

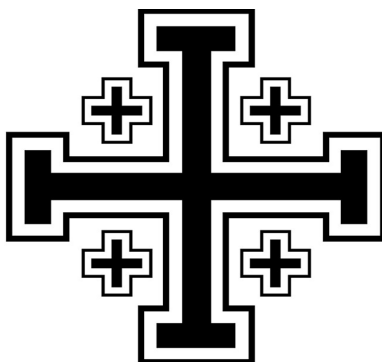
# THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*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

*Sirviendo las comunidades del Upper West Side,  
Manhattan Valley, y Morningside Heights desde 1895*



**SUNDAY, 21 JUNE 2026**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
XII DOMINGO ORDINARIO

## **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**

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

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## **ASSISTING CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Reverend Daniel LeBlanc, OMI  
The Reverend Louie Hotop, SJ  
Deacon Nelson Falcon  
Cipriano Lantigua, *Home Ministry*

The Reverend Philip Florio, SJ  
Deacon Daniel Corniel  
Preston Smith, *Director of Music*  
John Osborne, *Livestreaming engineer*

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:**

This weekend, (June 20th,) the world observes World Refugee Day, a day set aside to remember and pray for the millions of people who have been forced to flee their homes because of war, violence, persecution, poverty, or natural disaster. While this observance does not fall on a Sunday this year, it provides us with an important opportunity to reflect on one of the clearest teachings found in Sacred Scripture: God's concern for the stranger.

Throughout the Scriptures, we hear a consistent message. The people of Israel were commanded to welcome the foreigner because they themselves had once been strangers in a foreign land. The prophets repeatedly spoke on behalf of the widow, the orphan, and the alien. In the New Testament, Jesus expands this teaching even further. He identifies himself with those who are hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, and homeless. He tells us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

The story of salvation itself includes migration. Shortly after his birth, Jesus became a refugee when Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt to escape the violence of King Herod. The Holy Family knew what it meant to leave home in search of safety.

Here in New York City, this reality is not distant from us. Many parishioners came to this country from another land. Others are the children or grandchildren of immigrants who arrived seeking freedom, opportunity, and a better future for their families. The story of migration is woven into the story of our city, our parish, and our nation.

The Church's social teaching reminds us that every person possesses an inherent dignity because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. Human dignity does not depend on nationality, language, legal status, race, or economic condition. While nations have a right to regulate their borders, Christians are called to look beyond political debates and see the human person standing before us.

As Christians, we are called to stand with all who are vulnerable, marginalized, or treated as less than fully human. Refugees, migrants, the poor, racial minorities, and members of the LGBTQ+ community have all experienced moments of exclusion, discrimination, or hostility. Whatever our differences, the Gospel requires us to recognize the dignity of every human person as a beloved child of God.

The question before us is not simply what policies we support, but what kind of disciples we are becoming. Are we growing in compassion? Are we learning to see Christ in those whom society often overlooks?

In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that we will ultimately be judged by the way we treat the most vulnerable among us. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." I

hope World Refugee Day remind us that these words are not merely a suggestion. They are a Gospel mandate. I hope all of us will have the courage to recognize Christ in every stranger with whom we come in contact and every stranger who comes seeking welcome, dignity, and hope.

Refugees, migrants, immigrants, victims of war and all the marginalized, should be in our daily prayers.

**Peace, Father Kearney**

***Queridos feligreses y amigos de Ascensión:***

*Este fin de semana (20 de junio), el mundo conmemora el Día Mundial del Refugiado, una jornada dedicada a recordar y orar por los millones de personas que se han visto obligadas a huir de sus hogares debido a la guerra, la violencia, la persecución, la pobreza o los desastres naturales. Aunque este año la conmemoración no coincide con un domingo, nos brinda una oportunidad importante para reflexionar sobre una de las enseñanzas más claras de las Sagradas Escrituras: la preocupación de Dios por el extranjero.*

*A lo largo de las Escrituras, escuchamos un mensaje constante. El pueblo de Israel recibió el mandato de acoger al extranjero porque ellos mismos habían sido extranjeros en tierra ajena. Los profetas hablaron repetidamente en defensa de la viuda, el huérfano y el forastero. En el Nuevo Testamento, Jesús amplía aún más esta enseñanza. Él se identifica con quienes pasan hambre o sed, están encarcelados o carecen de hogar. Nos dice: "Fui extranjero y me acogieron".*

*La historia de la salvación misma incluye la migración. Poco después de su nacimiento, Jesús se convirtió en refugiado cuando María y José huyeron a Egipto para escapar de la violencia del rey Herodes. La Sagrada Familia sabía lo que significaba dejar el hogar en busca de seguridad.*

*Aquí en la ciudad de Nueva York, esta realidad no nos es ajena. Muchos feligreses llegaron a este país desde otras tierras. Otros son hijos o nietos de inmigrantes que arribaron buscando libertad, oportunidades y un futuro mejor para sus familias. La historia de la migración está entrelazada en la historia de nuestra ciudad, nuestra parroquia y nuestra nación.*

