

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

*Boletín de la semana*

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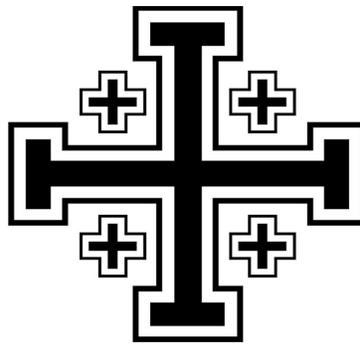
## The Church of the Ascension

*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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**SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2025**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***I DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO***

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Vigil - Bilingual (*Cantor and organ*)

9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - Spanish (*Coro; Mariachi band*)

11:00 a.m. - English (*Choir and organ*)

6:00 p.m. - English (*Cantor and Jazz trio*)

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday (12:00 p.m.) - Communion Service in English

Monday - Friday (7:00 p.m.) - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday and Thursday (12:00 p.m.) - Mass in English

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### ASSISTING CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Daniel LeBlanc, OMI  
The Reverend Louie Hotop, SJ  
Deacon Nelson Falcon  
Preston Smith, *Director of Music*

The Reverend Philip Florio, SJ  
Deacon Daniel Corniel  
Mary Santorello, *Director of Faith Formation*  
Cipriano Lantigua, *Home Ministry*

Lucas Gonzalez and Mireya Vilma, *Facilities*

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

*Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension:*

This weekend in the church we begin a new liturgical season and a new liturgical year. This weekend we begin the Season of Advent. Advent has a two-fold character. The first part of Advent (First Sunday of Advent until December 16<sup>th</sup>) directs us to await Christ's second coming at the end of time, although we know neither the day nor the hour. Advent therefore is a period of devout and joyful expectation. This first part of the Advent Season is also meant to be a period of introspection, calling us to examine our lives, seek repentance for any shortcomings, and turn towards God with open hearts. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we align ourselves with the spirit of penance, fostering a deeper connection with the Lord.

The second part of Advent is from December 17<sup>th</sup> until December 24<sup>th</sup>. On those days the readings are very specifically meant to help us prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ in history – his birth. Hopefully this Advent Season will be a time of heightened prayer and expectation for all of us.

The Advent Wreath is a significant symbol in our Christian tradition. The Advent wreath symbolizes the eternity of God, and it is adorned with four candles, three purple and one rose candle. Each candle represents a week of Advent, with the colors carrying specific meanings. The purple candles represent the themes of hope, peace, and love, while the pink or rose candle represents joy. The lighting of the Advent candles on the four Sundays of Advent serve as a kind of spiritual countdown to Christmas, with each candle lighting marking the progression of time and the anticipation of the arrival of Christ.

Next Sunday, all the different parish groups will host their annual Advent Retreat. This day of prayer will begin with the 12:30 Mass. After the Mass, all are invited to the Center. The afternoon of prayer will continue until 5:00PM and it will be led by Deacon Nelson and Deacon Daniel. Again all are invited to attend.

May this Season of Advent be a time of profound spiritual growth, drawing us closer to God and to one another.

In the meantime, we continue to pray for an end to gun violence and for reasonable gun legislation. continue to pray for victims of war and all those who are living in areas of conflict. The need for peace is more urgent than ever.

*Peace, Father Kearney*

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*Queridos feligreses y amigos de Ascensión:*

*Este fin de semana en la iglesia comenzamos un nuevo tiempo litúrgico y un nuevo año litúrgico. Este fin de semana comenzamos el Tiempo de Adviento. El Adviento tiene un doble carácter. La primera parte del Adviento (desde el primer domingo de Adviento hasta el 16 de diciembre) nos invita a esperar la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos, aunque desconocemos el día y la hora. Por lo tanto, el Adviento es un período de devota y gozosa espera. Esta primera parte del Tiempo de Adviento también pretende ser un período de introspección, que nos llama a examinar nuestras vidas, a buscar el arrepentimiento por nuestras faltas y a volvernos a Dios con el corazón abierto. A través de la oración, el ayuno y las obras de caridad, nos alineamos con el espíritu de penitencia, fomentando una conexión más profunda con el Señor. La segunda parte del Adviento va del 17 al 24 de diciembre. En esos días, las lecturas están destinadas específicamente a ayudarnos a prepararnos para celebrar la primera venida de Cristo en la historia: su nacimiento. Esperemos que este Adviento sea un tiempo de mayor oración y expectativa para todos.*

*La Corona de Adviento es un símbolo significativo en nuestra tradición cristiana. Simboliza la eternidad de Dios y está adornada con cuatro velas: tres moradas y una rosa. Cada vela representa una semana de Adviento, y sus colores tienen significados específicos. Las velas moradas representan la esperanza, la paz y el amor, mientras que la rosa representa la alegría. El encendido de las velas de Adviento durante los cuatro domingos de Adviento sirve como una especie de cuenta regresiva espiritual para la Navidad, y cada encendido marca el paso del tiempo y la anticipación de la llegada de Cristo.*

*El próximo domingo, todos los grupos parroquiales celebrarán su Retiro Anual de Adviento. Este día de oración comenzará con la Misa de las 12:30. Después de la Misa, todos están invitados al Centro. La tarde de oración continuará hasta las 5:00 y será dirigida por los diáconos Nelson y Daniel. Todos están invitados a asistir. Que este Tiempo de Adviento sea un tiempo de profundo crecimiento espiritual, que nos acerque a Dios y a los demás.*

*Mientras tanto, seguimos orando por el fin de la violencia armada y por una legislación razonable sobre armas de fuego. Seguimos orando por las víctimas de la guerra y por todos aquellos que viven en zonas de conflicto. La necesidad de paz es más urgente que nunca.*

