

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.
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**LENTEN SCHEDULE:
—WEDNESDAY RECONCILIATION
—FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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 OF LENT
MARCH 11, 2018**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.	The Tues. Morning Stitchers	9:30 a.m.
Tues.,	Rosary Group (after Mass)	9:30 a.m.
	—also Thu., & Sat.	
Wed.	The Handcrafters	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.



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

THE SURLY BIRD

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.
 --Anonymous

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, March 11

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

High School
 6:15 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 18

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 11, 2018



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

—Ephesians 2:4-10



WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the Fil-Am Group.

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



SEE'S CANDY FOR EASTER

Thank you to all who ordered See's candy last weekend. The candy should be here next weekend and can be picked up at the back of the church after all Masses. Your support of our religious education programs in this manner is greatly appreciated.



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.

CRS provides educational opportunities and supplies for children who otherwise would not be able to attend school as their parents lack the financial means to pay for tuition, uniforms, and materials. Additionally, CRS provides resources and opportunities for on-going training for teachers in developing countries. 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 crsricebowl.org.



*May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless
you. May the luck of the Irish
enfold you. May the blessings
of Saint Patrick behold you.*

JOIN ASCENSION'S E-MAIL SYSTEM

The e-mail system will send to you:

- Important parish related information
- The Sunday Bulletin on the Friday before the weekend
- The *Accent* newsletter
- Easy participation at no cost to you
- A secure spam-free system
- You can opt out at anytime



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Joining Ascension's e-mail system is easy.

Call the office (408-725-3939) and give us your preferred e-mail address, or stop by and do it in person, or go to Ascension's website and click on the button link on the upper left corner to start the simple process.

Ascension website:
<http://www.churchoftheascension.net>

After you register, security protocols require a confirmation from you for your e-mail address to be activated. You will receive an e-mail from Constant Contact asking you to confirm that you requested to be included. Please follow the instructions to confirm.

For more information and/or clarification, please contact the parish office, or Ruthann Stolzman at 408-867-6029



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

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

"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received." —1 Peter 4:10

We are in the last two weeks of our campaign. Please answer the call to do your part to support our Catholic Church and the mission of God, here in the Diocese of San Jose. Your gift will make a difference. If unable to pledge monetarily, please pray for the Appeal's success.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Saturday:** **St. Patrick** (patron of Ireland, Nigeria, Boston, Missouri, engineers, paralegals, against snakes & sin)

THANK YOU		
Mar. 04, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$262,800
COLLECTED	\$5,969	\$254,204
VARIANCE	-\$1,331	-\$8,596

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK
—Catholic Relief Services

Founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the US, CRS has since then expanded into 101 countries. Its mission is to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas based solely on need regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. CRS maintains strict standards of efficiency and accountability; 94% of their expenditures go directly to programs.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 2-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)
Mar 12 Mon	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
Mar 13 Tue	9 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
Mar 14 Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Mar 15 Thu	9 a.m.	Pauline Pfeifer +
Mar 16 Fri	6:30 a.m.	Lowell Forte (L)
Mar 17 Sat	9 a.m.	Xuong Tran +
	5 p.m.	Gary Chang +
Mar 18 Sun	7 a.m.	Hung Tran +
	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
	11 a.m.	Charles Snyder +
	5 p.m.	The Leano Family

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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Sunday Bulletin	Mary Park	408-446-3647
Webmaster	Ruthann Stolzman	408-867-6029
Wedding Coordinator	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
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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
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