

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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NEW DATES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 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.



Religious Education



The **new** projected start date for this year's religious education programs, except for First Eucharist and Confirmation preparation, is **November 5th**. First Eucharist and Confirmation preparation will begin on **Sunday, October 8th**, with meetings in the **parish office** for students and parents of those preparing for these sacraments. The First Eucharist meeting is at **10:15 AM**; the Confirmation meeting is at **6 PM**.

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 new school 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 have not all ready done so, you may register your child for the sacrament preparation class by calling Ann Liebmann (see above for #.)

Class schedules and information about fees will be mailed to all registered students the week of **September 24th**.

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then, when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself; can he then seek pardon for his own sins?

—Sirach 27:30—28:7

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN



Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC), during the 9 AM Mass, has resumed. 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 though 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.

Since our regular religious education classes will not be starting until November, we especially encourage all youngsters to participate in LWC now and throughout the school year.

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.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER



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Parishioners are again invited to be prayer partners with the students and teachers in our religious education programs. There are no meetings involved. Once a month, students, teachers, and their prayer partners exchange prayer requests; this ministry only requires your willingness to include your partners' intentions in your prayers; the

students and teachers will include you and your intentions in their weekly class prayers. Beginning October 1st, and throughout the month of October, there will be sign-up sheets on the tables in the back of the church for those interested in this ministry. If you have any questions, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us.

Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** **Catechetical Sunday** (to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.)
- Tuesday:** **St. Januarius** (patron of blood banks, Naples and volcanic eruptions.)
- Wednesday:** **Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions** (patron of Korea and Korean clergy.)
- Thursday:** **St. Matthew** (patron of accountants, tax collectors, civil servants, bankers, perfumers.)
- Friday:** **Autumn Begins**
- Saturday:** **St. Padre Pio** (patron of adolescents, stress relief, civil defense volunteers, Italy and Malta.)

THANK YOU

September 10, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$80,300
COLLECTED	\$4,143	\$68,967
VARIANCE	-\$3,157	-\$11,333

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This weekend we are taking 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:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 +
Sept 18	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Jose Victorio, Jr. +
Sept 19	Tue	9 a.m.	Robert Vanderhorst +
Sept 20	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Sept 21	Thu	9 a.m.	The Nora Family
Sept 22	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Hesus Ricafort +
Sept 23	Sat	9 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
		5 p.m.	Marietta Sokol +
Sept 24	Sun	7 a.m.	Elaine Williams +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	The Nora Family
		5 p.m.	Y.K. Cheng +

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
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