



Another Adaptation! Zoom Webinar Preparation for the January 31, 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting will be unique in that it will take place virtually. Fr. Raymond, MB Hwang and I are looking to make your experience of participating in the meeting as similar to an in-person meeting as possible. Here are a few highlights:

- We will be using a Zoom Webinar format which is similar to a regular Zoom meeting but with some added functionality that allows us to better track attendees, run the meeting efficiently, and for attendees to vote.
- As is always the case at Ascension, the meeting is open to all. However, only members in good standing are allowed to vote. If you are unsure of your standing, we ask that you contact Brother Nathanael Rahm in the parish office, (312) 664-1271.
- An email invitation requesting that you register for the meeting will be sent to all eligible voting members of the parish this week. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with the discrete Zoom link to the meeting. If you happen to miss the confirmation email—not to worry: several reminders will be sent in the days leading up to the meeting.
- Attendees will be able to participate in the meeting via phone but will not be able to vote.
- For those of you in a household with more than one voting member, you must separately register and log in to the meeting using your own computer or phone. We will attempt to make accommodations if this is not possible.
- A printed Annual Meeting report will be mailed to you in advance of the meeting. Significant documents will also be shared on screen during the proceedings.
- If you are participating in Morning Prayer and/or the Mass on the morning of the meeting via Ascension's regular Zoom link, you will have to leave that Zoom and follow the link for the meeting. Reminders on how to do that will be given at the end of Mass.
- If you are a regular host of the Daily Office or are used to signing in to the Ascension Zoom account as a leader, you will need to log out and sign back in using your own login credentials—not Ascension's.
- Limited tech support will be available on the morning of the meeting to help you with any login issues.
- Per the agenda, we will devote a few minutes toward the beginning to help you familiarize yourself with features of the Zoom webinar format.

We thank you in advance for your patience as this is a technology that is new to all of us. But we are optimistic that it will allow for full and safe participation for the widest audience possible.

*Don't worry; for most of us, this will be easier than it appears here.
For the rest of us, we will be arranging day-of tech support by phone!*