*La doctrina social de la Iglesia nos recuerda que toda persona posee una dignidad inherente, ya que ha sido creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. La dignidad humana no depende de la nacionalidad, el idioma, el estatus legal, la raza o la condición económica. Si bien las naciones tienen derecho a regular sus fronteras, los cristianos estamos llamados a mirar más allá de los debates políticos y ver a la persona humana que está ante nosotros.*

*Como cristianos, estamos llamados a solidarizarnos con todos aquellos que son vulnerables, marginados o*

tratados como seres que no gozan de plena dignidad humana. Los refugiados, los migrantes, los pobres, las minorías raciales y los miembros de la comunidad LGBTQ+ han experimentado momentos de exclusión, discriminación u hostilidad. Cualesquiera que sean nuestras diferencias, el Evangelio nos exige reconocer la dignidad de cada ser humano como un hijo amado de Dios. La cuestión que se nos plantea no es simplemente qué política apoyamos, sino qué clase de discípulos estamos llegando a ser. ¿Estamos creciendo en compasión? ¿Estamos aprendiendo a ver a Cristo en aquellos a quienes la sociedad a menudo pasa por alto?

En el capítulo 25 de Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que, en última instancia, seremos juzgados por la forma en que tratamos a los más vulnerables entre nosotros: «Fui forastero y me acogieron». Espero que el Día Mundial de los Refugiados nos recuerde que estas palabras no son una mera sugerencia; son un mandato del Evangelio. Espero que todos tengamos el valor de reconocer a Cristo en cada forastero con quien entramos en contacto y en cada desconocido que llega buscando acogida, dignidad y esperanza. Los refugiados, migrantes, inmigrantes, víctimas de la guerra y todas las personas marginadas deben estar presentes en nuestras oraciones diarias.

**La paz, Kearney**

## THIS WEEK *Esta semana*

### CALENDAR *Calendario*

#### Sunday, domingo

##### *Father's Day*

##### 06.21

|         |                                                                                                |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:15am  | <i>Misa en Español</i>                                                                         |
| 10:15am | Cantor rehearsal ( <i>Choir room</i> )                                                         |
| 11am    | English mass <i>with organ &amp; cantor</i> ;<br>Religious Ed registration ( <i>Sidewalk</i> ) |
| 12:30pm | <i>Misa en Español</i>                                                                         |
| 2pm     | English baptisms                                                                               |
| 3pm     | Spanish Emaus Group special mass ( <i>Church</i> )                                             |
| 5pm     | Jazz mass rehearsal ( <i>Church</i> )                                                          |
| 6pm     | English mass <i>with jazz</i> ( <i>Church</i> )                                                |

#### Monday, lunes

##### 06.22

|             |                                                                    |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10am        | Funeral (Carlos Herrera)                                           |
| 12noon      | English communion                                                  |
| 1-2:30pm    | West Prep Academy graduation exercises rehearsal ( <i>Church</i> ) |
| 7pm         | <i>Misa en Español</i>                                             |
| 7:30-9:30pm | Spanish Charismatics ( <i>Center</i> )                             |

#### Tuesday, martes

##### 06.23

|          |                                         |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 12noon   | English mass                            |
| 7pm      | <i>Misa en Español</i>                  |
| 7:30-9pm | Spanish Charismatics ( <i>Library</i> ) |

#### Wednesday, miércoles

##### 06.24

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|--------|---------------------------|
| 12noon | English communion service |
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6-8pm Men's 12-step group (*Center*)

7pm *Misa en Español*

#### Thursday, jueves

##### 06.25

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|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45-10:30am | West Prep Academy graduation exercises ( <i>Church</i> )  |
| 9am-4pm      | Affordable housing van ( <i>107<sup>th</sup> Street</i> ) |
| 12noon       | English mass                                              |
| 5pm          | Spanish Emaus group set-up ( <i>Center</i> )              |
| 7pm          | <i>Misa en Español</i>                                    |
| 7:30-10pm    | Spanish Emaus group ( <i>Center</i> )                     |
| 7:30-9pm     | Curcillistas group ( <i>Dining Room</i> )                 |

#### Friday, viernes

##### 06.26

|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 12noon      | English communion service                      |
| 5:30pm      | Wedding rehearsal ( <i>Church</i> )            |
| 7pm         | <i>Misa en Español</i>                         |
| 7:30-8:30pm | Sacred Heart/Sagrado Corazon ( <i>Center</i> ) |

#### Saturday, sábado

##### 06.27

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|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 8am-2pm  | Welcome Table Meal Ministry ( <i>Center</i> ) |
| 2pm      | Wedding ( <i>Church</i> )                     |
| 4-5pm    | Confessions ( <i>Church</i> )                 |
| 5:30pm   | Bilingual mass <i>with cantor &amp; organ</i> |
| 7-8:30pm | Spanish Charismatics group ( <i>Library</i> ) |

