

# 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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## “FIRST RECONCILIATION” MEETING COMING UP

**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 IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 2018**

## 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14, 2018



(Andrew) first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" - which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus.

—John 1:35-42



### FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation is scheduled for March 10th. There will be a meeting **next Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 PM** for **parents** who wish to have their child/children

prepared for this sacrament. Contact Ann Liebmann (408) 725-3939 if you have questions.

### WELCOMING COFFEE

No coffee and donuts today.

Do take the opportunity to enjoy the pancake breakfast .



## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### Sunday, January 14

**Grades K through 8**

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

(later start due to the pancake breakfast)

**High School**

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

### Sunday, January 21

**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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### VALENTINE LUNCH

This is an invitation to all senior citizens to this year's Valentine lunch! The festivities will be on **Sunday, February 11th at 12 noon** in the parish hall. Hosted by youth from our middle and high school

programs, this event offers lunch, BINGO and good fun for the senior in our parish. Please RSVP to the parish office (498)725-3939 by noon on Wednesday, **February 7th**, to reserve your place.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This year's SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will take place the weekend of **February 3/4** after all Masses. See next week's bulletin for more information about this "simple, yet effective" way of helping the less fortunate around us.



www.souperbowl.org

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, we find a determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own. The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy.

As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth.

—Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

**15TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST SUPREME  
SUPPORTING VOCATIONS SPONSORED BY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4981**



*Share a unique breakfast  
experience with family and friends!*

**SUNDAY, January 14, 2018  
7:45 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Church of the Ascension, Worner Hall**

**MENU**

**Famous Baked French Toast —Hash Brown Potatoes  
Sausage, Ham, Bacon —Homemade Pancakes  
Scrambled Eggs, Egg Beaters —Toast —Fruit Salad  
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juices  
And More...**

**Tickets sold at the door:**

**Individual \$7                  Family \$20**

*Donations in any amount requested for  
our charitable works*

**THANK YOU**

Jan. 07, 2017	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$204,400
COLLECTED	\$5,901	\$197,006
VARIANCE	-\$1,399	-\$7,394

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sadly, the ancient Christian community in Bethlehem has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War. Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy a friendship with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (an American federal holiday marking the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., celebrating his life and achievements and his influence as a civil rights leader)
- Wednesday:** **St. Anthony** (Doctor of the Church, patron of lost things, lost people, lost souls, amputees, runts of litters)
- Thursday:** **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins** (see page 2)
- Saturday:** **St. Fabian** (Pope selected by dove perched on his head; martyred in 250)  
**St. Sebastian** (patron of soldiers, archers, athletes)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Jan 13 Sat	9 a.m.	The Diem Family
	5 p.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
Jan 14 Sun	7 a.m.	Hung & Nhai Tran +
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Dick Bailey +
	5 p.m.	The Diem Family
Jan 15 Mon	6:30 a.m.	Stephanie Ann Mandal (L)
Jan 16 Tue	9 a.m.	Lai Tran +
Jan 17 Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Jan 18 Thu	9 a.m.	Jerry Kulm & Family
Jan 19 Fri	6:30 a.m.	Lowell Forte (L)
Jan 20 Sat	9 a.m.	Enrique Varela +
	5 p.m.	Gary Chang +
Jan 21 Sun	7 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Charles Snyder III +
	5 p.m.	Oscar & Gaudiosa Beltran +

## 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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