

Church of the Ascension

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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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ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER NEXT SATURDAY

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Seven of our parish's young people will experience God's love and forgiveness as they celebrate their First Reconciliation next Saturday. Please keep them, their families, and teachers in your prayers during this final week of preparation for the sacrament.

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

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
(candidates and sponsors)

High School
NO regular meeting today!

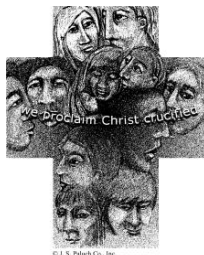
Sunday, March 11

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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

—1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by **Ascension's Chinese Community**

**SEE'S CANDY FOR EASTER**

Orders for See's Candy will be taken **this** 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

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

During Lent, Ascension is participating in Operation Rice Bowl (**ORB**) in preparation for Easter. **ORB** is a "faith-in-action" Lenten program that helps support the work of Catholic Relief Services (**CRS**) in this country and abroad.

Among other services, **CRS** assists farmers living in extremely dry climates by teaching them about crops that can thrive in that type of environment. **CRS** also helps with the installation of new forms of irrigation, which provides water not only for farming but for sanitation as well. This improves the livelihoods of all in the community. Your sacrifices and donations help make this possible.

Please continue to use your **ORB** box at home and return it to church **after** Easter. To learn more about **CRS** and its many programs, visit csrricebowl.org.

CELEBRATING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

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



This Sunday, March 4, 2018

10:00-10:45 am: Traditional Arts & Crafts in Wornor 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





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

NEXT 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 at the door the night of the event are higher and/or may be sold out.

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

ADA2018
 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

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

"Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." —Luke 6:38

Please reflect on your blessings and in gratitude consider a pledge to the Appeal. If unable to pledge monetarily, please pray for the Appeal's success.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: Sts. Perpetual & Felicity (patronesses of mothers, expectant mothers, butchers, ranchers, Carthage & Catalonia)

Thursday: St. John of God (patron of booksellers, hospitals, nurses, the mentally ill & the dying)

Friday: St. Frances of Rome (patroness of automobile drivers, widows, Benedictine oblates)

Sunday: Daylight Savings Time Begins

THANK YOU

Feb. 25, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$255,500
COLLECTED	\$4,188	\$248,235
VARIANCE	-\$3,112	-\$7,265

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 +
- Mar 05 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 06 Tue 9 a.m. David Staveley +
- Mar 07 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Mar 08 Thu 9 a.m. Armila Casclang (L)
- Mar 09 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 10 Sat 9 a.m. Irene Tan (L)
5 p.m. Mildred Bloom (L)
- Mar 11 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Larry Park Wong +
5 p.m. Rissa Ipapo (L)

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
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Newsletter	Ruthann Stolzman	408-867-6029

Liturgy

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Lector Training	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
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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
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Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
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