

WEEKLY NOTICES

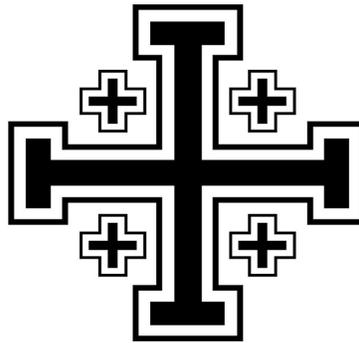
The Church of the Ascension

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, 4 JANUARY 2026 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** **SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

9:15 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

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:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is what we traditionally call the Feast of the Three Kings. In the Gospel story, the Magi travel from distant kingdoms in the East to Bethlehem to worship the Christ Child. They come as seekers, guided by a star, bringing with them gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Their journey reminds us that faith often begins with a holy restlessness — a desire to search, to follow, and to respond when God reveals something new and unexpected.

This feast is rich in symbolism and meaning. Through the events of the Epiphany, the divinity of Jesus is revealed for the very first time to the wider world — not only to Israel, but to all nations. The Magi represent the universality of God's saving love. Jesus is not born for one people alone, but for every culture, every language, and every nation. The Epiphany is the first of three great manifestations of Jesus' divinity: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan, and the Wedding Feast of Cana, where Jesus performs his first public miracle. Together, these moments reveal who Jesus truly is — the Son of God, light for the nations, and hope for the world.

As people of faith, we recognize that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. The challenge for us is to recognize and honor that divine presence in every person we encounter — especially those who are different from us, those who struggle, and even within ourselves. Like the Magi, we are called to approach one another with reverence, openness, and generosity of spirit.

Traditionally, Epiphany is also closely connected with gift-giving. To that end, I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to Shameka Blount, a very faithful parishioner who once again organized a tremendously successful toy drive. Many families in our parish struggle economically, and we wanted to be sure that as many children as possible would have gifts for Christmas. Not only did the children receive beautiful gifts, but Shameka worked closely with families so that gifts could be given according to individual needs. Some of our children live in the shelter system, and for those without proper winter clothing, assistance was provided as well. The generosity shown by our parishioners was extraordinary. Many donors preferred to remain anonymous, which speaks volumes about the quiet goodness present in our community. To everyone involved — especially Shameka and those who helped organize and wrap — thank you for being living signs of God's love.

Finally, on behalf of Fr. Daniel, Fr. Louie, Fr. Florio, Deacon Nelson, and Deacon Daniel, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year. As we continue the Christmas season, we pray more fervently to the **Prince of Peace**.

Our world aches for peace — in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, and so many other places torn by violence, fear, and injustice. May the light revealed at Epiphany shine into the darkest corners of our world and into our own hearts, guiding us to become instruments of peace, hope, and compassion in the year ahead.

Peace, Father Kearney

Queridos feligreses y amigos de Ascensión:

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Epifanía. La Epifanía es lo que tradicionalmente llamamos la Fiesta de los Reyes Magos. En el relato del Evangelio, los Magos viajan desde reinos lejanos de Oriente hasta Belén para adorar al Niño Jesús. Vienen como buscadores, guiados por una estrella, trayendo consigo regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Su viaje nos recuerda que la fe a menudo comienza con una santa inquietud: un deseo de buscar, de seguir y de responder cuando Dios revela algo nuevo e inesperado.

Esta fiesta es rica en simbolismo y significado. A través de los acontecimientos de la Epifanía, la divinidad de Jesús se revela por primera vez al mundo entero, no solo a Israel, sino a todas las naciones. Los Magos representan la universalidad del amor salvador de Dios. Jesús no nace solo para un pueblo, sino para cada cultura, cada idioma y cada nación. La Epifanía es la primera de tres grandes manifestaciones de la divinidad de Jesús: la visita de los Magos, el Bautismo del Señor en el Jordán y las Bodas de Caná, donde Jesús realiza su primer milagro público. Juntos, estos momentos revelan quién es verdaderamente Jesús: el Hijo de Dios, luz para las naciones y esperanza para el mundo.

Como personas de fe, reconocemos que cada persona está hecha a imagen y semejanza de Dios. El desafío para nosotros es reconocer y honrar esa presencia divina en cada persona que encontramos, especialmente en aquellos que son diferentes a nosotros, en quienes sufren y también en nosotros mismos. Al igual que los Magos, estamos llamados a acercarnos unos a otros con reverencia, apertura y generosidad de espíritu.

Tradicionalmente, la Epifanía también está estrechamente relacionada con el intercambio de regalos. Con este fin, me gustaría expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a Shameka Blount, una feligresa muy fiel que una vez más organizó una colecta de juguetes tremendamente exitosa. Muchas familias de nuestra parroquia tienen dificultades económicas, y queríamos asegurarnos de que la mayor cantidad posible de niños recibieran regalos en Navidad. Los niños no solo recibieron hermosos regalos, sino que Shameka trabajó en estrecha colaboración con las familias para que los regalos se entregaran según las necesidades individuales.

Algunos de nuestros niños viven en albergues, y a quienes no tenían ropa de invierno adecuada también se les brindó ayuda. La generosidad mostrada por nuestros feligreses fue extraordinaria. Muchos donantes prefirieron permanecer en el anonimato, lo que dice mucho sobre la bondad silenciosa presente en nuestra comunidad. A todos los involucrados, especialmente a Shameka y a quienes ayudaron a organizar y a envolver los regalos, gracias por ser testimonios vivos del amor de Dios.

