

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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**Father's
Day**

BLESSING ALL FATHERS TODAY

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

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 17, 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.

“Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name.”

--William Wordsworth

Religious Education

Our 2018-2019 religious education year will begin in mid-September. All current students are enrolled, but those wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist or Confirmation must be registered for these preparations 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 **between June 20th and July 7th or after September 5th.**

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.

Ascension parishioners—please continue to pray for the teachers, aides, and families involved in our religious education programs. Your prayers and support mean so much to all of us in this ministry.

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 17, 2018



The kingdom of God...is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

— Mark 4:26-34



Wishing all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and “father” role models a very joyous and blessed Fathers’ Day!

If you have a special “father” in your life, please let him know you appreciate him.

THE MASTER STORYTELLER

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is presented to us as the master storyteller. He loved to use parables as a tool for comparing one thing to another. In most of his parables, Jesus revealed who God is by comparing God’s essence or actions with something familiar to his listeners.

In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus proclaims a marvelous and irrefutable truth. His small band of disciples, as insignificant as they may have felt, would one day produce a mighty kingdom whose growth was initiated by God. The seeds of this kingdom were planted by God and it is God who will harvest the fruit brought forth from those seeds. The extent of the growth of God’s kingdom cannot be predicted. We must trust the work of the Master’s hand as we, the mustard plant, grow and grow.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC) will resume after Labor Day. LWC is for youngsters in kindergarten through 6th grade and takes place in Room A of the church during the Sunday 9 AM Mass.



Following the opening prayer, children are invited to hear God’s Word proclaimed in language appropriate to their age and to reflect on its meaning for them. They pray the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful, remembering their families and friends, and return to the main assembly during the collection.

All children at the 9 AM Mass are invited to participate when LWC resumes in September.

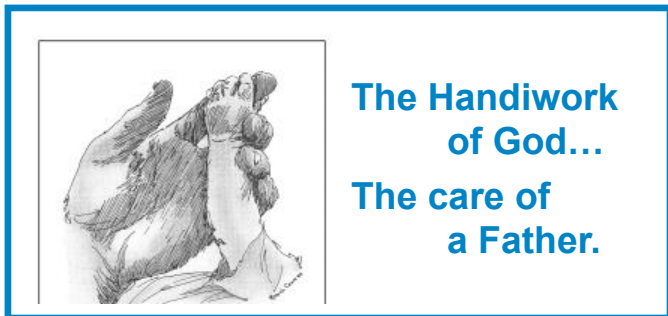
**THANK YOU TO ASCENSION
PARISHIONERS FROM THE
KAIROS #50
TEAM**



The 50 men and women of the California Medical Facility Vacaville Kairos #50 team thank God for the continued generous support of the Ascension community to this fruitful ministry to incarcerated men at CMFV. Once again we have been able to bring the Gospel alive within the walls of this prison and to touch the hearts of the 41 inmate graduates with God's unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness.

The seeds of the Gospel have been planted and now our ministry will tend the garden at weekly Prayer and Share meetings. This Kairos, the CMFV Administration allowed us to take photos during the weekend. I hope to be able to share some of these with our Ascension community.

The next CMFV Kairos, #51, will be during the Veterans Day 2018 weekend. **If you would like to experience for yourself what your prayers and support accomplish in this environment please contact Gene Plevyak at 408-857-1075** and I will arrange for you to get on the Gate Clearance list. God bless all of you.



THANK YOU		
June 10, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$357,700
COLLECTED	\$5,204	\$333,586
VARIANCE	-\$2,096	-\$24,114

FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

"O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." (Isaiah 64:7)

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:8)

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday:** **St. Romuald** (10th century abbot, founder of the Camaldolese Benedictines)
- Thursday:** **St. Aloysius Gonzaga** (16th century Jesuit priest; patron of students, Catholic youth, AIDS patients, AIDS caregivers)
- Friday:** **St. Paulinus of Nola** (4th century Roman poet, senator, bishop; credited with introducing bells to Christian worship)
St. John Fisher (16th century English bishop, theologian & university chancellor, martyred under Henry VIII)
St. Thomas More (16th century English lawyer, author, politician, martyred under Henry VIII; patron of adopted children, widowers, lawyers, politicians, civil servants)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- June 16 Sat 9 a.m. Carmel Bastholm (L)
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- June 17 Sun 7 a.m. Carolyn Maher +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. John G. Holecek +
5 p.m. The Nora Family
- June 18 Mon 6:30 a.m. Richard Crego (L)
- June 19 Tue 9 a.m. Fr. Joe Galang (L)
- June 20 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- June 21 Thu 9 a.m. Donald Watters (L)
- June 22 Fri 6:30 a.m. The Diem Family
- June 23 Sat 9 a.m. Elmer Kulm +
5 p.m. The Leyva-Reyes Family
- June 24 Sun 7 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Charles Snyder +
5 p.m. Nicanor & Luz Beltran +

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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