
The Church of the Ascension

in the City of New York

The Reverend Daniel S. Kearney, *Pastor*

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

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3 AUGUST / AGOSTO 2025
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
XVIII DOMINGO ORDINARIO

ALL ARE WELCOME. / TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS.

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

Monday through Thursday
12pm English
7pm Español

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

10am – 7pm Weekdays / Entre semana
10am – 5:30pm Saturdays / sábados
8:30am – 6pm Sundays / domingos

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

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PASTOR'S COLUMN *Columna del Pastor*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

*So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

The journey to understand God can feel like a Sisyphean task - every time we get closer to understanding difficult concepts like the Trinity, the Immaculate Conception, or the Living Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the limitations of our own humanity stop us. And so the boulder rolls back down the hill and here we are, Fall is upon us and we will soon be starting another year of Religious Education and shortly after that a new Liturgical Year.

But, there is beauty and comfort in cycles. While it may feel like we are being forced to start again each time, we can also look at it as a new beginning rather than a repetition, or more of the same. "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation." The beauty of this phrase is that every time we come to Mass, every time we pray, every time we receive the Eucharist, or engage in the Sacramental Life of the Church, we are brought into communion with Christ, and we are offered the opportunity for that to make us new.

Coco Chanel said that, "in order to be irreplaceable one must always be different," but Christ hasn't changed, so where is the staying power in our Faith? It's in us. In our journey to know and to love God, we continue to make ourselves new and different. And as we continue to participate in the daily, weekly, monthly gatherings and celebrations in our church, we breathe life into our Faith and make it irreplaceable, necessary and of the utmost importance to our lives. Life is lonely without God.

I invite you to enroll your children in our Religious Education Program for the Fall, please see the QR code for more information or email me.

WE NEED CATECHISTS ALWAYS - Please get in touch with me if you are interested in volunteering with our programming.

Blessings,
Mary Santorello, *Director of Faith Formation*
faithformation@ascensionchurchnyc.org

Queridos amigos y feligreses de la Ascensión,

Así que, el que está en Cristo es una nueva creación:
las cosas viejas pasaron;
he aquí son hechas nuevas.
- 2 Corintios 5:17

El camino para comprender a Dios puede parecer una tarea titánica: cada vez que nos acercamos a la comprensión de conceptos difíciles como la Trinidad, la Inmaculada Concepción o la Presencia Viva de Cristo en la Eucaristía, las limitaciones de nuestra propia humanidad nos detienen. Y así, la piedra rueda cuesta abajo y aquí estamos, el otoño ya está aquí y pronto comenzaremos otro año de Educación Religiosa y, poco después, un nuevo Año Litúrgico.

Pero hay belleza y consuelo en los ciclos. Aunque parezca que nos vemos obligados a empezar de nuevo cada vez, también podemos verlo como un nuevo comienzo en lugar de una repetición, o más de lo mismo. «El que está en Cristo es una nueva creación». La belleza de esta frase radica en que cada vez que asistimos a misa, cada vez que rezamos, cada vez que recibimos la Eucaristía o participamos en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia, entramos en comunión con Cristo y se nos ofrece la oportunidad de renovarnos.

Coco Chanel dijo que «para ser irremplazable, uno siempre debe ser diferente», pero Cristo no ha cambiado, así que ¿dónde está la fuerza de permanencia de nuestra fe? Está en nosotros. En nuestro camino para conocer y amar a Dios, seguimos renovándonos y volviéndonos diferentes. Y al participar en las reuniones y celebraciones diarias, semanales y mensuales de nuestra iglesia, revitalizamos nuestra fe y la hacemos irremplazable, necesaria y de suma importancia para nuestras vidas. La vida es solitaria sin Dios.

Los invito a inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa para el otoño. Para más información, consulten el código QR o envíenme un correo electrónico.

SIEMPRE NECESITAMOS CATEQUISTAS. Si les interesa ser voluntarios en nuestro programa, contáctenme.

