

# 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.

**12033 Miller Avenue, Saratoga, California 95070**

**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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## **PARISH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY**

**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

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 3, 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.
Fri.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**PRAISE GOD**

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

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## Religious Education

**Our religious education programs are scheduled to resume in October.**

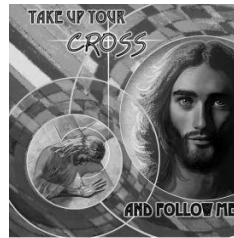
We are accepting new students at all grade levels for the 2017-18 school year. If you wish to register a new student, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

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 needs to be prepared for either First Eucharist or Confirmation this year, you **must** register him/her for the preparation classes. **We do not** automatically place students in these programs. If you did not already do so, you may register your child for the preparation class by calling Ann at the number given above.

Class schedules and information about fees will be mailed to all families with registered students the week of September 17.

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## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 03, 2017



Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

—Matthew 16:21-27

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC), during the 9 am Mass, will resume on September 10th. LWC is for youngsters in grades kindergarten through 6th Grade and allows them to hear God's Word proclaimed in language appropriate for children.

Youngsters are invited to Room A in the church after the Opening Prayer and return to their parents during the Offertory collection. The Lectionary for Children, approved by the US bishops, is used; the readings are the same as those being heard in the main assembly. There is opportunity for the children to talk about what they have heard and how it applies to their lives. We invite all youngsters to join us on September 10th and continue to participate throughout the school year.

**HARD-EARNED LUCK**

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.

—Thomas Jefferson

## 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.



**ASCENSCION CHURCH  
PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 10  
12 noon—4:00 p.m.**

**On our Parish grounds**

**Food! Fun! Games!**

**BBQ prepared by our own Men's Club**

**Hamburgers/cheeseburgers/veggie burgers/hot dogs**

**Potato salad/fresh fruit salad/potato chips**

**Ice cream/ice bars**

**Bottled water/soft drinks**

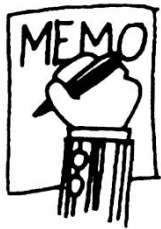
**Cost: \$3/person or \$15/family—children under 5 free**

**Sponsored by your Pastoral Council & Knights of  
Columbus Council 4981**

**"We may seek God by our intellect,  
but we can find him only with the heart."**

—Cotvos

**Mark your calendars for...**



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**INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK  
FESTIVAL'S**

**"Rock'n Roll 50s—60s"**

**October 21, 2017  
Worner Hall**

**RELIGION DEFINED**

I do not know how philosophers may ultimately define religion; but from Micah to James it has been defined as service to one's fellow human rendered by following the great rule of justice and mercy, of wisdom and righteousness.

—Theodore Roosevelt

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Monday: Labor Day** (officially a federal holiday since 1894 it honors the contributions workers have made to the well-being of the country)

**Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (celebrates the birth of Our Lady to St. Anne and St. Joachim, nine months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8)

**Saturday: St. Peter Claver** (patron of slaves, ministry to Africans, seafarers, race relations)

**THANK YOU**

August 27, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$65,700
COLLECTED	\$8,165	\$60,433
VARIANCE	\$865	-\$5,267

**CONFLICT**

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:18)

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:44)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sept 02 Sat 9 a.m. Arlena Ko +  
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Sept 03 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Donald & Mary Stolz +  
5 p.m. Joan Schoengold +
- Sept 04 Mon 6:30 a.m. Kay Lynch +
- Sept 05 Tue 9 a.m. Kay Lynch +
- Sept 06 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Sept 07 Thu 9 a.m. The Diem Family
- Sept 08 Fri 6:30 a.m. Violeta V. Raval (L)
- Sept 09 Sat 9 a.m. Gene Streb +  
5 p.m. John A. Sokol, Sr. +
- Sept 10 Sun 7 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. The Mandal Family  
5 p.m. The Leano Family

## 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	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
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

### Web Site

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