

Church of the Ascension

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor
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**In case of an emergency
please call 408-931-4131**

Catechetical Ministry

Ann Liebmann, Youth Catechetical
and Program Director

RCIA Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor

Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M, F: 6:30 a.m.
W: 6:30 Communion Svc.
T, Th, S: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday

6:30, 9:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 9:30 a.m.
Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m., and by
appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX
MONTHS in advance. Please
telephone the parish office to
make an appointment with the
pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First
Sunday of each month at 12
noon. (Preparation seminar is
required). Please contact the
parish office at least one month in
advance.

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Office Hours: Mon. - Wed.: 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Fri: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS TODAY!

RESERVE YOUR VALENTINE LUNCH

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone

Send Envelopes Weekly, Not Required/Automatic
Payment, Moving/remove from mailing list

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 05, 2017

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.	The Tues. Morning Stitchers	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	The Handcrafters	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	Prayer Group	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The SOUPER Bowl of Caring is **this** weekend! Worshippers are asked to drop \$1 (or more) into large soup pots outside the doors of the church. All donations will go to Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen.

Religious Education



Our religious education programs resume this Sunday as scheduled.

Sunday, February 05

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

NO Confirmation or High School—come help with the SOUPER Bowl of Caring after Mass!

Sunday, February 12

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM

NO evening High School—

We are continuing to accept new students at all grade levels. If you wish to register a new student, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 05, 2017



“If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then light shall rise for you in the darkness and the gloom shall become for you like midday.”

—Isaiah 58:7-10



WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the Finance Council.

TO: PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

(WE ALSO WELCOME ANY INTERESTED PARTIES!)

You are invited to view Robert Barron's video series—“Catholicism—a Journey to the Heart of the Faith.”

Sunday, February 5

10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—while the students are in the Religious Education program.

We meet in Worner Hall in the small classroom in the back next to the kitchen.

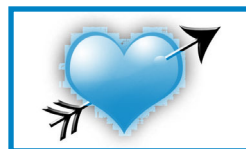
Questions? Loy Oppus-Moe—loy.oppus@gmail.com

HAVE YOU SEEN A LION DANCING TO DRUM BEATS?

Come Join The Chinese Community CC to Celebrate The Year Of The Rooster



Date : February 12th, 2017 at 12 noon (after the 11am Mass)
Place : Outside Worner Hall



VALENTINE LUNCH

The annual Valentine lunch for senior citizens is **next Sunday, February 12, at 12 noon**. A delicious meal, hosted by our middle school and senior high

youth, will be followed by some BINGO games with plenty of prizes to be won!

Please RSVP to the parish office, (408) 725-3939 by **12 noon, this Monday, February 6**, to reserve your seat at this FUN event!

TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

February 20st – 23rd, 2017
Monday through Thursday:

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

MISSION

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Fathers

Theme: Trying to be a better Christian in today's troubled world

Mass and four reflections:

- Day 1: Being a More Authentic Christian.**
"When the Inner Meets the Outer."
- Day 2: As a Christian: Who is My Neighbor?**
"The Rejected but Good Neighbor."
- Day 3: The Samaritan Woman at the Well.**
"Looking for the right thing but possibly in the wrong places."
- Day 4: Why did Jesus have to die the way He did?**
"Behold the Lamb of God!"



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night will be on **Friday, February 24th**, from **6 to 9 PM** in the parish hall. The Men's Club will serve hot dogs (**last chance to have meat on Friday before Lent!**) and Religious Education will provide drinks and ice cream with all the toppings.

Invite your friends; bring your favorite board or card games; the "gym" will be open for more vigorous activities and **BINGO** will start around **7:30 PM** with plenty of prizes to be won. Best of all—it's all **FREE!** However, in order to have enough food, please **RSVP by 12 NOON on Wednesday, February 22 to (408) 725-3939.**

Mark your calendar—**February 24th** and call the parish office to sign your family up for an evening of good food, friends, and fun!



SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
Saturday, March 11: 6:00 p.m.

