

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.
Fri: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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—FAMILY FUN NIGHT ON FRIDAY
—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

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

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 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

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, November 26

NO Classes—Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, December 03

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM

First Eucharist Preparation
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Confirmation Preparation
5:00 to 6:00 PM

High School
6:15 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 10

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM

High School
6:15 to 7:30 PM

We are continuing to accept 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

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“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” —Matthew 25:31-46

**CHRIST, KING OF ALL**

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Family Fun Night is **this Friday, December 1st**, from **6 to 9 PM**. The parish will provide pizza and beverages; each family is asked to bring a dessert to share. **BINGO** will begin at **7 PM** with lots of prizes to be given away. There will also be some holiday-themed games for the children (and young-at-heart adults!).

In order to know how much pizza is needed, please RSVP to the parish office (408-725-3939) by noon on Wednesday, November 29th.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SIGNUPS

Attention All Eucharist Ministers, Lectors & Ushers

There are 4 signup sheets for **Saturday, December 23rd** and **Sunday, December 24th** for the regular Weekend Masses.

There are 4 signup sheets for **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day** Masses. You will find them on the Liturgy bulletin board in the back of the church.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we may know who will be serving at these masses. If you have any questions, please call Arline Schoengold at 408-725-8873. Thank you for your cooperation.



CONNECT 2017 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

A TIME TO REACH OUT AND TO SHARE WITH THANKSGIVING...



This is the CONNECT Group's **31st** year of offering and facilitating activities in which Ascension can share Christmas blessings with those less fortunate. It has proven to be a most profound and positive experience for participants throughout these many years.

CONNECT activities for this year include:

CONNECT GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree is up. Stop by and select a gift tag or tags as you are able. Gift tags that can be found on our Giving Tree will include needs of the following agencies:

- Help One Child (foster parent program)*
- Catholic Charities*

**HOLIDAY FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVE
BEDDING, TOWELS, UNDERWEAR, SOCKS, JACKETS**

TOILETRIES: (Full or sample/travel sizes).

DONATIONS



If you have any questions, please call Don Van Buren at 408-996-2619 or Russ Castronovo at 408-391-9632.



LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

The Advent Preparation Booklets are now available for picking up. Full of interesting information and spiritual reflection, these books are a great resource in preparation for Christmas. You will find the booklets at the back of the church for a donation of only \$1.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Last Week in Ordinary Time—next Sunday begins the Season of Lent
- Thursday:** St. Andrew (patron of Scotland, fishermen, farmers, rope-makers)
- Friday:** First Friday (devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to receive at death the grace of final repentance and a secure refuge in the heart of Jesus as given to St. Margaret Mary)
- Saturday:** First Saturday (devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in atonement for the sins of the world as given to St. Lucia at Fatima)

THANK YOU	
Nov. 19, 2017	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	Due to early bulletin print deadlines, the financial information is not available this week.
COLLECTED	
VARIANCE	

HAPPINESS IS FORGED IN GRATITUDE

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
 When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
 When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
 When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
 And remembering, bestir my compassion and make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

—Samuel F. Pugh

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 25 Sat	9 a.m.	Gloria Fontenot +
	5 p.m.	Frank Martin +
Nov 26 Sun	7 a.m.	Marty & Jean Berg
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Robert A. Brandys +
	5 p.m.	Ha Ba Long +
Nov 27 Mon	6:30 a.m.	Yao-Nan Hsu +
Nov 28 Tue	9 a.m.	Lito Casclang +
Nov 29 Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Nov 30 Thu	9 a.m.	Benny Luciano (L)
Dec 01 Fri	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
	9 a.m.	Maria Alexi Bolongaita +
Dec 02 Sat	9 a.m.	Samuel Dizon +
	5 p.m.	Betty Reickerd +
Dec 03 Sun	7 a.m.	The Nora Family
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
	5 p.m.	Beverly Gallant +

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 Stitches	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

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