

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.
Fri: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

END-OF-YEAR BRUNCH

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 20, 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.	Book Club Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Religious Education

Our 2017-18 religious education programs have ended.

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.

To be prepared for **First Eucharist**, a student must be in at least 2nd grade and have completed a year of religious education **prior** to being prepared for First Eucharist.

To be prepared for **Confirmation**, a student must be in high school and have been attending on-going religious education classes. If a high school youth has not been attending religion classes regularly, s/he must participate in the high school program **for at least 1 year prior** to being prepared for Confirmation.

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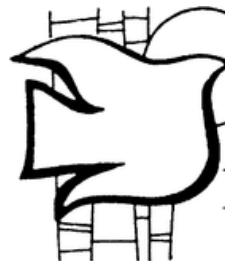
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

— Acts 2:1-11



END-OF-YEAR BRUNCH

Brunch will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by Religious Ed parents and Parish members.



PENTECOST

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the "birthday of the church."

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The feast of Pentecost invites us to reflect prayerfully upon the Holy Spirit. Our readings today reveal three distinct views of the Holy Spirit. In Acts, the Spirit moves powerfully and unpredictably, sometimes in disorienting ways, to renew the world. In Paul, the Spirit unites the church in Jesus into one body, and provides many varied and complementary gifts to the church. In John, the Spirit continues the healing and forgiving presence of Jesus, and empowers his followers to extend the ministry of Jesus to the whole world.

Pentecost teaches us that the Holy Spirit speaks and acts in many ways: to comfort us, to shake us up, and to open us to something new. Always, the Spirit is communicating God's love. Just like those who first heard God's proclamation in many languages, we might hear the Spirit who penetrates our hearts, speaking the many languages of love.

One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

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SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated a sacrament this past school year—

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Alessandra Broussard Zachary Joe
 Audrey Cabaltica Adeline Krishna
 Kendra Joe Aiden Krishna
 Nicholas Joe

FIRST EUCHARIST

Audrey Cabaltica Adeline Krishna
 Kendra Joe Luke Malabanan
 Nicholas Joe Gavin Moore
 Zachary Joe

CONFIRMATION

Enzo Cabaltica
 Gianna Fernandez
 Nicholas Joe
 Zachary Joe
 Katherine Nguyen

**RCIA: SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
 BAPTISM, EUCHARIST &
 CONFIRMATION**

Henry Thang Huynh

Thank you to all who kept these students, their families, teachers, and sponsors in their prayers this year. Thank you also to the teachers who helped prepare these young people for the sacraments and to their parents and other family members who supported them throughout the process.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions** (Martyrs in Mexico)
- Tuesday:** **St. Rita of Cascia** (Italian nun—patroness of abused wives, heartbroken women, lost & impossible causes)
- Friday:** **St. Bede the Venerable** (English monk, Doctor of the Church—patron of writers, historians)
- St. Gregory VII** (Pope— patron of popes named Gregory)
- St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi** (Italian Carmelite nun & mystic— patroness of the sick)
- Saturday:** **St. Philip Neri** (Italian priest, founder of Congregations of the Oratory— patron of U.S. Special Forces, laughter, humor, joy)

THANK YOU

May 13, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$328,500
COLLECTED	\$6,548	\$312,434
VARIANCE	-\$752	-\$16,066

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

—Catholic Charities

For 60 years, *Catholic Charities* of Santa Clara Count has worked to strengthen families and build economic self-sufficiency for the poor and vulnerable in the county.

GUIDE US TODAY

Holy Spirit,
 you who pointed out the way for your disciples to announce the gospel, we pray to you:
 As in the time of the apostles,
 guide today's messengers of the Good News.
--From Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9,18-22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 +
- May 21 Mon 6:30 a.m. Donald Watters (L)
- May 22 Tue 9 a.m. Richard Crego (L)
- May 23 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- May 24 Thu 9 a.m. Jessica Fedeli +
- May 25 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- May 26 Sat 9 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
 5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- May 27 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
 9 a.m. All Parishioners
 11 a.m. Arline Schoengold (L)
 5 p.m. Virginia Duzowski +

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
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