

# 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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**—CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE  
—SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2017**

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon.	Pastoral/Finance Council Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
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.

### Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.  
-- Mark 1:3



## Religious Education



Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### Sunday, December 10

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

**High School**  
6:15 to 7:30 PM

### Sunday, December 17, 24 & 31

**No Classes—Merry Christmas!**

### Sunday, January 07

**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

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2017



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins....And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me...I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." —Mark 1:1-8



### WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the Finance Council

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 23

Normal Mass schedule, 9 a.m., 5 p.m.

### Sunday, December 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Masses at 7, 9, 11 a.m.



### Christmas Eve

Family Mass at 6 p.m.

### Midnight Mass

Christmas Carols at 11:30 p.m.  
Mass at Midnight



### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

Masses at 7, 9, 11 a.m.

## 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.



**A SPECIAL INVITATION**

Ascension would like to invite each of our parishioners to a **CELEBRATION**. It is **FREE**. You can choose the time. Those who have attended agree unanimously that participating is the high point of their day. Actually the celebrations have been going on each weekday for as long as you have been a member of the parish. The invitation has always been there; we just wished to bring your **attention** to it and ask you to consider acting on it.

You are being invited to attend one of the daily weekday services available at Ascension. Mass is held each Monday and Friday at 6:30 AM and each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00AM. In addition, each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30AM there is a prayer or communion service held at the altar at the rear of the church.

While Advent is a wonderful occasion to attend this celebration; you may choose any time of the year to accept this invitation. Perhaps you can mark it on your calendar to come and celebrate your birthday or an anniversary. Bring your mate or even the whole family. It is only fair to warn you, however, that if you come too often, the practice is addictive. By all accounts however, this addiction is health producing to both the body and the soul.

**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.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** **St. Damasus I** (patron of archeologists)
- Tuesday:** **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (Marian apparition in Mexico, 1531 to St. Juan Diego. Patroness of the Americas (1945 ) and of Mexico (2002)
- Wednesday:** **St. Lucy** (patroness of the blind, martyrs, salesmen, throat infections, writers)
- Hanukkah begins** (the Jewish eight-day "festival of lights" commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (second temple) at the time of the Maccabean revolt, 165 BC.)
- Thursday:** **St. John of the Cross** (patron of mystics, contemplatives, Spanish poets)

THANK YOU		
Dec. 03, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$167,900
COLLECTED	\$7,292	\$164,467
VARIANCE	-\$8	-\$3,433

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

This annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding. Your gift provides nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity,

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 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 +       |
| Dec 11 Mon | 6:30 a.m. | Corazon Vicencio +       |
| Dec 12 Tue | 9 a.m.    | Stephen Chiavetta III +  |
| Dec 13 Wed | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service        |
| Dec 14 Thu | 9 a.m.    | The Nora Family          |
| Dec 15 Fri | 6:30 a.m. | All Parishioners         |
| Dec 16 Sat | 9 a.m.    | Cheryl Vicencio (L)      |
|            | 5 p.m.    | John Carvalho +          |
| Dec 17 Sun | 7 a.m.    | Virginia Duzowski +      |
|            | 9 a.m.    | All Parishioners         |
|            | 11 a.m.   | Frank & Kenneth Martin + |
|            | 5 p.m.    | Ngo Thi Ty +             |

## 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

### Web Site

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