Fine food, refreshments, entertainment and wonderful door prizes await you. Ticket sales for the annual dinner will begin next weekend, February 11/12.

THANK YOU

January 29, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,000	\$210,000
COLLECTED	\$6,041	\$214,644
VARIANCE	-\$959	\$4,644

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT MASS

This Sunday, February 5, parish youth are serving as readers, ushers, and gift bearers at the 9 AM Mass. Please let these youngsters know that we appreciate their willingness to take an active part in these liturgical ministries.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

"When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving."

—Raymond Lull

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Feb 04 Sat 9 a.m. Frank Figone +
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Feb 05 Sun 7 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Triccie Alfonso (L)
5 p.m. Arsenia Mariano +
- Feb 06 Mon 6:30 a.m. The Castello Family
- Feb 07 Tue 9 a.m. Tom Belanger +
- Feb 08 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Feb 09 Thu 9 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Feb 10 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 11 Sat 9 a.m. The Diem Family
5 p.m. Marietta Sokol +
- Feb 12 Sun 7 a.m. Gwendolyn Maraschin +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Aurora Lizaola +
5 p.m. Jim Espiritu +

REMINDERS/INFORMATION

Cell phones: to preserve and foster reverence due at Mass and all liturgical functions, please kindly turn off cell phones and pagers before entering the church.

Parishioner Registration: all new members are asked to register as a bona-fide member of the parish. Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. Registration with the parish is a sign of acknowledgment and affiliation with your local Catholic community as well as enables you to automatically receive parish mailings, Sunday envelopes, and facilitates your relationship with the parish and the universal Catholic church.

Becoming Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA and RCIC). If you are not baptized or baptized in another Christian denomination, including children 7 years of age and older, and if you are baptized in the Catholic church and seeking Confirmation as an adult, please contact the parish office.

Infant Baptism: parents must be registered in the parish a minimum of three months prior to the interview and the baptismal preparation seminar. Baptisms are scheduled every first Sunday of the month at 12 noon.

Sacrament of Matrimony: couples wishing to marry must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Weddings are held on Saturdays at 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 2 p.m. All couples must attend the Marriage Preparation seminar or the Engaged Encounter weekend as a prerequisite for the celebration of the sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion: if you have a life and death emergency and you need a priest at your home for the Sacrament of the Sick, please call 408-931-4131. Our Ministry to the Sick volunteers will bring Holy Communion to your home for the homebound and the sick.

Communion Rite: The posture is standing from the Lord's Prayer until all have received Holy Communion. Those receiving Holy Communion are asked to make a simple bow as a gesture of respect and reverence before receiving both the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ. Drinking directly from the cup is the preferred norm. Although communion by intinction in certain cases is permitted, it is not to be used as a way to prevent drinking from the cup. A communicant may not self-communicate by means of intinction; the priest/Eucharistic minister gives communion to that person. Children who have received First Holy Communion are encouraged to receive communion under both species.

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

Pastoral Council	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
Finance Council	Doris Atkinson	408-839-7900
Sunday Bulletin	Mary Park	408-446-3647
Webmaster	Ruthann Stolzman	408-867-6029
Wedding Coordinator	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Newsletter	Ruthann Stolzman	408-867-6029

Liturgy

Eucharistic Ministers	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Lector Training	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
Altar Servers	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Musicians - 9 a.m.	Cheryl Snyder	408 674 4361
Musicians - 11 a.m.	Barbara Mandal	408-921-7319
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sun	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Rosary Group	Evelyn Tanner	408-867-1600

Catechetical Ministries

Baptism Preparation	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Marriage Preparation	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939

Community and Service

Men's Club	Jeff Moe	408-253-6403
Membership	Doug Snyder	408-568-8828
Handcrafters	Ruby Hauffe	408-725-3939
Tues. Morn Stitchers	Jackie McBirney	408-253-9350
Couples Bridge	Don Muse	408-246-7726
Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Chip/Weedgie Maloney	408-741-1946
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak	408-257-3490
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
Serra Club	Greg Lynch	408-725-1898
Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Maureen Mijares	408-725-3939
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

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