

# 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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## **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

**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 EASTER**  
**APRIL 15, 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.

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Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can.

—Anonymous

## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### Sunday, April 15

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

### Sunday, April 22

**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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 15, 2018



As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

—Psalm 4

## MARY CELEBRATION

This year's Mary Celebration will be on **Sunday, May 6th**, following the **9 AM** Mass. Please join us for prayers and a procession (weather permitting) as we honor the Mother of our Lord. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming months.



## 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).

## THE SURPRISE MESSIAH

The grand and dramatic story of God comes into focus in today's readings. The passages from Acts and from the Gospel of Luke describe how Jesus' disciples began to understand how Jesus fits into the larger narrative of God, Israel, humanity, and all of creation. After the crucifixion of Jesus, his disciples were in despair. Not only had they seen their master's horrible death, their own lives were now at risk, for the crucifixion suggested to them that Jesus was not the awaited Messiah after all.

The Messiah had been envisioned as somehow coming in power, liberating Israel from foreign domination and signaling God's long-awaited return to dwell again with Israel. The Crucifixion suggested to them the possibility of God's rejection of Jesus, or Jesus' failure to achieve God's purposes. This is partly why the disciples were amazed when Jesus appeared. God had vindicated Jesus by raising him. The Resurrection revealed that God's promises were actually fulfilled, precisely through this death.

Through the cross, God had indeed liberated the people from sin and death. God had truly returned, in Jesus and then later in the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit. The dominion of sin and death had been broken. The Resurrection was the first display of the new kingdom of God, in Jesus.

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**ADA2018**  
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

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

“Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life.”

—Luke 6:38

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

Thank you!!! Please honor your pledges.

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

Try to forget yourself in the service of others. For when we think too much of ourselves and our own interests, we easily become despondent. But when we work for others, our efforts return to bless us.

—Sidney Powell

**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!



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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Tuesday: Tax Day**

**Saturday: St. Anselm** (a Doctor of the Church who agitated for reform and spiritual independence of the Church )

**THANK YOU**

April 08, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$292,000
COLLECTED	\$5,313	\$276,730
VARIANCE	-\$1,987	-\$15,270

“Kindness is in our power even when fondness is not.”

—Henry James

“Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are nice but because you are.”

—Author Unknown

“Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

—Mark Twain

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 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 +
- Apr 16 Mon 6:30 a.m. William Hawkes +
- Apr 17 Tue 9 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Apr 18 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Apr 19 Thu 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
- Apr 20 Fri 6:30 a.m. Helen Hawkes +
- Apr 21 Sat 9 a.m. The Diem Family  
5 p.m. Charles Michael Hickey +
- Apr 22 Sun 7 a.m. Arthur Reyes +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Pascoal Fernandes +  
5 p.m. Rosario Leano +

## 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

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