

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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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RESUMES THIS 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 WAY OF LOVE

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person affect the whole human community. Although today's readings might seem preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. The Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships.

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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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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 2017



The commandments...are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

—Romans 13:8-10

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.

HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

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.



**ASCENSION CHURCH
PICNIC**

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

On our Parish grounds

Food! Fun! Games!

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

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

CONTENTMENT

Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf with hatred. (Proverbs 15:16-17)

I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God. (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: Patriot Day** (remembrance of those who died on September 11, 2001)
- Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary** (Mary was a popular name among the Hebrews, in memory of Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron. Some scholars think this name is related to an Egyptian word for “beloved.”)
- Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom** (patron of education, epileptics, preachers, orators)
- Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (this feast commemorates Christ’s victory over death by his crucifixion and resurrection; also the finding of the true cross by Emperor Constantine’s mother, Helen, and the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the site.)
- Friday: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows** (the 7 sorrows are: Simeon’s prophecy at the presentation, the flight into Egypt, the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem, the road to Calvary, Jesus’ crucifixion, his removal from the cross and entombment.)
- Saturday: Ss. Cornelius** (patron against ear ache, fever, epilepsy) **& Cyprian** (patron of North Africa)

THANK YOU		
September 03, 2017	Our Weekly Off...	Date
NEEDED	Due to the holiday conflicting with a print deadline, the financial information is not available this week.	
COLLECTE		
VARIANCE		

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The weekend of September 16/17 we will take up a second collection for religious education. The monies collected will be shared between our Religious Education Program and students requiring tuition assistance in our diocesan Catholic schools.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Sir 27:30 -- 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Sept 11 Mon 6:30 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Sept 12 Tue 9 a.m. The Diem Family
- Sept 13 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Sept 14 Thu 9 a.m. Dina Rendic +
- Sept 15 Fri 6:30 a.m. Paz Hernandez (L)
- Sept 16 Sat 9 a.m. All Parishioners
5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- Sept 17 Sun 7 a.m. Audrey McInerny +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
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

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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
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Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
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