

# Church of the Ascension

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor  
Nomer Rios, Admin. Assistant  
Susan Dunn, Bookkeeper

**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.

**12033 Miller Avenue, Saratoga, California 95070**

**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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## **WOMEN'S SPRING TEA**

**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 EASTER**  
**APRIL 08, 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.

## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### Sunday, April 08

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

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

**Confirmation**  
5:00 to 6:00 PM

**High School**  
6:15 to 7:30 PM

### Sunday, April 15

**No classes due to the Spring Recess in local schools**

We are now registering new students for the 2018-19 school year. Current students received information about the 2018-19 religious education programs prior to Easter. All currently enrolled students will automatically be enrolled for the new school year, but those wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist or Confirmation must be registered for these preparation classes by a parent or guardian. If you wish to register a new student or enroll a current student in a sacrament preparation class, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 08, 2018



Jesus said to (Thomas), "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

—John 20:19-31



### WELCOMING COFFEE

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



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who used the Operation Rice Bowl boxes during Lent. There are baskets on the tables at the back of the church for the filled boxes. Please return your family's box by the end of the month.

To learn more about **CRS** and its many programs, visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

"There is nothing more man needs than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God."

—Pope John Paul II



Divine Mercy

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Roman Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who lived in the early 20th century. She devoted her life to spreading the word about God's forgiveness, or divine mercy, for anyone who asks for forgiveness. St. Faustina had visions much of her life. One that was the most profound was of Jesus, with one hand raised in blessing and with two fingers of his other hand resting on his heart. She said that Jesus asked her to have the image painted, and to include a prayer that said, "Jesus, I trust in you." This is the prayer that Catholics recite on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is to promote the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.

**ADA2018**  
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

**“Sharing the Joy of the Gospel, Together in Christ”**

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

**“In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of free-will gifts.” —Proverbs**

**We have reached our parish goal!!!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the campaign; your pledges and gifts added up to 101%. We are ever so grateful for your generous contributions to the parish.

We continue to accept pledges and donations which will now be returned to the parish 100%.

THANK YOU	
April 01, 2018	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	
COLLECTED	
VARIANCE	

Due to early bulletin print deadlines, the financial information is not available this week.

**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**

**There are only a few spots left!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Apr 07 Sat 9 a.m. Kay Lynch +  
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Apr 08 Sun 7 a.m. Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Claude & Angela Lobo +  
5 p.m. Nicanor & Luz Beltran +
- Apr 09 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Apr 10 Tue 9 a.m. James & Elizabeth Stolz +
- Apr 11 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Apr 12 Thu 9 a.m. Theresia & Frank Kraft +
- Apr 13 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Apr 14 Sat 9 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +  
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- Apr 15 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Charles Snyder +  
5 p.m. Mark Gallant +



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord** (normally observed March 25 unless it falls during Holy Week; if so, it is moved then to the first available date after Easter Week)
- Wednesday: St. Stanislaus** (patron of Poland, Krakow & moral order)
- Friday: Pope St. Martin 1** (patron of integrity & those suffering public humiliation)

## 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.

## 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

### Web Site

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