

# Church of the Ascension

## 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.

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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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## **SACRAMENT CELEBRATION END OF YEAR BRUNCH**

**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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 21, 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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Next weekend we celebrate the feast that gives name to our parish community.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 21, 2017



“...whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

—John 14:21

“If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.” —St. Philip Neri

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**MAY MADNESS**

**ASCENSION HANDCRAFTER'S BOUTIQUE!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

**8 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

*Do drop in to Worner Hall- classroom area!*

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END-OF-YEAR MASS AND BRUNCH

We will mark the end of this year's religious education programs at the 9 AM Mass this **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.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue this Sunday as scheduled:

**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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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.

**SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS**

Congratulations to the following youngsters who celebrated a sacrament the past year.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Samantha Aquino Jolynn Grindeland  
 Sean Aquino Elija Sarte  
 Gio Cabaltica Mailey Weaver

**FIRST EUCHARIST:**

Samantha Aquino Jolynn Grindeland  
 Sean Aquino Maximilian Luu  
 Elija Sarte Aaron Chemmannoor  
 Grace Cruthis

**CONFIRMATION:**

Emily Espina Andrew Mont  
 Andrew Feliciano Gino Prasad  
 Joshua Gatus Christanel Rios  
 Steven Igou David Sarte  
 Rohan Joseph Monica Stratakos  
 Tobias Lau Haley Ziegel  
 Kathleen Luu

Thank you to all who kept these youngsters, their teachers, and their families in your prayers throughout the year.

**THANK YOU**

May 14, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,000	\$308,000
COLLECTED	\$11,196	\$309,823
VARIANCE	\$4,196	\$1,823

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:**

**Catholic Communications**— supports avenues for sharing our faith, including the *Valley Catholic*.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (Ascension)

**KAIROS #48 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
 MAY 26-29**

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 this 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.

Any financial support you can give us to augment contributions by team members is greatly appreciated.



**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

This is the last weekend that baskets will be out for returned rice bowl boxes. Thank you to all who participated in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- May 20 Sat 9 a.m. Corazon David +  
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 +
- May 22 Mon 6:30 a.m. Teri Lee Davis +
- May 23 Tue 9 a.m. Jessica Fedeli +
- May 24 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- May 25 Thu 9 a.m. Lourdes Ancheta +
- May 26 Fri 6:30 a.m. Marilyn Collihan (L)
- May 27 Sat 9 a.m. Charlotte Koller +  
5 p.m. Arline Schoengold (L)
- May 28 Sun 7 a.m. Lito Casaclang +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Brendan Staveley +  
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +

## 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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