

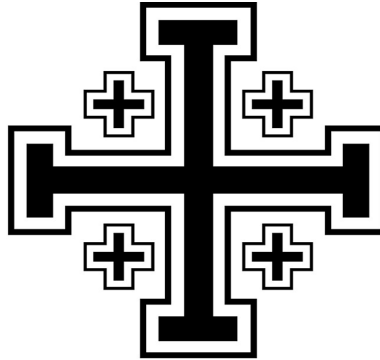
THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

in the City of New York

The Reverend Daniel S. Kearney, *Pastor*

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*Sirviendo las comunidades del Upper West Side,
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19 APRIL 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

III DOMINGO DE PASCUA

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

9:15 a.m. Spanish (*Coro*)

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

12:30 p.m. Spanish (*Mariachi band*)

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

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

M W F (12:00 p.m.) – Communion Service in English

M-F (7:00 p.m.) – Mass in Spanish

Tu Th (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*

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ascension:

Over the past several months, many of us have been praying for the people of Minneapolis. In January and February, the city of Minneapolis experienced a period of deep unrest following the tragic deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, both of whom were killed in separate encounters with federal immigration agents in January 2026. Their deaths sparked widespread protests, vigils, and a national outcry, as communities grappled with grief, anger, and a longing for justice and peace.

As a parish family, we united ourselves in prayer—for the victims, for their families, for the people of Minneapolis, and for an end to violence in all its forms. We continue to pray for peace in our world: for an end to gun violence, for an end to war, and for healing in every place where there is division and conflict.

In the midst of this, something beautiful and hopeful has emerged.

Shortly after these events, I became aware that there is another parish bearing the name of Ascension in Minneapolis. Through what I can only describe as the quiet work of the Holy Spirit, I was put in contact with their pastor, Father Dale Korogi. Since then, we have exchanged emails and spoken by phone, and a simple but meaningful idea has taken root: that our two Ascension parishes might form a connection—supporting one another in prayer, friendship, and shared faith.

In a world that often feels divided, this is a small but powerful reminder that the Church is one body.

With that in mind, we are hoping to begin this relationship in a very concrete way. As you know, here in the Archdiocese of New York, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 14th. In the Archdiocese of Minneapolis, however, the Ascension is celebrated on the following Sunday, May 17th.

We are hoping that Father Dale Korogi (the pastor of Ascension Parish in Minneapolis) will join us here for our Ascension celebration on May 14th. In turn, Deacon Nelson, along with his wife Petra and a few of our parishioners, hope to travel to Minneapolis to join their community for the Ascension celebration on Sunday, May 17th. Both celebrations—the Thursday Mass here in New York and the Sunday Mass in Minneapolis—will be live streamed, allowing our two parish communities to be united in prayer even across the miles.

This exchange is more than a visit—it is a sign of communion. It is a way of standing with one another, learning from one another, and witnessing to the unity of the Church even across distance and difference.

Please keep Father Dale, their parish community, and our representatives in your prayers as we plan to take this first step together. And let us continue to pray for the people of Minneapolis, and for all communities experiencing unrest, that the peace of Christ—so desperately needed in our world—may take root in every heart.

In the meantime, we continue to pray for an end to all war, violence, and conflict, and we pray that the Lord's farewell gift of peace will become a reality.

Peace, Father Kearney

Queridos feligreses y amigos de Ascensión:

Durante los últimos meses, muchos de nosotros hemos estado rezando por el pueblo de Minneapolis. En enero y febrero, la ciudad de Minneapolis vivió un periodo de profunda agitación tras las trágicas muertes de Renée Good y Alex Pretti, quienes fallecieron en incidentes separados con agentes federales de inmigración en enero de 2026. Sus muertes desataron protestas generalizadas, vigiliass y un clamor nacional, mientras las comunidades lidiaban con el duelo, la ira y un anhelo de justicia y paz.

Como familia parroquial, nos unimos en oración: por las víctimas, por sus familias, por el pueblo de Minneapolis y por el fin de la violencia en todas sus formas. Seguimos rezando por la paz en nuestro mundo: por el fin de la violencia armada, por el fin de la guerra y por la sanación en todo lugar donde haya división y conflicto.

En medio de todo esto, ha surgido algo hermoso y lleno de esperanza.

