

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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FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

MARY CELEBRATION

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

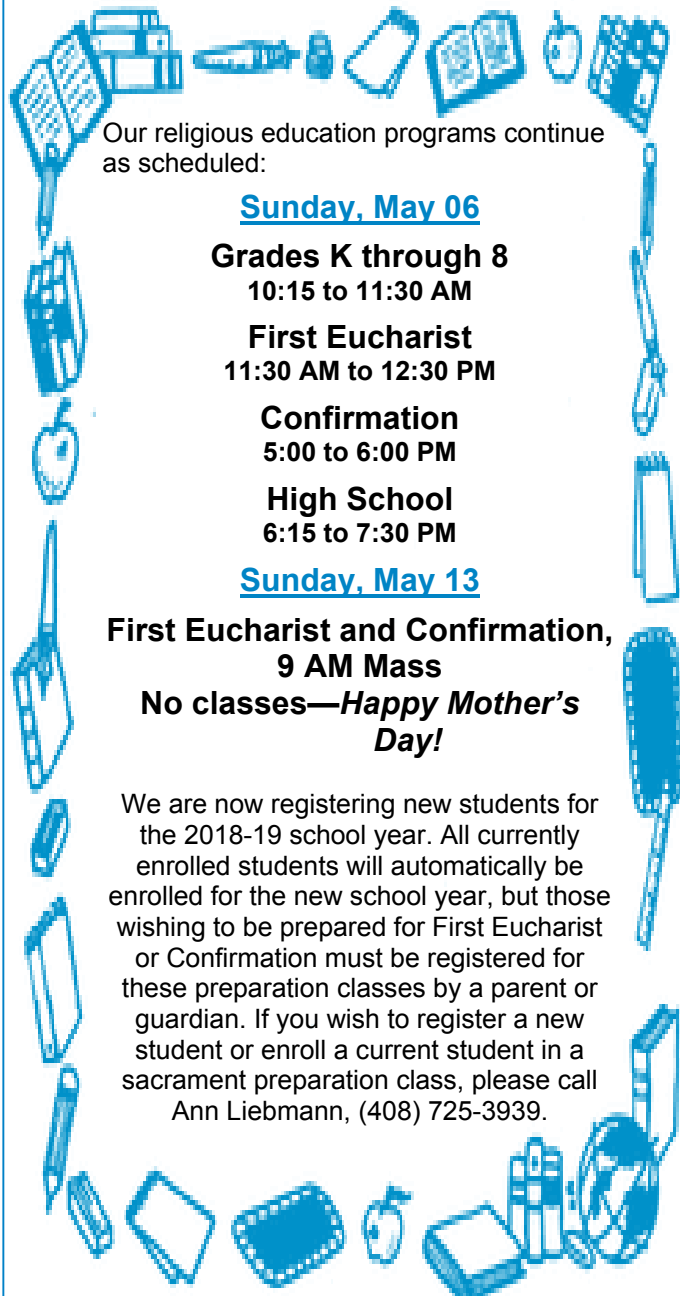
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 06, 2018

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.
Fri.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Religious Education



Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, May 06

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, May 13

First Eucharist and Confirmation,
9 AM Mass
No classes—Happy Mother's Day!

We are now registering new students for the 2018-19 school year. 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 06, 2018



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. — 1 John 4:7-10



WELCOMING COFFEE

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



MARY CELEBRATION

Join in the annual Mary Celebration this **Sunday, May 6th**, following the **9 AM** Mass. The celebration will begin in the hall, and, weather permitting, will process to the outdoor grotto.

FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

Next **Sunday, May 13th**, as we celebrate our parish feast, seven of our students will celebrate their First Eucharist, and five high school youth will complete their initiation as Catholic Christians through the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these young people, their families, teachers, and sponsors in your prayers during this final week of preparation for these sacraments.



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END-OF-YEAR MASS AND BRUNCH

On **Sunday, May 20th**, we will mark the end of the 2017-2018 religious education year at the **9 AM Mass**, followed by a parish brunch. Students who celebrated First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation will be recognized at Mass and receive their certificates. Following Mass is our annual parish potluck brunch. All are invited; please bring the following food—

- last names **A-D** **1/2 lb. Sliced cheese**
- last names **E-H:** **1 doz. Small pastries**
- last names **I-L:** **2 doz. Mini quiches**
- last names **M-R:** **Fruit salad or sliced fruit**
- last names **S-V:** **1 lb. Sliced meat**
- last names **W-Z:** **deviled eggs (12 eggs/24 pcs)**

Feel free to bring something other than what is listed above, especially if you have a family breakfast favorite! The parish will provide donuts, bagels, cereal and beverages. Please bring food, ready to be served, to the Parish Center, before Mass. (We can keep it hot or cold if necessary). **Mark your calendar—Sunday, May 20th.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing.

June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years.

That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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**KAIROS #50 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 25 - 28**

The California Medical Facility (CMF) Vacaville Kairos Prison Ministry team thanks the Ascension Parish Community for its past generosity and we ask you to continue helping us reach the hearts of incarcerated men.

This Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, Gene Plevyak, Dan Bryant and Harry Stice of Ascension, who are active in the CMF Kairos Prison Ministry, will be at the Kairos table outside after each Mass.

Please stop by the Kairos table to sign the **Prayer Scroll** and join hundreds of Bay Area Christians praying for the attendees and the team (men and women).

Pick up some construction paper to make **Hands of Love**, an outline of your hand with a short prayer of encouragement.

The cost of conducting the weekend is approximately \$200 per inmate since we are required by the institution to purchase commercially prepared food for meals and snacks. Any **financial support** you can give us to augment contributions by team members is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU		
April 29, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$313,900
COLLECTED	\$5,117	\$299,887
VARIANCE	-\$2,183	-\$14,013

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

"True devotion to Our Lady is holy; that is to say, it leads the soul to avoid sin and imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin, particularly her profound humility, her lively faith, her blind obedience, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her divine purity, her ardent charity, her heroic patience, her angelic sweetness and her divine wisdom. These are the ten principal virtues of the most holy Virgin."

—St. Louis De Montfort from *True Devotion to Mary*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 --18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 Mk 16:15-20 (Ascension of the Lord)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- May 05 Sat 9 a.m. Nhai Tran +
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- May 06 Sun 7 a.m. Mildred Bloom (L)
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
5 p.m. Francisco & Rosa Barican +
- May 07 Mon 6:30 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- May 08 Tue 9 a.m. Jim Bastholm +
- May 09 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- May 10 Thu 9 a.m. Viola Adams (L)
- May 11 Fri 6:30 a.m. Helen Hawkes +
- May 12 Sat 9 a.m. Vincent & Celine Whelan (L)
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- May 13 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord (transferred to Sunday)

St. Damien de Veuster (missionary: patron of people with leprosy)

Saturday: Sts. Nereus & Achilleus (soldier brothers & early martyrs)

St. Pancras (young martyr: patron of children, jobs & health; also against cramps, headaches, perjury)

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
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