amor de Dios mismo.

El Día de la Madre tiene una rica historia. Esta celebración moderna se originó en Estados Unidos a principios del siglo XX, en gran parte gracias a los esfuerzos de Anna Jarvis, quien buscó honrar el legado de servicio cristiano de su madre. En 1914, el presidente Woodrow Wilson proclamó oficialmente el segundo domingo de mayo como el Día de la Madre. Sin embargo, la idea de honrar a las madres tiene orígenes aún más antiguos, con raíces en tradiciones antiguas y, lo más importante para nosotros, en las Escrituras. Recordamos con gratitud el ejemplo de María, quien dio su amoroso "sí" a Dios y permaneció fiel al pie de la cruz. Hoy es el Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, comúnmente conocido como el Domingo del Buen Pastor. La lectura del Evangelio de este domingo siempre se toma del Discurso del Buen Pastor, que se encuentra en el capítulo 10 del Evangelio de San Juan. Este domingo también se designa como la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. El propósito de este día es cumplir públicamente el mandato del Señor de "rogar al Dueño de la mies que envíe obreros a su mies" (Mt 9,38; Lc 10,2).

Tradicionalmente, hemos dedicado este día a orar por las vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado y a la vida religiosa. Sin embargo, debemos permanecer siempre abiertos a la inspiración del Espíritu Santo y reconocer que Dios continúa llamando a personas a

todo tipo de ministerios dentro de la Iglesia. Su llamado no se limita necesariamente a la vida consagrada u ordenada. Si bien el ministerio ordenado es absolutamente esencial para la vida de la Iglesia y la perpetuación de la Eucaristía, también reconocemos que muchos ministerios prosperan gracias al liderazgo y la dedicación de tantos laicos buenos y fieles.

Durante su pontificado, el Papa Francisco denunció enérgicamente la cultura del clericalismo dentro de la Iglesia, calificándola de "una de las mayores deformaciones" y enfatizando que disminuye y subestima las innumerables contribuciones de los laicos. Esperamos que nuestro nuevo Papa, el Papa León XIV, también denuncie el clericalismo, la misma mentalidad que contribuyó en parte a las recientes dificultades de la Iglesia.

Recuerden marcar en sus calendarios el jueves 29 de mayo, ya que celebramos con alegría la Fiesta de la Ascensión, la Fiesta Titular de nuestra parroquia. La celebración de este año es especialmente significativa, ya que conmemoramos el 130.º aniversario de nuestra parroquia. El Cardenal Dolan será el celebrante principal de nuestra Misa Especial de Aniversario a las 7:00 pm.

El jueves, el Cardenal Robert Prevost de Chicago fue elegido Papa León XIV, marcando un momento histórico al ser el primer estadounidense en liderar la Iglesia Católica. Su elección se considera una continuación del legado progresista de Francisco. Como Papa, se espera que León XIV defienda y promueva los valores defendidos por su predecesor. Dada su herencia estadounidense y su amplia experiencia en Latinoamérica, se encuentra en una posición privilegiada para superar las divisiones culturales y promover la unidad dentro de la Iglesia global. Su elección ha sido recibida con gran aclamación, y los líderes han expresado su deseo de que su liderazgo fomente la paz, el diálogo y el apoyo a los oprimidos. Esperamos que todos tengamos al nuevo Papa presente en nuestras oraciones especiales.

Hoy, oramos de manera especial por todas las madres, tanto las que nos acompañan como las que nos precedieron. Que Dios las bendiga abundantemente con gracia, fuerza y alegría. Y que María, Madre de todos nosotros, las cuide e interceda siempre por ustedes.

En nombre del Padre. Daniel, P. Florio, P. Louie, Diácono Nelson y Diácono Daniel, ¡les deseamos a todas nuestras madres un muy Feliz Día de la Madre! Gracias por todo lo que hacen y por todo lo que son.

Paz, Padre Kearney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday Easter Weekday [*Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr*] Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Easter Weekday [*Our Lady of Fatima*] Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Saint Matthias, Apostle Feast Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Thursday Easter Weekday [*USA: Saint Isidore*] Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday Easter Weekday Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Easter Weekday Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

