

Church of the Ascension

Pastoral Staff

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please call 408-931-4131**

Catechetical Ministry

Ann Liebmann, Youth Catechetical
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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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Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
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AUGUST 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 13, 2017**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.	Masses for the Feast of the Assumption	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
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.

KINDNESS

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I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

—William Penn

Religious Education

Our religious education programs will resume in October.

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 **after September 5.**

All students who were enrolled in the 2016-17 program have automatically been placed in classes for the coming year.

However, if you have a child who was in class this year, and needs to be prepared for either First Eucharist or Confirmation in the coming year, you **must** register for the preparation classes. **We do not** automatically place students in these programs.

Forms for this purpose were sent home with all students prior to Easter. If you did not already return the form, you may register your child for the sacrament preparation class by calling Ann Liebmann **after September 5** at the number given above.

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2017



“After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.”

—1 Kings 19:11-13

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In each case, we see a different reaction to God's gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened.

At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today's scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God's constant work in our lives.

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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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained. The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s. The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Catholic faith on November 1, 1950. "The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her early life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (Dogma of the Assumption, 44).

Accounts of Mary's assumption survive in apocryphal narratives from the third and fourth centuries and it became an official feast in the ninth century. The Assumption of Mary is to all of us a sign of hope, of the ultimate victory to which we are all called. Like Mary, we are promised a future in God's paradise.

August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Maximilian Kolbe** (patron of drug addicts, political prisoners, journalists, amateur radio)
- Tuesday:** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Wednesday:** **St. Stephen of Hungary** (patron of kings, masons, bricklayers)
- Saturday:** **St. John Eudes** (patron of fallen women and prostitutes)

THANK YOU

August 06, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$43,700
COLLECTED	\$11,612	\$40,590
VARIANCE	\$4,312	-\$3,210

Second Collection Today:

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Aug 12 Sat 9 a.m. Gary Atkinson (L)
5 p.m. Rosaria & Joseph Fiorentino+
- Aug 13 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Mary T. Hawkes (L)
5 p.m. Colin Staveley +
- Aug 14 Mon 6:30 a.m. Emi Olivar (L)
- Aug 15 Tue 9 a.m. All Parishioners
7 p.m. All Parishioners
- Aug 16 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Aug 17 Thu 9 a.m. Jim Bastholm +
- Aug 18 Fri 6:30 a.m. Jose Victorio, Jr. +
- Aug 19 Sat 9 a.m. John James (L)
5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- Aug 20 Sun 7 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Joan Schoengold +
5 p.m. Brendan & Eamonn Manley +

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	Carmen Agrawal	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	Bruce Newnan	408-293-8004
Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Alvin Fontanilla	408-725-3939
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