

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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**GIVING THANKS FOR THOSE
WHO GAVE US FREEDOM**

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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 01, 2018**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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.

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.

--Thomas Jefferson

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 **before July 20th or after September 15th.**

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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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 01, 2018

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

— 2 Corinthians 8:9

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home.

How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly 1,500,000 Roman Catholics, more than 1,000 priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

“WESHARE” (FORMERLY “PARISHPAY”)

Automated Giving Is Here

“Our Financial Committee agrees with me that using an automated giving program helps our parish members commit a budgeted amount each month that is deducted from your bank account or credit card. This reflects a new method of giving—one that is available in our diocese and is spreading nationally.

I humbly call on you to include the church in your monthly budget, and allow the Lord to flourish in His bountiful works. Thank you for your consideration. My God bless you and your family.”

Fr. Joe Galang, Pastor

It is easy to sign up:

Enroll online at www.churchgiving.com/?pc=p6bewi94 or call WeShare at 800-950-9952 and choose option 1.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Dunn at the parish office, 408-725-3939.

If you choose to participate in WeShare, this will replace your weekly envelopes—you will still receive the same year-end report from Ascension for your tax records.



**You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.**
-- Psalm 30:13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday: St. Thomas** (one of the 12 apostles often referred to as “doubting Thomas; said to have died in India; patron of India & Sri Lanka)
- Wednesday: Independence Day** (commemorates the adoption on July 4, 1776 of the Declaration of Independence. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, no longer part of the British Empire.)
- Thursday: St. Anthony Zaccaria** (16th century physician and priest, popularized the Forty-hour devotion; patron of physicians)
St. Elizabeth of Portugal (14th century queen of Portugal, tertiary of Franciscan Order)
- Friday: St. Maria Goretti** (Italian virgin & martyr and one of the youngest canonized saints; patroness of rape & crime victims, modern youth)
First Friday of the Month

THANK YOU

June 24, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$372,300
COLLECTED	\$6,914	\$348,692
VARIANCE	-\$386	-\$23,608

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Peter’s Pence

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29
- Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
- Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 30	Sat	9 a.m.	Cesar Munita +
		5 p.m.	Liam Howley +
July 01	Sun	7 a.m.	Hung & Nhai Tran +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	The Kulm Family
		5 p.m.	The Nora Family
July 02	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mandal (L)
July 03	Tue	9 a.m.	Jim Bastholm +
July 04	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
July 05	Thu	9 a.m.	The Rios Family
July 06	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Carmel Bastholm (L)
		9 a.m.	Rodolfo Villanueva +
July 07	Sat	9 a.m.	Penny Hall +
		5 p.m.	Betty Reickerd +
July 08	Sun	7 a.m.	The Diem Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	James & Elizabeth Stolz +
		5 p.m.	Francisco & Rosa Barican +

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
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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