*Paz, Padre Kearney*

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# THIS WEEK *Esta semana*

## CALENDAR *Calendario*

### Saturday, *sábado*

11.29

- 12-3pm Welcome Table meal ministry (Center)
- 4-5pm Confessions
- 5:30pm Bilingual mass with cantor & organ

### Sunday, *domingo (Advent I)*

11.30

- 9:25-10:45am Choir rehearsal (Choir room and Parish center)
- 9:30am Misa en Español  
(No Religious Ed classes today)
- 10am-5pm Emaus Spanish group (Center)
- 11am English mass with choir and organ (Church)
- 11am-12pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/OCIA in Spanish (Library)
- 12:30pm Misa en Español
- 2-2:30pm Wedding – Deacon Corniel
- 6pm English mass with jazz

### Monday, *lunes*

12.01

- 12noon English communion service
- 6pm Parish Council (Dining room)
- 7pm Misa en Español

### Tuesday, *martes*

12.02

- 12noon English mass
- 7pm Misa en Español

### Wednesday, *miércoles*

12.03

- 10am-3pm Church gutters semi-annual cleaning
- 12noon English communion service
- 6pm Men's Group (Center)
- 7pm Misa en Español

### Thursday, *jueves*

12.04

- 12noon English communion service
- 7pm Misa en Español

### Friday, *viernes*

12.05

- 12noon English communion service  
Adoration/Adoración in Church - all day
- 7pm Misa en Español

### Saturday, *sábado*

12.06

- 4-5pm Confessions
- 5:30pm Bilingual mass with cantor & organ
- 6:30-9:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Dance Party (Center)

### Sunday, *domingo (Advent II)*

12.07

- 9:25-10:45am Choir rehearsal (Choir room and Parish center)
- 9:30am Misa en Español
- 9:30-10:30am Religious Education (Center and Cafeteria)
- 11am English mass with choir and organ (Church)
- 11am-12pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/OCIA in Spanish (Library)
- 12:30pm Misa en Español
- 1:30-5pm Spanish Advent Retreat (Gym)

- 2pm Choir warmup for 3pm concert (Center)
- 3pm Concert: Angelica Women's Chamber Choir (Church)
- 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education (Center and Cafeteria)
- 5pm Jazz mass rehearsal (Church)
- 6pm English mass with jazz

## MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

11.29

- 5:30pm Lidia Pichardo, Manuel Pichardo, Andrea Adelina Pereira de Soto, Robert Corcico, Rocio y Frank Gallagar, Tony y Ana Maia Gianakos, Accion de gracias a San Andres Apostol, Thanksgiving and Birthday Ella Bacus and Jason Rey

11.30

- 9:30am Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio, Maura Moreira, Carmen Correa, Acción de gracias 54 aniversario de Danilo y Miguelina Martínez
- 11am In Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Ella Bacus and Jason Reu, Carmen Canlas
- 6pm Carmen Canlas, Thanksgiving and Birthday Ella Bacus and Jason Reu

12.01

- 7pm Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio, Rafael de Peña, María Ignacio Báez, Generosa Báez

12.02

- 7pm Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio

12.03

- 7pm Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio

12.04

- 7pm Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio, Pedro Castro, Nicol Erika Morillo

12.05

- 7pm Benditas ánimas del Purgatorio, Nelson Jordán, Irene Mene Jordán, Rebeca Rueda V.T., Ernesto Valverde, Valentín Valverde Pacheco, Julia Rebeca Valverde

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Monday** Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday** [Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Memorial] Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** [St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor] Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** [St. Nicholas, Bishop] Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## All are welcome, especially 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?

*Todos son bienvenidos. Se anima a los recién llegados y visitantes a que, tras la misa, se presenten a los ujieres y rellenen una tarjeta de visitante. ¿Le interesa recibir Flocknotes/noticias de la parroquia?*



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*“THREE SUNDAYS AT 3 O’CLOCK”  
CONTINUES...*

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**7 DECEMBER – ADVENT II**

***MEDIEVAL, RENAISSANCE AND  
CONTEMPORARY SACRED MUSIC***

SUNG BY ANGELICA WOMEN’S CHAMBER CHOIR

([WWW.ANGELICAWOMENSCHAMBERCHOIR.ORG](http://WWW.ANGELICAWOMENSCHAMBERCHOIR.ORG))

DR. MARIE CARUSO, *CONDUCTOR*

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## 14 DECEMBER – ADVENT III

**DANIEL PINKHAM’S  
CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

*(PLUS ANTHEMS & CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS)*

SUNG BY ASCENSION CHOIR

PRESTON SMITH, *CONDUCTOR*

*WITH*

JASON ROBERTS, *GUEST ORGANIST*

*(DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH)*

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Bring joy this Christmas by donating to families in need

- New Unwrapped Toys For All Ages
- New Unwrapped Gifts For Teens
- Wrapping Paper/Tape

Donations collected through 12/19/25

**Ways to give:**

- Leave donations in the box in the rectory
- Ship directly to rectory  
C/O Ascension Toy Drive
- Ship through Target Registry using QR code:

**Christmas Eve:**

**5.15pm** Prelude music  
**5.30pm** Mass with full choir, organ and trumpet (English)  
**9.30pm** Lessons and Carols  
**10.00pm** Mass with full choir, organ and trumpet (English, with bilingual readings and homily)

**Christmas Day:**

**10.45am** Prelude music  
**11.00am** Mass with full choir and organ (English)  
**12.30pm** Mass with *Walkirios* musicians (Spanish)