#### Sunday, domingo

##### 06.28

|         |                                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 9:15am  | <i>Misa en Español</i>                          |
| 10:15am | Cantor rehearsal ( <i>Choir room</i> )          |
| 11am    | English mass <i>with organ &amp; cantor</i>     |
| 12:30pm | <i>Misa en Español</i>                          |
| 2pm     | English baptisms                                |
| 5pm     | Jazz mass rehearsal ( <i>Church</i> )           |
| 6pm     | English mass <i>with jazz</i> ( <i>Church</i> ) |

#### MASS INTENTIONS *Intenciones de Misas*

##### Sat, 06.20

5:30pm Irma Gonzalez, Elia Gonzaga Oyorzabal

##### Sun, 06.21

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| 9:15am  | <i>Ánimas del purgatorio</i> , Félix Santana, José Lantigua Vásquez, Juan Francisco Vásquez, Elveto Vásquez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11am    | Jose Edward Smith, Teofilo Alvarez, Joseph Michael Lynch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:30pm | José Américo Javier, Rafaela Francisca Castillo, Víctor Manuel Valentín, Isabel Mesa García, Manuel Núñez, Luis Núñez, Pedro Núñez, Benito Cruz, Rafael Cruz, Félix Cruz, Por la salud de Mariela Emmanuel, Noah Sebastián, por Bisabuelos, Luis Belarminio Rodríguez Almonte, Dionicio Antonio Pérez Rodríguez, Domingo Antonio Castillo, Domingo Antonio Valentín, Héctor Valentín, Marvin Valentín, Acción de gracias a la Divina Providencia por la bendición de la Familia Martínez- Navarro, Acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Andrés Saint-Vil |

##### Mon, 06.22

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*, Ismael Romero Mauricio, Trinidad Rivera

##### Tues, 06.23

12pm Don Swindler

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*, Agripina Ramona  
Paulino García, Miguel Ángel Mercedes  
Paulino, Luis Rafael Peña Valdez, Humberto  
Anderson Valdez

**Wed, 06.24**

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*

**Thurs, 06.25**

12noon Liam Ferguson

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*

**Fri, 06.26**

7pm *Ánimas del purgatorio*, José Pichardo, Lidia  
Pichardo, Evelyn Pichardo, Manuel Pichardo,  
Angelina Rodríguez

**Sat, 06.27**

5:30pm Dominic Ferreira

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Lecturas de la semana*

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 20:10-13/Rom  
5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Monday [Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints  
John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs]** 2  
Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 (371)

**Tuesday** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-  
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**Wednesday THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE  
BAPTIST Solemnity Vigil** Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk  
1:5-17, Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Thursday** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday [Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church; BVM]** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt  
8:5-17

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**Last week's collections:**

11<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ord Time \$6,159.

**Second Collection (Missions in Latin America)** \$1,613.

**Dominican Republic mission trip** \$1,843.

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**Thank you for your weekly support of Ascension.** Please  
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*Gracias por su apoyo semanal a Ascension. Por favor,  
considere hacer una donación de cualquier importe a través  
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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?*



**CONCERT / CONCIERTO JON CARLO**

**August / agosto 7, 7pm**

**Church of the Holy Name**

**96<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam**

**(see ticket link below /**

**consulta el enlace de la entrada a continuación)**



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**2026-27 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:**

Last week we announced the upcoming collaboration  
between Holy Name of Jesus/St. Gregory the Great  
and Ascension, to offer a Family Faith Formation  
program for children ages 3 through 17. This  
program is built around a dynamic and time-tested  
family-retreat model that recognizes parents as the  
first and most important teachers of the faith. We feel  
confident that you will be very happy with the new  
model. Next weekend, following the 9:15 mass and  
before the 11:00 Mass, and again after the 11:00  
Mass and before the 12:30 Mass, the Director of  
Evangelization and Faith Formation for Holy Name of  
Jesus/St. Gregory the Great and others will be  
available to answer questions, provide more  
information on the project, and begin registration.  
The only suggested fee is \$50, for materials. We  
hope you can join us on June 28 but will have more  
opportunities throughout the summer. -Fr. Kearney

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**JULY 4TH WEEKEND:**

In two weeks' time, we will celebrate the 250th  
anniversary of our nation. Since July 3 is the official  
(national) observance, and July 4 falls on a Saturday,  
our schedule will be adjusted. On Friday, July 3, only  
one bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.  
Similarly, on Saturday, July 4, there will be one  
bilingual Mass at 9:00 AM. There will be no  
confessions on July 4, and there will be no 5:30 PM  
bilingual Mass that evening. Our regular weekend  
schedule will resume the following weekend.

-Fr. Kearney

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**MARIAN PILGRIMAGE: FATIMA TO LOURDES**

9 days; departs Mon, 9 Nov, 2026

**See bulletin in the Narthex for more information.  
(Consulte el boletín que se encuentra en el  
nártex para obtener más información.)**

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