

# Church of the Ascension

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor  
Nomer Rios, Admin. Assistant  
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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.  
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## **FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

### **CELEBRATING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**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 LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

# CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

## 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.

## CELEBRATING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Come join the family event hosted by Ascension's Chinese Community to celebrate the Year of the Dog!



Sunday, March 4, 2018

**10:00-10:45 am:** Traditional Arts & Crafts in Worner Hall  
(Bring a camera for photo opportunity in costume)  
**12:00-12:15 pm:** Lion Dance and feeding lion in front of Church Door  
**Highlight:** each child will receive a Red Envelope from Fr. Joe

## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

**Sunday, February 25**

**NO classes due to the Winter Recess in most of the local schools.**

**Sunday, March 04**

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

**First Eucharist**  
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Confirmation**  
2:00 to 6:00 PM

**High School**  
**NO regular meeting today!**

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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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2018



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  
—Mark 9:2-10



## WELCOMING COFFEE

No coffee and donuts this week due to school recess.



## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Ascension is again participating in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. This "faith-in-action" Lenten program helps support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in this country and abroad with those who struggle to afford the very basics of life. Their programs teach young people leadership, job and development skills.

This is the last weekend that rice bowl boxes will be available at the back of the church. If you have not yet done so, please take one with you today, use it at home with your family and return it to church **after** Easter. To learn more about CRS visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).



## 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. (If you can't make it at 5:00 PM for Stations, that's OK; join us in the hall for the rest of the evening, including pizza!) 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 this **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.

If you have a youngster in 6th—10th grades who would like to participate and has not yet registered to do so, please call Ann Liebmann, (408)725-3939.





**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Every Wednesday throughout Lent:**  
**6:00-8:00 pm-** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 (chapel area)

**Every Friday throughout Lent:**  
**5:00 pm -** Stations of the Cross

**ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

**Saturday, March 10: 6:00 p.m.**



The Ascension Men's Club is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner with Irish fare, refreshments, entertainment, Irish music and wonderful door prizes for young and old.

Adults \$15 (\$18 at door)  
 Children, 5-12 \$7 ((\$9 at door)  
 Children under 5 Free  
 Family Package \$40 (\$50 at door)

**Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses beginning this weekend.**

Get your tickets early as tickets sales at the door the night of the even are higher and/or may be sold out.

**This is one event you don't want to miss!**



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

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

The Annual Diocesan Appeal continues in our parish and throughout our Diocese. To date, 91 families and individuals have contributed \$55,889, i.e. 67% of our goal. We are very grateful for their support but we still have a ways to go. If you have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider what you can do to participate. We need every parishioner's support—this is your parish and the parish needs you!

**SEE'S CANDY FOR EASTER**

Orders for See's Candy will be taken next weekend only after all Masses. There will be a limited number of traditional items along with a variety of Easter specialties available. The candy will be here for pick-up the weekend of March 17/18th, in plenty of time to help the Easter bunny fill baskets. Thank you for your support!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Friday:** First Friday, Abstinence  
**Saturday:** St. Katherine Drexel (patroness of philanthropy, racial justice)  
 First Saturday

**THANK YOU**

Feb. 18, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$248,200
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,446 \$2,390	\$244,047
VARIANCE	-\$464	-\$4,153

**PILGRIMAGE WITH FATHER JOE**

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Petra, Jordan includes Tel Aviv, Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Bethany, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Dead Sea, Ein Karem, Jerusalem, Petra, Amman**

**October 15-26, 2018**

**Fr. Joe: Pilgrimage Priest/Chaplain**

**Contact Two Worlds Travel/tel: 650-906-7222  
 twoworldstravel@gmail.com**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,21,23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Feb 24 Sat 9 a.m. The Diem Family  
5 p.m. Nicholas Kelly +
- Feb 25 Sun 7 a.m. Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Mary Ellen Murphy +  
5 p.m. Milwida Leano (L)
- Feb 26 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 27 Tue 9 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Feb 28 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Mar 01 Thu 9 a.m. The Diem Family
- Mar 02 Fri 6:30 a.m. Helen Hawkes +  
9 a.m. William Hawkes +
- Mar 03 Sat 9 a.m. Lowell Forte (L)  
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Mar 04 Sun 7 a.m. Leslie Ann Plecque +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Joseph Stolz +  
5 p.m. Winnona Kelly +

## REMINDERS/INFORMATION

### LENTEN PRACTICES

Lent is a season of growth, a time of renewal, a time to encourage spiritual growth in ourselves through the main emphases of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity.

**Prayer:** the Church encourages setting aside a special time for prayer in order to assess ourselves, our direction and our relationship with God; we increase communication with God.

**Fasting:** we fast by eating less or by avoiding certain foods or other pleasures to put into balance a proper perspective of God and human desires; we increase our hunger for God.

**Charity:** almsgiving is a way to help us become less self-centered and more Christ-centered; we redirect our lives from self to others, reaching out especially to those in need; we increase in awareness of God's outreach.

### Abstinence and Fasting

**Abstinence:** Refraining from eating meat is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays** during Lent. All persons are bound to abstain after their 14th birthday.

**Fasting:** Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two smaller meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice may be taken between meals. This Church law is binding on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** and obliges from the day after one's 18th birthday until the day after one's 59th birthday. **Note:** if health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

### 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.

## 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
Fil-Am Organization	Sonia Olivar	408-725-3939
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

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