

# 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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**BLESSINGS TO ALL  
MOTHERS ON MOTHER'S DAY**

**FIRST EUCHARIST AND  
CONFIRMATION**

**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

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**MAY 13, 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.

**FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to the seven students celebrating their First Eucharist, and the five high school youth completing their initiation as Catholic Christians through the

sacrament of Confirmation. May the blessings of our faith community shower down upon them and may God hold them closely to Himself.



First Communion  
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## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

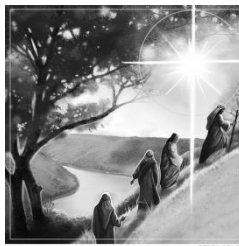
**Sunday, May 13**

**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. 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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 13, 2018



So, then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere.  
— Mark 16:15-20

**ASCENSION—OUR PARISH FEAST DAY**

Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus today, we explore the mystery of Jesus in heaven and on earth. The readings tell us of Jesus being taken up into heaven, and then taking his seat at God's right hand. This is to describe how Jesus has been given authority above all things, reigning over both heaven and earth.

He ascended as a bodily human being, thus bringing a human presence to God's throne, where he intercedes for us with the Father. Jesus is both far above us as King and Shepherd, and intimately close to us as the human Emmanuel, "God with us." Jesus desires that we trust him to walk with us and to guide our lives. Ascension is an occasion for us to ponder more fully who Jesus is, and how Jesus invites us to be close to him.



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**END-OF-YEAR MASS AND BRUNCH**

Brunch

Next **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 (mini muffins, cinnamon rolls, etc.)**
- 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, bread, cream cheese and beverages.

Please bring food, ready to be served, to the Parish Center, **before** Mass. (We can keep it hot or cold if necessary).

This promises to be a fun event, and we look forward to seeing all of you at it.

**Mark your calendar—Sunday, May 20th.**

**SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY**

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray



A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

—Tenneva Jordan

**A Mother**

God sought to give the sweetest thing  
 In His almighty power  
 To earth; and deeply pondering  
 What it should be, one hour  
 In fondest joy and love of heart  
 Outweighing every other,  
 He moved the gates of heaven apart  
 And gave to earth a mother.

—Author unknown

**Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, and those who nurture others.**

**Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
 May 13**



Peter Julian Eymard bestowed this title on the Blessed Mother in May 1868. His aim was to honor her in her relationship to the Holy Eucharist and to place her before us as a model for our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Monday:** **St. Matthias, Apostle** (chosen by lot to replace Judas—patron of alcoholism, carpentry, smallpox)
- Tuesday:** **St. Isidore** (Spanish farmworker—patron of agriculture, farmers, day laborers, Madrid)
- Friday:** **St. John 1** (Italian pope & martyr—patron of popes named John)
- Saturday:** **Armed Forces Day** (On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.)

**THANK YOU**

May 06, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$321,200
COLLECTED	\$5,890	\$305,865
VARIANCE	-\$1,410	-\$15,335

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

—Catholic Communications

Catholic communications encompasses various forms of sharing our faith through media including the internet, radio and the *Valley Catholic*.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5,7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- 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 +
- May 14 Mon 6:30 a.m. William Hawkes +
- May 15 Tue 9 a.m. Communion Service
- May 16 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- May 17 Thu 9 a.m. Communion Service
- May 18 Fri 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- May 19 Sat 9 a.m. Corazon David (L)  
5 p.m. Lourdes Ancheta +
- May 20 Sun 7 a.m. Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. Charles Snyder +  
5 p.m. Eduardo 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
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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