

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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**ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS
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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 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**.

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

God's ways

are above



our ways

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

—Matthew 20:1-16

EDUCATION

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

--Edward Everett

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.

THE FIRST AND THE LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday:** **Ss. Cosmas & Damian** (patrons of day-care centers, physicians, dentists, surgeons, veterinarians, barbers, against hernias.)
- Wednesday:** **St. Vincent de Paul** (patron of charities, volunteers, horses, prisoners, leprosy.)
- Thursday:** **St. Wenceslaus** (patron of Czech Republic)
St. Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions (patron of the Philippines & Filipino peoples, migrant workers, separated families.)
- Friday:** **Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael** (angel means servant or messenger of God. Michael fought against Satan and is the protector of humanity against evil; Gabriel announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus; Raphael took care of Tobias' journey.)
- Saturday:** **St. Jerome** (patron of archivists, Bible scholars, archeologists, translators.)

THANK YOU

Sept. 17, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$87,600
COLLECTED	\$7,765	\$76,732
VARIANCE	\$465	-\$10,868

CREATIVITY

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness. (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

For in Christ you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge. (1 Corinthians 1:5)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 +
Sept 25	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Mildred Bloom (L)
Sept 26	Tue	9 a.m.	Dina Rendic +
Sept 27	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Sept 28	Thu	9 a.m.	Lito Casaclang +
Sept 29	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Arthur (+) & Viola (L) Adams
Sept 30	Sat	9 a.m.	Holly Evans (L)
		5 p.m.	Rosaria & Joseph Fiorentino +
Oct 01	Sun	7 a.m.	The Nora Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Linda Andrews & Family
		5 p.m.	Molly Howley +

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
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