

ASCENSION

A Newsletter from the Church of the Ascension

Pray for us Ruega por nosotros

Por los enfermos y los que están sufriendo de nuestra comunidad.

For the sick and suffering in our community:

**Lee O'Daniel,
Josephine
Ackerman .**

Por nuestros amados muertos, que descansen en los amorosos brazos de Jesús.

For all of our beloved dead, may they rest in the loving arms of Jesus: **Patricia Flanagan, James Thomas McNary.**

¡Gracias!

To all volunteers who helped with Thanksgiving baskets and the Christmas Bazaar!

A todos los voluntarios que ayudaron con las cestas de Acción de Gracias y el Bazar de Navidad.

Archbishop Hebda Releases the Synod Pastoral Letter

After three years of listening, preparation and engagement with laity, consecrated women and men, and clergy across the archdiocese, Archbishop Hebda has released his pastoral letter. The letter outlines his vision and Synod Priorities for our local church, informed through feedback from the Synod process. Read the letter at archspm.org/synodletter.

El Arzobispo publica la Carta Pastoral del Sínodo

Después de tres años de escuchar e interactuar con los laicos, las mujeres y los hombres consagrados y el clero de toda la arquidiócesis, el arzobispo Hebda ha publicado su carta pastoral. La carta da su visión y las prioridades del sínodo para nuestra iglesia local, informadas a través de la retroalimentación del proceso del sínodo. Lea la carta en <https://www.archspm.org/ministerio-latino/sinodo/>



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Presents the 4th annual



SPREAD JOY GIVE A TOY

Please be a Santa's helper by gifting a new, unwrapped toy to Ascension's toy drive! Over the past three years, we have helped make Christmas brighter for hundreds of families. Scan the code to order from our Amazon wish list or purchase elsewhere and bring them in by December 9. Thank you!



Por favor, sea un ayudante de Santa Claus por regalar un juguete nuevo (no envuelto en papel) a la campaña de recogida de juguetes de Ascensión. En los últimos tres años, hemos ayudado a cientos de familias celebrar la Navidad. Escanee el código para hacer un pedido de nuestra lista de deseos en Amazon y entréguelo directamente en nuestra oficina parroquial, o compre en otro lugar y tráigalo. ¡Gracias!

Second Collection Dec. 3-4 for Campaign for Human Development / Segunda colecta los días 3 y 4 de diciembre para la Campaña para el Desarrollo Humano

El PROXIMO dom, 4 de dic, Ascensión tendrá una reunión llamada RAZONES de ESPERANZA de 1 – 5 p.m. en la parte debajo de la iglesia para familias con alguien con DACA o con un/a joven de la edad para DACA, pero no ha podido solicitarlo. Todos son invitados.



Sunday, Dec. 4, Ascension will host an afternoon called “REASONS for HOPE” from 1 - 5 p.m. in the lower level of the church. It is a gathering for DACA families and families with a person of DACA age who has not been able to apply. Come join us and spread the word!

Liturgical Ministers' Advent Retreat set for Saturday, Dec. 3

All who serve as greeters, readers, and Eucharistic ministers are encouraged to attend a bilingual Morning of Reflection from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the lower level of the church. A time for Advent prayer, reflection, conversation: “Let Jesus Be Born in Our Ministry.” Facilitated by parishioner John Estrem.

Un retiro para los Ministros Litúrgicos fijado para el 3 de dic

Se anima a todos los que sirven como ministros de hospitalidad, lectores y ministros de la Eucaristía a asistir a una Mañana de Reflexión de 9:30 a 11:30 a.m. el sábado 3 de diciembre, en el nivel inferior de la iglesia. Un tiempo para la oración, la reflexión y la conversación del Adviento: “Dejemos que Jesús nazca en nuestro ministerio”.

AT THE BASILICA: A MORNING RETREAT FOR ALL

Here I am, Lord: Journeying Towards Healing through Listening and Truth-Telling

Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 to noon, Teresa of Calcutta Hall, Lower Level

Advent prepares us to receive Christ in three ways: in the past, as baby Jesus; today, seeing Christ in our neighbor; in the future, when Christ will come again.

This Advent, let us join as a community to live our faith boldly. Let us prepare for the coming of Christ as we prayerfully listen to and reflect on the experiences of our brothers and sisters of color at The Basilica.

The stories we will hear share a love of the Catholic faith and a love of The Basilica parish community. Yet, the stories also reveal pain and struggles as they seek to live fully in our community.

We invite all our community into a safe space to step into this conversation this Advent. Learn. Listen. Feel. Act. Welcome the Holy Spirit's healing into all our lives.

Dr. Yohuru Williams is a Distinguished University Chair and Professor of History and Founding Director of the Racial Justice Initiative at the University of St. Thomas. He received his Ph.D.

from Howard University in 1998. He is the author of many books and articles and is a sought-after speaker on racial justice.

Dr. Williams will ground us in our Catholic Faith, guide us in understanding the history and context for our day, and invite us to embrace the stories of our brothers and sisters.

Hear the honest and vulnerable stories of our brothers and sisters of color at The Basilica of Saint Mary. Learn about their experiences as we receive and believe.

Enter into a safe space of sharing in small groups, as we process all we have heard through restorative circles. We may experience discomfort—but we show up and engage, trusting God's love and healing to guide us. Consider ways to continue our learning and experience.



You may attend in person or virtually. Scan the code to register.