

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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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

UPCOMING LENTEN MISSION

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 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.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT MASS

Next **Sunday, February 4th**, youth from our religious education programs will again serve as readers, ushers, and gift bearers at the **9 a.m. Mass**. Please let these young people know that their willingness to be active participants in our community's Sunday Liturgy is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, January 28

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

High School
6:15 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 04

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

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

High School

NO evening meeting; come help with the SOUPER Bowl of Caring after all Masses!

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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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching, with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

—Mark 1:21-28

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the **Men's Club**.



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VALENTINE LUNCH

This is an invitation to all senior citizens to this year's Valentine lunch! The festivities take place in **2 weeks**, 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 seniors in our parish and from local assisted living facilities.

Please RSVP to the parish office (498)725-3939 by **noon** on **Wednesday, February 7th**, to reserve your place.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING happens next weekend, **February 3/4**, after all Masses. This "simple, yet effective," way of helping the less fortunate around us began in 1990 with a small church in South Carolina, and has now spread throughout the United States and Canada. Churches, synagogues and mosques all participate in raising funds for local groups fighting poverty, hunger and homelessness in their communities.

Please consider dropping \$1 or more in one of the soup pots at the church entrances as you leave Mass next weekend. While most of us will be enjoying festivities around the Super Bowl, there are many in our community who will be waiting at shelters and food kitchens for their only meal of the day. The SOUPER Bowl of Caring is an effort to help alleviate some of this suffering. All donations will be sent directly to Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen, which works to feed the hungry in Santa Clara County through a variety of programs. Thank you for your support and generosity!

TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

February 05—08, 2018
 Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

MISSION

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Father

Theme: Praying and Living the Lord's Prayer in Our Daily Lives

Mass and four reflections:

- Day 1: God, One Loving Father**
The Difference That Can Mean
- Day 2: Give Us Our Daily Bread**
Not, "Give Me My Daily Bread"
- Day 3: Forgive Us Our Trespasses**
Exactly As We Forgive Others
- Day 4: Thy Will Be Done**
Not "My Will Be Done"



"Sharing the Joy of the Gospel, Together in Christ"

Our parish goal for 2018 is \$83,269.

This appeal not only assists our parish in fulfilling its assessment obligation, but at the same time supports the common services and programs that assist all 54 parishes and missions in the Diocese of San Jose.

As members of Christ and His Church, we are connected to one another—parishioner to parishioner, family to family, and parish to parish. Our gifts will help the work of our local Church to grow and to flourish throughout our diocesan faith community.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Wednesday: St. John Bosco** (patron of Christian apprentices, editors, publishers, magicians, juvenile delinquents)
- Friday: The Presentation of the Lord** (40 days after the birth of Jesus, this feast celebrates Jesus' first appearance in the temple; also called Candlemas day as this is the day when candles are blessed)
- Saturday: St. Blaise** (patron of throats, choking, wool workers, drapers, veterinarians)
- St. Ansgar** (patron of Scandinavia)

THANK YOU

Jan. 21, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$219,000
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$10,919 \$2,502	\$215,415
VARIANCE	\$6,121	-\$3,585

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK
Ethnic Minorities and Latin America

This collection funds evangelization, formation and catechetical projects for minorities.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

"Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time."

--Anonymus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 27 Sat	9 a.m.	Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +
	5 p.m.	Irene Tan (L)
Jan 28 Sun	7 a.m.	Irene Tan (L)
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Mary Ellen Murphy +
	5 p.m.	Martin Leano (L)
Jan 29 Mon	6:30 a.m.	Lowell Forte (L)
Jan 30 Tue	9 a.m.	Stephanie Ann Mandal (L)
Jan 31 Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Feb 01 Thu	9 a.m.	George Detre +
Feb 02 Fri	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
	9 a.m.	Gary Chang +
Feb 03 Sat	9 a.m.	Betty Reickerd +
	5 p.m.	Marietta Sokol +
Feb 04 Sun	7 a.m.	Helen Hawkes +
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Chuck Schoppe (L)
	5 p.m.	Ron Schoengold (L)

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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