Bendiciones,
Mary Santorello, Directora de Formación en la Fe
faithformation@ascensionchurchnyc.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday Saint John Vianney, Priest Memorial Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Weekday [*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*]: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday The Transfiguration of the Lord Feast Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday Weekday [*Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest*] Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Friday Saint Dominic, Priest Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Weekday [*BVM*] Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

CALENDAR *Calendario*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

Saturday 08.02

6am	Monthly Spanish Rosary/Mass (<i>Church</i>)
9am-5pm	Emaus conference with Fr. Ricardo and Deacon Nelson (<i>Parish center</i>)
11am	Baptism
4pm	Confessions
5:30pm	Bilingual Vigil Mass with Cantor and Organ ✠ Rafael de Peña, José Américo Javier, Carmen Aquino Recio

Sunday 08.03

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am	Misa en español with music (“Walkirios”) ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, Acción de gracia al Divino Niño, Mario Siles, Natalio de Jesús Juárez
11am	English mass with Cantor and Organ ✠ For the health of Angela Aglione, For the poor souls in purgatory
12-12:45pm	Coffee hour (<i>107th St sidewalk</i>)
12:30pm	Misa en español with Cantor and Mariachi band ✠ Amantina Soto, José Américo Javier, Natalio de Jesús Juárez
2pm	Baptism
6pm	English mass with Jazz trio
Monday 08.04	
12pm	English communion (Thom Sesma)
7pm	Misa en español ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, Nicol Erika Morillo, Epifanio Peralta, Manuel Peralta, José Américo Javier, Julia Vásquez, Francisco Vásquez, Isaías Vivas
7:45pm	Circulo de oracion

Tuesday 08.05

12pm	English mass ✠ Lloyd Vener, Amantina Soto
7pm	Misa en español ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, Angelina Díaz, Ernesto German, Esther Ruth Monero

Wednesday 08.06

12pm	English communion (Thom Sesma)
6:30pm	Men’s Group (<i>Parish center</i>)
7pm	Misa en español ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio
7:30-8:30pm	Bible Study with Fr. Ricardo

Thursday 08.07

12pm	English mass
7pm	Misa en español ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio
7:45pm	Emaus and Curcillistas groups

Friday 08.08

12pm	English communion (Meredith Lisagor)
4-7pm	Saint Vincent de Paul (<i>Parish center</i>)
7pm	Misa en español ✠ Benditas ánimas del purgatorio
7:45pm	Sagrado corazon (<i>Parish center</i>)

Saturday 08.09

8am-4pm	Saint Vincent de Paul (<i>Parish center</i>)
2pm	Baptism – English
4pm	Confessions
5:30pm	Bilingual Vigil Mass with Cantor and Organ Elpidio Guzmán, Lillian Mercado, Lola Beltre, Carlos Manuel de los Santos, Manuel de los Santos, Ilda Rosario de los Santos, Benditas ánimas del purgatorio, Rafael Mejía

Sunday 08.10

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am	Misa en español with music (“Walkirios”)
11am	English mass with Cantor and Organ
12:30pm	Misa en español with Cantor and Mariachi band
2pm	Baptism – Spanish
6pm	English mass with Jazz trio

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:



Thank you for your weekly support of Ascension.

Last week's collections:
\$4,896 (*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
\$3,508 (*Diocese of Cyangugu*)

Please consider a gift of any amount through FlockNotes:



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension,

I'm happy to share that Ascension Church is organizing a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi this November as part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope!

This 9-day / 7-night journey will depart New York on **Thursday, November 6**. We'll spend five nights in Rome and two in Assisi—visiting sacred sites such as the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Catacombs, the Colosseum, and the Basilica of St. Francis. Our time together will include daily Mass, reflection, and a chance to pray the Angelus with Pope Leo XIV in St. Peter's Square.

The cost starts at \$3,650 per person (double occupancy), including airfare, hotels, most meals, and entrance fees.

Because this pilgrimage was planned late, the tour company has **rooms on hold for only a short time**. They will need to release them soon if we do not have enough confirmed participants. If you are seriously interested, **please act quickly**—we need commitments and deposits **as soon as possible**.

I hope you'll consider joining us for this special opportunity of grace and renewal.

Peace,

Fr. Kearney

***Spanish Bible Study series for the month of August
(English speakers also welcome.)***

Estudio bíblico con el Padre Ricardo

Acompáñenos **cada miércoles de agosto (6, 13, 20 y 27)**
a las 7:30 pm en la Iglesia de la Ascensión.

Traigan sus biblias. Este estudio está abierto para toda la comunidad.

¡Son todos bienvenidos!