

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.
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**BLESSINGS TO ALL
MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY!**

**CELEBRATING FIRST
EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION**

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 OF EASTER
MAY 14, 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

This Sunday at the 9 AM Mass, seven youngsters are receiving First Eucharist and thirteen of our high school youth are completing their initiation into the Church through Confirmation. Please hold these young people, their families, sponsors, and teachers in your prayers.

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."
--Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue this Sunday as scheduled:

Sunday, May 14
First Eucharist & Confirmation
at 9 AM Mass

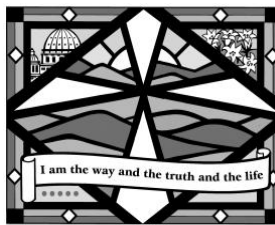
No classes — Happy
Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 21
End-of-year Mass & Parish
Brunch, 9 AM

We are accepting new students at all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. If you wish to register a new student, please call Ann Liebmann (408) 725-3939.

(Information on next year's program was sent home prior to Easter with students who are currently enrolled in classes.)

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2017

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father."

—John 14:12

END-OF-YEAR MASS AND BRUNCH

We will mark the end of this year's religious education programs at the 9 AM Mass on **Sunday, May 21st**. Youngsters who celebrated their First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist or were confirmed this year will be acknowledged and receive their certificates at Mass.

Following Mass there will be a parish "brunch" which will take the place of the regular coffee and donuts.

Everyone is invited; please bring the following food items to the hall **before** Mass:

last names A-D:	1 doz. small pastries
last names E-H:	2 doz. mini quiches
last names I-L:	fruit salad or sliced fruit
last names M-R:	1 pound sliced meat
last names S-V:	deviled eggs (12 eggs/24 pcs)
last names W-Z:	1/2 pound sliced cheese

The parish will provide donuts, bagels, cereal, bread, cream cheese and beverages.

If you have any questions about this event, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939. Looking forward to seeing you there!



"Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children." *--William Makepeace Thackeray*

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.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT SAN JOSE GIANTS

The Serra Club of Santa Clara sponsors a family day at the ballpark. It is a great fun night so come early and enjoy a great BBQ and many fun events:

SJ Giants vs. Modesto Nuts
Saturday, May 20 at 5 p.m.
San Jose Municipal Stadium

Tickets are compliments of the Serra Club and sponsors. They are available at the parish office or call Greg Lynch at 408-725-1898.

THANK YOU		
May 07, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,000	\$301,000
COLLECTED	\$5,264	\$298,087
VARIANCE	-\$1,736	-\$2,913

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
Catholic Charities—the social outreach branch of the Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21

 *  **MAY MADNESS**  *
 * **ASCENSION HANDCRAFTER'S** *
 * **BOUTIQUE!** *
 * **SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017** *
 * **8 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.** *
 * *Due to renovation of Worner Hall, we cannot have* *
 * *a Handcrafter's Holiday Boutique in October. So* *
 * *instead, we will have our lovely things for you to* *
 * *choose from in May.* *
 * *Do drop in to Worner Hall- classroom area!*  *

KAIROS #48 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 26-29

Many thanks and God bless all of you for your past support to the Kairos Prison Ministry at the California Medical Facility (CMF) Vacaville. The aim of this ministry is to help prisoner attendees reform their lives through an intense 3-day retreat and form lasting Prayer and Share groups among the incarcerated men at the CMF Vacaville.


At all Masses Saturday and Sunday, **May 20-21**, Gene Plevyak, and Dan Bryant of Ascension, who are active in the CMF Kairos Prison Ministry, will be at the Kairos table outside after each Mass. You are invited to join the team spiritually during the Memorial Day weekend in ministering to the "least of our brothers", the sick and imprisoned at CMF. Please add your name to the Prayer Scroll and join the list of hundreds of Bay Area Christians praying for the prisoner attendees and the men and women (the team) who will conduct the Kairos #48 retreat. Also take some colored construction paper home and cut out an outline of your hand and write on the palm a short prayer of encouragement for the inmate attendees on this journey.

The cost for conducting a Kairos weekend is approximately \$10,000 since we are required by the institution to purchase commercially prepared food for meals and snacks. Any financial support you can give us to augment contributions by team members is greatly appreciated.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who participated in **Operation Rice Bowl** this Lent. If you have not already done so, please return your rice bowl box by **next** weekend. There are baskets at the back of the church for this purpose.



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| May 13 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Stephen Holder + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Maxine Stice + |
| May 14 | Sun | 7 a.m. | Sophie Brandys + |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Al Fichera + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Arsenia Mariano + |
| May 15 | Mon | 6:30 a.m. | Marilyn Collihan (L) |
| May 16 | Tue | 9 a.m. | Communion Service
(Clergy Study Week 5/15-5/19) |
| May 17 | Wed | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| May 18 | Thu | 9 a.m. | Communion Service |
| May 19 | Fri | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| May 20 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Corazon David (L) |
| | | 5 p.m. | Gary Chang + |
| May 21 | Sun | 7 a.m. | Kathleen McCabe + |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Arsenia Mariano + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Eduardo 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	Jo Ann Snyder	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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