

# 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 MINISTERS RE-COMMISSIONED  
—SEE'S CANDY HERE FOR PICKUP**

**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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 03, 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 03, 2017

Yet, O Lord, you are our father;  
we are the clay, and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.  
—Isaiah 64:2-7

### First Sunday of Advent

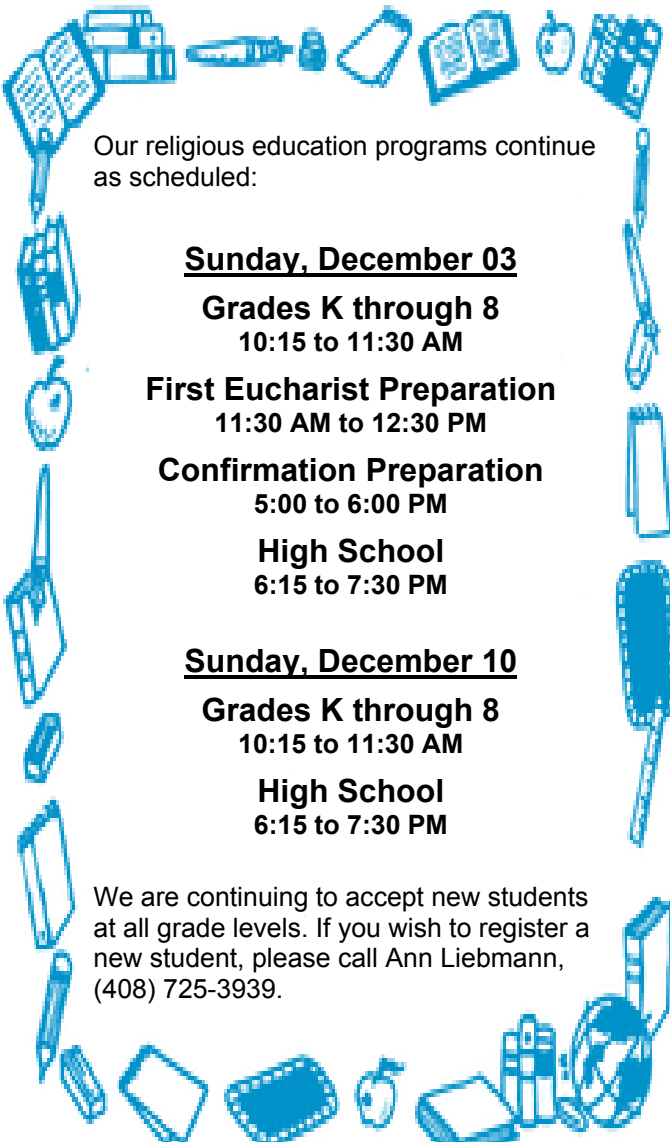
Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time  
will come. -- Mark 13:33





**WELCOMING COFFEE**  
Coffee and donuts will be hosted  
after the 9 a.m. Mass today by  
**Fil-Am Group**

## Religious Education



Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

**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. If you wish to register a new student, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

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### BLESSINGS FOR ALL PARISH MINISTERS

At all masses this weekend, there will be our annual blessing and re-commissioning of all our parish ministers:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministry, Altar Servers, Art and Environment, Greeters, Money Counters, Parish Council, Finance Council, Social Justice Ministry.



### LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Advent has begun but it's not too late to pick up an Advent Preparation Booklet. What better way of participating in the journey to Christmas can there be?! Full of interesting information and spiritual reflection, these books are a great resource in a spiritual preparation for Christ's birth. You will find the booklets at the back of the church for a donation of only \$1.

### CHRISTMAS LITURGY SIGNUPS

**Attention All Eucharist Ministers, Lectors & Ushers**

There are 4 signup sheets for **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** 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.





**THANK YOU TO ASCENSION PARISHIONERS FROM THE KAIROS #49 TEAM**

The 52 men and women of the California Medical Facility Vacaville Kairos #49 team gives thanks to God for the support of the Ascension community to this fruitful ministry to incarcerated men at CMFV. Once again we have been able to bring the Gospel alive within the walls of this prison and to touch the hearts of the 42 inmate attendees with God's unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness. The garden of faith has been planted and now our ministry will tend the garden at weekly Prayer and Share meetings.

The next Kairos at CMFV will be during the Memorial Day 2018 weekend. **Please think about attending the Closing and experience for yourself what your support accomplishes in this environment.** God bless all of you.

THANK YOU		
Nov. 26, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$160,600
COLLECTED	\$7,482	\$154,174
VARIANCE	\$182	-\$6,426

**CONNECT 2017 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

**CONNECT GIVING TREE**

**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.



**SEE'S CANDY**

**The candy is here!** You may pick up your order at the back of the church after Mass. Thank you again for supporting the parish religious education programs in this manner!

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

**December 8: Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**



Roman Catholic dogma states, "that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." The doctrine states that from her conception Mary was without original sin and thus received the grace that would normally come with baptism after birth.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** **St. John Damascene** (patron of pharmacists, icon painters, theology students)
- Wednesday:** **St. Nicholas** (patron of children, sailors, broadcasters, brewers)
- Thursday:** **St. Ambrose** (patron of bee keepers, bees, candle makers, police officers)
- Friday:** **Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**
- Saturday:** **St. Juan Diego** (patron of indigenous people)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Dis 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 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 +
- Dec 04 Mon 6:30 a.m. The Diem Family
- Dec 05 Tue 9 a.m. Stephen Chiavetta III +
- Dec 06 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Dec 07 Thu 9 a.m. Juan Silva +
- Dec 08 Fri 9 a.m. All Parishioners  
7 p.m. All Parishioners
- Dec 09 Sat 9 a.m. Grazel Koenig (L)  
5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- Dec 10 Sun 7 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Bob Kuntz +  
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

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

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