

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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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

OPERATION RICE BOWL CONCLUDES

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

**SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 23, 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.

CELEBRATING FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

First Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 14th** at the **9 AM** Mass. Seven youngsters will receive Jesus for the first time at that Mass, and thirteen of our high school youth will complete their initiation into the Church through Confirmation. Please keep all of these young people, their families, sponsors, and teachers in your prayers during their final weeks of preparation.

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue this Sunday as scheduled:

Sunday, April 23

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

High School
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 30

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

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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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**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 23 2017**

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His mercy endures forever."

—Psalm 118:2-4

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9:00 a.m. Mass today by the **Fil-Am Group**.

MARY CELEBRATION

This year's Mary Celebration will be on **Sunday, May 7th**, following the **9 AM** Mass. We will gather in the hall for a prayer service and then process to the outdoor Marty statue to place flowers around it. All are invited to participate in this traditional honoring of our Blessed Mother.

"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions."

—Sr. Faustina

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. There are baskets on the tables at the back of the church where the boxes can now be returned.

**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 WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

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 a Cursillo weekend each year in Spring and Fall at the St Clare Retreat Center in Soquel (just off Hwy 17). This spring's Women's Cursillo is scheduled for the weekend of **May 4-7**. 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 16, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Date
NEEDED	Due to early bulletin print deadline, the financial information is not available this week.	
COLLECTED		\$
VARIANCE	\$	\$

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

This collection provides supplemental funding for U.S. dioceses where parishes struggle often with poverty and the lack of priests and resources.



"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."

—Wendell Barry



Spring into Fun with the Women of Ascension

Join us for a Country Hoedown—
Fun and conversations with friends!!

Monday, May 1st
12:00 PM in Worner Hall

Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share. Desserts and beverages provided.

All Parishioners Welcome

For information or transportation, call Yvonne 408-996-3584 or Carol 408-996-9513.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**APRIL 22 IS "EARTH DAY":
HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION?**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 +
Apr 24	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Antonio Olivar, Jr. (L)
Apr 25	Tue	9 a.m.	Mary Snitow +
Apr 26	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Apr 27	Thu	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
Apr 28	Fri	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Apr 29	Sat	9 a.m.	Lito Casaclang +
		5 p.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
Apr 30	Sun	7 a.m.	The Diem Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Frank Martin +
		5 p.m.	Brendan Staveley +

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
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

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