Church of the Ascension

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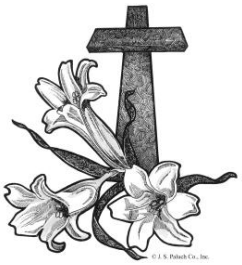

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
APRIL 16, 2017

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor
Nomer Rios, Admin. Assistant
Susan Dunn, Bookkeeper

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.

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.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe.

Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad.

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Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue this Sunday as scheduled:

Sunday, April 16

NO classes—*Happy Easter!*

Sunday, April 23

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

High School
6:00 to 7:30 PM

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.

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 16, 2017

"The Lord has truly been raised…"

—Luke 24:13-35

"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." *—Pope John Paul II*

"The great gift of Easter is hope—Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake." *—Basil Hume*

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Enjoy the 50 days of the Easter Season. The Little White Books are available for the Easter Season which starts on Monday, April 17th, and ends on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. The donation of $1 only covers the cost of the books.

CONNECT INVITATION

CONNECT invites Ascension parishioners to the Faith in Action Rotating Shelter ***2017 Annual Celebration*** at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, in Sunnyvale** on **Saturday, April 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.** This year, we will be serving **dessert, coffee and tea** and will have the opportunity to hear from the Faith in Action Rotating Shelter's Board, staff members and current and former guests. Please save the date and plan to attend. ***An RSVP is not needed!***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

First Eucharist: Students need to have at least one year of Religious Education before they will be prepared for First Eucharist. Following that, any elementary or middle school student wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist must attend his/her grade level class as well as an additional monthly class specific to the sacrament. These preparation classes will be held on Sunday following the regular elementary program.

Confirmation: Confirmation is celebrated during the high school years. As with First Eucharist preparation, candidates must have been participating in a parish religious education program, or attending a Catholic school during the years leading up to Confirmation. High school youth who have not done so will need to participate in the high school program for at least one year before preparing for Confirmation.

CURSILLO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SPRING RETREATS

Looking to supercharge your spiritual life?
Consider a Cursillo Weekend.

Cursillo is Spanish for "A Short Course in Christianity." Cursillo is a lay movement of the Catholic Church and the San Jose Cursillo Lay Directorate, in conjunction with the Diocese of San Jose, is the governing body of Cursillo in our diocese.

It conducts two Men's and two Women's Cursillo weekends each year in Spring and Fall at the St Clare Retreat Center in Soguel (just off Hwy 17). This spring's Cursillos are scheduled for the weekends of:

April 20-23 (Men's)
May 4-7 (Women's)

Visit the San Jose Cursillo website at http://www.sanjosecursillo.org/ for more information or contact Gene Plevyak, gplevyak@yahoo.com or Elaine Bryant, elainekaybryant@yahoo.com, Ascension's Cursillo representatives.

THANK YOU

April 09, 2017	Our Weekly Offerin	Date
NEEDED		
COLLECTED		$
VARIANCE	$	$

Due to early bulletin print deadline, the financial information is not available this week.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is a way to help Catholic Relief Services (**CRS**) provide education, medical assistance, food and other basic needs to those living in poverty.

Thank you to all whop participated in this traditional Lenten practice. Please return your rice bowl boxes beginning **next week**; there will be baskets on the tables at the back of the church for this purpose.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

"There would be no Christmas if there was no Easter."
—Gordon B. Hinckley

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 15	Sat	8:30 p.m.	All Parishioners
Apr 16	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Apr 17	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Antonio Olivar, Sr. +
Apr 18	Tue	9 a.m.	Jose Victorio, Jr. +
Apr 19	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Apr 20	Thu	9 a.m.	Theresia & Frank Kraft +
Apr 21	Fri	6:30 a.m.	The Diem Family
Apr 22	Sat	9 a.m.	Donald & Mary Stolz +
		5 p.m.	Charles Michael Hickey +
Apr 23	Sun	7 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Valeria & Benjamin Vidaurri +
		5 p.m.	Rosario Leano +

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.

SACRAMENTS

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	Joanne Schnider	408-252-5156
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	408-857-1075
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
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