

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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LENTEN MISSION BEGINS MONDAY

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 04, 2018

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.	The Tues. Morning Stitchers	9:30 a.m.
Tues.,	Rosary Group (after Mass) —also Thu., & Sat.	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	The Handcrafters	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.



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VALENTINE LUNCH

Last chance to RSVP to this year's Valentine lunch! 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. If you have not yet done so, please RSVP to the parish office (498)725-3939 by **noon** this **Wednesday, February 7th**, to reserve your place.

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

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!

Sunday, February 11

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

High School

NO evening meeting; come help with the Valentine lunch, 11 AM

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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FEBRUARY 04, 2018**

(Jesus) told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

—Mark 1:29-39

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

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

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

We will again participate in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. This "faith-in-action" Lenten program helps support the work of Catholic Relief Services with those who struggle to afford the very basics of life.

Rice bowl boxes will be available at the back of the church beginning next weekend.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendars—**Friday, March 2nd, 6 to 9 PM**—for Family Fun Night. Come to Stations of the Cross at **5 PM** and then enjoy a pizza dinner. The "gym" will be open for ball playing; **BINGO** will start around **7 PM** with lots of prizes to be won. All parishioners, their friends and neighbors are welcome; the more the merrier! Please

bring a dessert to share; the parish will provide beverages. In order to have enough pizza, please RSVP to the parish office by **Wednesday, February 28th**.

**MINI RETREAT**

All youth in 6th through 10th grades are invited to a "mini" retreat on **Saturday, March 3rd, from 4:30 to 8:30 PM**.

Participants will look at some of the liturgical feasts that occur during and immediately after the Easter season, the history and meaning behind these special days in our Church Year. Additionally, we will attend the 5 PM Mass and be assembling Easter baskets for those in local assisted living homes, which will be distributed by members of Ascension's ministry to the sick and homebound.

Students in our religious education programs have received information about the retreat. If you have a youngster in 6th—10th grades who would like to participate and is not enrolled in our program, please call Ann Liebmann, (408)725-3939 for more information and to register him/her.



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"

THANK YOU		
Jan. 28, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$226,300
COLLECTED	\$7,031	\$222,446
VARIANCE	-\$269	-\$3,854



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Little Black Books are available for pick up this weekend. The Lenten meditations start, February 11th - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and go through Holy Saturday, March 31st. The books can be found in the back of the church for a \$1 donation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



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

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

We thank all those who have pledged their support for the ministries and services of the parish and the Diocese. To be successful, however, we need everyone's participation.

God moves the hearts of everyone. If you have not yet responded, please consider the many blessings from our Lord in your life, and may you receive the wonderful feeling of God's love in the giving of your personal gift. Please make your pledge today—your support makes a difference.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Agatha** (patroness of torture & rape victims, nurses, bakers, jewelers)
- Tuesday:** **St. Paul Miki & Companions** (patrons of Japan)
- Thursday:** **St. Jerome Emiliani** (patron of orphans)
St. Josephine Bakhita (patroness of Sudan)
- Saturday:** **St. Scholastica** (patroness of schools, tests, books, convulsive children, nuns)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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)
- Feb 05 Mon 9 a.m. All Parishioners
7 p.m. Fran Kulm (L)
- Feb 06 Tue 9 a.m. John Stolz +
7 p.m. Mildred Bloom (L)
- Feb 07 Wed 9 a.m. All Parishioners
7 p.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Feb 08 Thu 9 a.m. Marc Anthony Baylon +
7 p.m. The Diem Family
- Feb 09 Fri 6:30 a.m. William Hawkes +
- Feb 10 Sat 9 a.m. Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +
5 p.m. Triccie Alfonso (L)
- Feb 11 Sun 7 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. K. C. Ko +
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	David Tong	415-606-1476
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
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