CALENDAR *Calendario*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

EASTER IV		7pm	Misa en español (Fr German)
Saturday 05.10			✠ <i>Benditas ánimas del purgatorio</i> , Rosmery Leporati, Luz Castaños, María de Jesús Gordillo
9:30am	First Holy Communion mass		
2pm	English baptism		
4pm	Confessions (Fr LeBlanc)	Tuesday 05.13	
4:30pm	Religious Ed set up for classes	12pm	English mass (Fr Kearney)
5:30pm	Bilingual Vigil mass (Fr Florio)		✠ Elizabeth Literato, Luz Castaños
	✠ Acción de gracias a la Virgen de la	7pm	Misa en español (Fr German)
	Altagracia, María Díaz, Jairo Díaz, Ángela		✠ <i>Benditas ánimas del purgatorio</i> , Elucina Rojas, María De Jesús Salazar Gordillo, Nadia Diano
	Zúñiga, Jesús Paniagua, María Mota, Birita Mota, Máximo Valdez, Carmen Valdez, María de Jesús Salazar Gordillo	Wednesday 05.14	
Sunday 05.11		12pm	English communion (Thom Sesma)
9:20am	Choir rehearsal (<i>Music room</i>)	6:30pm	Men's Group (<i>Parish center</i>)
9:30am	Religious Ed end-of-year celebration (<i>Parish center</i>)	7pm	Misa en español (Fr German)
	Misa en español (Fr German)		✠ <i>Benditas ánimas del purgatorio</i> , María Patricia Angarita Pulido, María de Jesús Gordillo
11am	English mass with Choir (Fr Kearney)	Thursday 05.15	
12-12:45pm	Celebratory Coffee hour for the election of Pope Leo XIV (<i>Dining room</i>)	12pm	English mass (Fr LeBlanc)
12:30pm	Misa en español (Fr German)		✠ Bride O'Byrne, Thanksgiving for Joyce & family
2pm	Spanish baptism		Misa en español (Fr German)
6pm	English Jazz mass (Fr Hotop)	7pm	✠ <i>Benditas ánimas del purgatorio</i> , María de Jesús Gordillo
Monday 05.12			
12pm	English communion (Bernie Waters)		

7:30pm Speaker Series: Michael Peppard (*Church*)
Friday 05.16
 12pm English communion (Meredith Lisagor)
 3-6pm Food Pantry set up (*Parish center*)
 7pm Misa en español (Fr German)
 ✘ *Benditas ánimas del purgatorio*, Casilda Mejilla, María de Jesús Gordillo

EASTER V

Saturday 05.17
 10am-4pm Food Pantry distribution (*Parish center*)
 10:30am-12:30pm Choir dress rehearsal (*Church*)
 1pm Wedding
 4pm Confessions (Fr LeBlanc)
 5:30pm Bilingual Vigil mass (Fr Kearney)
 ✘ Rafaela Francisca Castillo, Rafael Rodríguez, Temistocles Uribe, María de Jesús Gordillo

Sunday 05.18

9am-5pm Emaus Spanish group (*Parish center*)
 9:30am Choir rehearsal (*Music room and Parish center*)
 Misa en español with music (Fr German)
 11am English mass with Choir (Fr Kearney)
 12:30pm Misa en español with music (Fr German)
 2pm English baptism (*Church*)
 Choir warmup (*Choir room and church*)
 3pm Three @ Three Series: Ascension Choir Spring Concert (*Church*)
 6pm English jazz mass with music (Fr Kearney)

All are welcome. / Todos son bienvenidos.

Newcomers and visitors:

Following mass you are encouraged to introduce yourself to the ushers and complete a visitor's card. Interested in receiving Flocknotes/Parish news? Please use the QR code:



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**Last week's collections:
 \$6,010 (general); \$1,030 (Mission trip)**

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“EVENINGS OF HOPE”

A Four-Part Speaker Series
 inspired by this Jubilee Year:
 Pilgrims of Hope

**“How Catholics Encounter the Bible”
 Michael Peppard, PhD**

Thursday, 15 May, 7:30 pm

WANTED:

HISTORICAL PICTURES/STORIES/MEMORIES

SE BUSCAN:

FOTOS HISTÓRICAS/HISTORIAS/MEMORIAS

We are putting together a 130th Anniversary booklet and want you to share your memories of Ascension Parish! Please submit stories, photographs and related materials to Robin Klueber at rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org.

Estamos preparando un folleto del 130 aniversario y queremos que compartas tus recuerdos. Por favor envíe historias y materiales a Robin en rklueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org.

THREE @ THREE (O’CLOCK)

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

NEXT SUNDAY

May 18th

“Through the Church Year”

with

The Choir of Ascension Church

Anthems from Advent to Corpus Christi

plus

Joseph Haydn’s *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*

and

J. S. Bach’s *Concerto in F minor*

for piano and string quartet

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:30pm Vigil Bilingual / Bilingüe (Cantor and organ)

9:30am, 12:30pm Español (Coro)

11am English (Choir and organ)

6pm English (Cantor and Jazz trio)

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

12pm English

7pm Español

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10am – 7pm Weekdays / Entre semana

10am – 5:30pm Saturdays / sábados

8:30am – 6pm Sundays / domingos