Finalmente, en nombre del Padre Daniel, el Padre Louie, el Padre Florio, el Diácono Nelson y el Diácono Daniel, les deseo un feliz y próspero Año Nuevo. Mientras continuamos celebrando la Navidad, oramos con mayor fervor al Príncipe de la Paz. Nuestro mundo anhela la paz: en Tierra Santa, Ucrania, Haití, Sudán y tantos otros lugares asolados por la violencia, el miedo y la injusticia. Que la luz revelada en la Epifanía ilumine los rincones más oscuros de nuestro mundo y nuestros propios corazones, guiándonos a ser instrumentos de paz, esperanza y compasión en el año que comienza.

Paz, Padre Kearney

THIS WEEK *Esta semana*

CALENDAR *Calendario*

Saturday, sábado

01.03

8am-2pm Welcome Table meal ministry (*Center*)
 11am Baptism
 4-5pm Confessions
 5:30pm Bilingual mass with cantor & organ

Sunday, domingo (Epiphany)

01.04

9:15am *Misa en Español*
 9:20am Choir rehearsal (*Choir room and Center*)
 9:30-10:30am Religious Education (*Cafeteria*)
 10:20am Choir rehearsal with organ (*Church*)
 11am English mass with cantors & organ (*Church*)
 11am-12pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/OCIA in Spanish (*Library*)
 12:30pm *Misa en Español*
 2-4pm Spanish Epiphany party (*Center*)
 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education (*Cafeteria*)
 5pm Jazz mass rehearsal (*Church*)
 6pm English mass with jazz

Monday, lunes

01.05

9-11am Viewing/Funeral (*Church*)
 12noon English communion service
 1-3pm ADR Security Company camera installation
 7pm *Misa en Español*

Tuesday, martes

01.06

12noon English mass
 7pm *Misa en Español*
 7-8:30pm OCIA (*Dining room*)

Wednesday, miércoles

01.07

12noon English communion service
 6:30-8:45pm Men's group (*Center*)

7pm *Misa en Español*

Thursday, jueves

01.08

11am English mass
 12:30pm *Misa en Español*

Friday, viernes

01.09

10am Funeral
 Adoration/Adoración – *all day (Church)*
 12noon English communion service
 4-7pm St. Vincent de Paul (*Center*)
 7pm *Misa en Español*

Saturday, sábado

01.10

9am-2pm St. Vincent de Paul (*Center*)
 9:30am Funeral
 12-2pm Baptisms
 4-5pm Confessions
 5:30pm Bilingual mass with cantor & organ

Sunday, domingo (Baptism of the Lord)

01.11

9:15am *Misa en Español*
 9:20am Choir rehearsal (*Choir room & Center*)
 9:30-10:30am Religious Education
 11am English mass with organ & choir (*Church*)
 11am-12pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/OCIA in Spanish (*Library*)
 12:30pm *Misa en Español*
 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education
 5pm Jazz mass rehearsal (*Church*)
 6pm English mass with jazz

MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

Sat, 01.03

5:30pm Agripina Ramona Paulino, Therecita Sarah Navarro

Sun, 01.04

9:15am *Ánimas del purgatorio*
 12:30pm Agripina Ramona Paulino García, Irene Nene Jordán, América Guzmán, Therecita Sarah Navarro, Alejandro Huerta, Cesar Huerta, Inocencio Huerta, Gliseria Huerta

Mon, 01.05

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*, Agripina Ramona Paulino García, Therecita Sarah Navarro, Rosa Brinoli, Antonio Brinoli, Mario Huerta, Antonio Huerta
Benditas ánimas del purgatorio

Tues, 01.06

7pm *Ánimas del Purgatorio*, Rafael Reyes, Rita Reyes, Ramón Reyes, Agripina Ramona Paulino, Ramona Soulfrent

Wed, 01.07

7pm *Animas del Purgatorio*, Agripina Ramona Paulino Garcia

Thurs, 01.08

7pm *Ánimas del Purgatorio*, Agripina Ramona Paulino García

Fri, 01.09

7pm *Ánimas del Purgatorio*, Ana Caona de León, Agripina Ramona Paulino García

Sat, 01.10

5:30pm Rafael Mejía, Agripina Ramona Paulino García

READINGS FOR THE WEEK *Lecturas de la semana*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 4

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday [Saint John Neumann, Bishop] 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday [Saint André Bessette, Religious] 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday [Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest] 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

UPCOMING MUSICAL OFFERING AT ASCENSION

THE VERN VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Inaugural Concert

Saturday evening, 17 January, 7:30pm in the Church.

Vern Ensemble is a brand new choral group in New York led by Max Parsons, member of Fifth Ave Presbyterian Choir and occasional cantor at Ascension. Dedicated to making connections between the music of the past and the present, the first concert “Tavener & Taverner” pairs the florid music of Tudor composer John Taverner with the 20th century Eastern Orthodox-inspired John Tavener, along with music of their contemporaries. We hope you can join us. (\$12 at the door)

Last Sunday’s collection (Feast of the Holy Family): \$4,506.00

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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?