Poco después de estos acontecimientos, me enteré de que existe otra parroquia que lleva el nombre de la Ascensión en Minneapolis. A través de lo que solo puedo describir como la obra silenciosa del Espíritu Santo, entré en contacto con su párroco, el Padre Dale Korogi. Desde entonces, hemos intercambiado correos electrónicos y hablado por teléfono, y ha echado raíces una idea sencilla pero significativa: que nuestras dos parroquias de la Ascensión establezcan un vínculo, apoyándose mutuamente en la oración, la amistad y la fe compartida.

En un mundo que a menudo parece dividido, este es un pequeño pero poderoso recordatorio de que la Iglesia es un solo cuerpo.

Con esto en mente, esperamos iniciar esta relación de una manera muy concreta. Como saben, aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, celebramos la Fiesta de la Ascensión el jueves 14 de mayo. En la Arquidiócesis de Minneapolis, sin embargo, la Ascensión se celebra el domingo siguiente, 17 de mayo.

Esperamos que el Padre Dale Korogi (párroco de la Parroquia de la Ascensión en Minneapolis) se una a nosotros aquí para nuestra celebración de la Ascensión el 14 de mayo. A su vez, el Diácono Nelson, junto con su esposa Petra y algunos de nuestros feligreses, esperan viajar a Minneapolis para unirse a su comunidad en la celebración de la Ascensión el domingo 17 de mayo. Ambas celebraciones —la Misa del jueves aquí en Nueva York y la Misa del domingo en Minneapolis— se transmitirán en vivo, permitiendo que nuestras dos comunidades parroquiales permanezcan unidas en oración, incluso a pesar de la distancia.

Este intercambio es más que una visita: es un signo de comunión. Es una manera de apoyarnos mutuamente, de aprender los unos de los otros y de dar testimonio de la unidad de la Iglesia, incluso a través de la distancia y las diferencias.

Por favor, tengan presentes en sus oraciones al Padre Dale, a su comunidad parroquial y a nuestros representantes, mientras nos disponemos a dar juntos este primer paso. Y sigamos rezando por el pueblo de Minneapolis, así como por todas las comunidades que atraviesan situaciones de disturbios, para que la paz de Cristo —tan

desesperadamente necesaria en nuestro mundo— eche raíces en cada corazón.
Mientras tanto, seguimos rezando por el fin de toda guerra, violencia y conflicto, y pedimos que el don de la paz —el regalo de despedida del Señor— se haga realidad.

Paz, Padre Kearney

THIS WEEK *Esta semana*

CALENDAR *Calendario*

Sunday, domingo (3rd Sun of Easter)

04.19	
9:15am	Misa en Español
9:25am	Ascension Choir rehearsal (Center)
11am	English mass with organ & choir
12noon	Prayer, Reflection, and Conversation with the Pastor (Dining room or Center)
12:30pm	Misa en Español
12:30-1:45pm	Ascension Choir sectional rehearsals (Choir room, Library, Center)
1:30-4pm	Young Adults (Library)
6pm	English mass with jazz trio followed by reception in Center, known as “Martini Night”

Monday, lunes

04.20	
12noon	English communion service
7pm	Misa en Español
7:30-9:30pm	Spanish Charismatics (Center)

Tuesday, martes

04.21	
12noon	English mass
7pm	Misa en Español
7-8:30pm	OCIA (Dining room)

Wednesday, miércoles

04.22	
9am-4:30pm	Mammogram van (Sidewalk)
12noon	English communion service
6-8pm	Men’s group (Center)
7pm	Misa en Español

Thursday, jueves

04.23	
12noon	English mass
7pm	Misa en Español
7:30-9:30pm	Spanish Emaus Men and Women (Center)

Friday, viernes

04.24	
12noon	English communion service
7pm	Misa en Español
7:30-8:30pm	Sacred Heart of Jesus group (Center)

Saturday, sábado

04.25	
8am-2pm	Welcome Table food ministry (Center)
11am-1pm	Choir rehearsal for concert (Church)
2-4:30pm	Dorothy Day Guild tour (Union Sq., NYC)
4-5pm	Confessions (Church)
5:30pm	Bilingual vigil mass
7-8:30pm	Spanish Charismatics (Library)

Sunday, domingo (4th Sun of Easter)

04.26	
9:15am	Misa en Español
9:25am	Ascension Choir rehearsal (Center)

11am	English mass with organ & choir
12:30pm	Misa en Español
6pm	English mass with jazz trio

MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

Sat, 04.18

5:30pm	Jose Santiago Dominguez
Sun, 04.19	
9:15am	Ánimas del purgatorio, Acción de gracias a la Virgen de la Altagracia, Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Ana Caona de Leon, Gaspar Reynoso
11am	Latiana Schlossberg
12:30pm	Irma Claritza González, Ernestina López, Ungria Paredes, Isabelle Mesa García, María Rosa Esperanza Martínez, Ramón Antonio Martínez, Luis Rafael Peña Valdez, Humberto Anderson Valdez, Agripina Ramona Paulino Garcia, Migueel Angel Mercedes Paulino, Olivia Villalona
6pm	Michael Sahaya, Lucy Shanthi for her speedy recovery

Mon, 04.20

7pm	Ánimas del purgatorio
Tues, 04.21	
7pm	Ánimas del purgatorio, José Américo Javier, Joaquín Vásquez, Joselyn Vásquez

Wed, 04.22

7pm	Animas del purgatorio
Thurs, 04.23	
12noon	Francisco Sánchez Carrero
7pm	Animas del purgatorio
Fri, 04.24	
7pm	Animas del purgatorio

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Lecturas de la semana

Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	[Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church] Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	[Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr] Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday	[Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr] Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	[Saint Mark, Feast] 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Last week’s collections:
2nd Sunday of Easter \$6,649.00

Thank you for your weekly support of Ascension. Please consider a gift of any amount:

Gracias por su apoyo semanal a Ascension. Por favor, considere hacer una donación de cualquier importe a través de:

Flocknotes



Faith Direct



All are welcome, especially newcomers.

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?



The Dorothy Day Guild will be conducting two walking tours "in the footsteps of Dorothy Day" for the Church of the Ascension Parish. The 2 1/2 hour tour will begin at Union Square, the distribution site of the first Catholic Worker newspaper in 1933. The date is April 25th. During our tour we will walk in Dorothy's footsteps to see where she and other Catholic Workers fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and spoke out for the needs of the poor and the rights of workers. We will visit the sites where Dorothy lived, prayed, demonstrated and was jailed. This event is co-sponsored by the Dorothy Day Guild and our parish. All parish members and friends are welcome to attend. This event is free of charge. The pilgrimage is 2 1/2 miles long. Wear comfortable shoes. If you are interested in attending, go to www.dorothydayguild.org/ and click on *Walking Pilgrimage*, or use the QR code below.



From the Pastor:

We'd like to invite you to a special afternoon of prayer, reflection, and conversation TODAY after the 11am mass. We'll come together as a parish to reflect on the state of the world and how our faith calls us to respond, with Catholic Social Teaching as a point of focus. This will be a space to share what's on our hearts, listen to one another with respect, and look for signs of hope. We'll explore how we might be called, both individually and as a community, to live out the Gospel through compassion, service, and solidarity. All are welcome.

Nos gustaría invitaros a una tarde especial de oración, reflexión y diálogo el próximo domingo, 19 de abril, tras la misa de las 11:00. Nos reuniremos como parroquia para reflexionar sobre la situación del mundo y cómo nuestra fe nos llama a responder, centrándonos en la doctrina social de la Iglesia. Será un espacio para compartir lo que nos mueve el corazón, escucharnos unos a otros con respeto y buscar signos de esperanza. Exploraremos cómo podemos sentirnos llamados, tanto a título individual como en comunidad, a vivir el Evangelio a través de la compasión, el servicio y la solidaridad. Todos son bienvenidos.

Consider a gift to Ascension Food Pantry



Serving thousands of New Yorkers with monthly distributions in our Parish Center. Get involved with this vital outreach ministry, especially our youth!

Connect with rkblueber@ascensionchurchnyc.org

"EVENINGS OF HOPE"

Continues

Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 pm

James Basker, PhD

"Reimagining our History:
Black Lives in the Founding Era"

Admission is free and open to the public.

Arrive at 7:30; the speakers will begin immediately following the brief mass at 7pm.

THREE @ THREE (O'CLOCK)

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

Continues

NEXT SUNDAY, April 26th:

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' *"Five mystical songs"*

Together with

Vocal and instrumental works
from Opera, Jazz and Musicals
by members of Ascension Choir

Drew Spradlin, guest accompanist

May 31st: Choral Vespers with Ascension Choir

BRITTEN'S *"Rejoice in the Lamb"*

BAIRSTOW'S *"Sing ye to the Lord"*

Jason Roberts, guest organist



Free admission; suggested donation \$15