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This Week at Ascension

The Birth of the Christ

At the center of our being is a point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes of our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our own mind or the brutalities of our own will.

This little point of nothingness and of absolute poverty is the pure glory of God written in us, as our poverty, as our indigence, as our sonship. It is like a pure diamond blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely.

I have no program for this seeing. It is only given. But the gate of heaven is everywhere.

- Thomas Merton

[Link to Bulletins
for December
4\(now including
one for the Misa
en Español\)](#)

[Link to Randy's
sermon
"Tim\(ing\)"](#)

[Link to Randy's
Thanksgiving serr
"Practicing Gratiu](#)

[Link to the
Episcopal Diocese
of Washington's
Website](#)

HEADLINERS

[Lady of Guadalupe Day](#)

[Decluttering Party Postponed](#)

[Movie Night: December 2016](#)

[Memorial to the Lost](#)

[Sunday School "Happenings"](#)

[Ascension's Giving Tree](#)

Calendar Highlights

Thursday, December 1

10:00 am Yoga-Chapel
4:00 pm Tai Chi - Chapel
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal - Room

Friday, December 2

1:00 pm Al-Anon, Library
6:00 pm Couples 12-Step 1 Room 1
6:00 pm Movie Night - Un Commons

Saturday, December 3

9:00 pm Overeaters Anony Chapel
11:00 am Al-Anon—Under Commons
11:00 am Overeaters Anony Room 1

Sunday, December 4

7:45 am Holy Eucharist—Church
8:15 am Choir Rehearsal—Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist—Church
9:00 am & 11:00 am Godly Play—Room
9:00 am & 11:00 am Joyful Path—Room
10:15 am Service for Family Young Children—
11:00 am Misa en Espanol -
11:15 am Holy Eucharist—Church
11:15 am Family with Your Cell Group - Libr
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Mind-Body Skills Workshop](#)
[Finding God in the Waves Book Group](#)
[Youth Group Fall Service Project](#)
[Children's Sunday Morning Music Program](#)
[Cell Groups at Ascension](#)
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)
[Yoga At Ascension](#)
[Listening Heart Community](#)
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

WORSHIP

[Request to Submit Dates for Worship Leaders' Roster](#)
[Worship Rosters, October-December](#)
[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[Vestry Nominations](#)
[Youth Group Christmas Party at Rockin Jump](#)
[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)
[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report](#)
[November Ascendant](#)
[Together We Shine](#)

Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: St. Nicholas' Parish, Darnestown, Diocesan Latino Ministry, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Martha, Fran, Diane, Monica, Sarah, Roz, Joann and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Monday, December 5

- 1:00 pm Al-Anon—Librar
- 6:30 pm Overeaters Anony
Room 4
- Jr.Girl Scout Mee
- 7:00 pm Room6
- 7:00 pm Listing Hearts Co
Library

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

Tuesday, December 6

- 6:00 pm Bible Study—Asc
House
- 7:00 pm Codependents
Anonymous—Ro
- 7:00 pm Stillwater Mindfu
Group—Chapel
- 8:30 pm Al-Anon—Room

Wednesday, December

- 10:00 am Wednesday Morn
Group-Library
- 1:00 pm Al-Anon—Librar
- 7:00 pm Ensemble Rehear:
Church
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anony
Room 1
- 8:00 pm Gamblers' Anony
Chapel

Thursday, December 8

- 10:00 am Yoga - Chapel
- 4:00 pm Tai Chi—Chapel
- 6:30 pm Spanish Class —t
House
- 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—

Worship Leaders

Sunday, December 4

Preacher: Jason Cutshall

7:45 AM

- Reader/Prayers: Jean Cohn
- Chalicians: Jason Cutshall, Edna Leake
- Healing Prayer: Janet King
- Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas
- Welcome Team: Don Cohn, Jean Cohn
- Altar Guild: Georgette Dennis
- Hospitality Angel: Peter Maroulis

9:00 AM

- Reader: Christian Simpson, Sue Snay
- Prayer: Chris Rugger
- Healing Prayer: Paul Whitmore
- Acolytes: Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Nuelle Johnson, Manny Johnson
- Welcome Team:: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc, Algermon Thomas
- Altar Guild: Sarah Gallagher, Kristin Fitzpatrick
- Hospitality Angel: Kristin Fitzpatrick

11:15 AM

- Reader: Anika Lalmansingh
- Healing Prayer: Laura Shay
- Welcome Team: Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, Kendall Anderson
- Altar Guild: Georgana Maines
- Reader/Chalicast: Avin Lalmansingh, Sarah Rubin
- Eucharistic Visitors: Meredith Horan
- Song Leader: Alice Benson
- Hospitality Angel: Aaron and Emma Boyce

- Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

