

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.

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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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WE SHARE—PARISH PAY (AUTOMATED GIVING)

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 15, 2018**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| 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. |

**In everything, be it a thing sensed, or a thing known,
God is hidden within.**

—St. Bonaventure

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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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 15, 2018

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two...The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

— Mark 6:7-13

CALLED TO MISSION



As baptized Christians, each of us is called to mission. When Catholics hear the word "mission," most usually think of those who go to foreign countries to serve and share their faith. Some might also think of a parish mission, a time of focused reflection, usually led by a visiting speaker.

Remember the often-quoted line from Mission Impossible, "Your mission, should you choose to accept it"? Sometimes we use the word mission to describe our purpose or goal, what we have been charged to do. Thinking of mission in this way makes our call as Christians clearer.

Our mission is to live as Christian people, to share our faith, to be people of service, and to show Christ's love to others in the ways that we live our daily lives. The choice to live as people of mission is ours. How do you, or will you, live as a person of mission?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At the time of the Reformation, although England broke away from papal authority under Henry VIII, a silent majority clung to the Catholic faith. Henry's eldest daughter, Mary, restored the "old religion" in a fierce persecution of Protestants (she is called "Bloody Mary" for good reason.)

His youngest daughter, Elizabeth, rejected papal ties. Under her reign, beginning with legislation in 1593, Catholics were persecuted again, and only the very wealthy could afford the fines for not attending Anglican services on Sunday. They were called "recusants," from a Latin word meaning "refuse," since they refused to attend the liturgy of the Church of England.

Many families maintained Catholic tradition in secret, and today their descendants claim "Recusancy" as a mark of family pride. For generations they sent their young people abroad to be educated in convents and monasteries. It is not surprising that the first monastery in colonial America springs from Holland with the daughters of patrician English recusant families. Port Tobacco, Maryland, proved fruitful soil for the Carmelite tradition.

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“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.

KINDNESS

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” —*Lao-tzu*

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” —*Philo*

“Kindness is the ability to love people more than they deserve.” —*Anonymous*

“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” —*Mark Twain*

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** (the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century)

Wednesday: **St. Camillus de Lellis**(16th century Italian priest, founder of order of Camillians, dedicated to care of the sick; patron of the sick, hospitals, nurses, physicians.)

Friday: **St. Apollinaris** (Syrian bishop & martyr; patron of epilepsy, venereal disease & gout)

Saturday: **St. Lawrence** (3rd century deacon & martyr; patron of archivists, librarians, miners, firefighters)

THANK YOU

| July 08, 2018 | Our Weekly Offering | Fiscal Year to Date |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NEEDED | \$7,300 | \$14,600 |
| COLLECTED | \$5,420 | \$14,436 |
| VARIANCE | -\$1,880 | -\$164 |

FINDING MASS TIMES

If you are travelling and need to find mass times for a local church, simply go to Masstimes.org, give your location and you will have access to masses at nearby churches.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12,16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| July 14 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Vincent & Celine Whelan (L) |
| | | 5 p.m. | Gary Chang + |
| July 15 | Sun | 7 a.m. | The Diem Family |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | The Nora Family |
| | | 5 p.m. | The Healy-Gallant Family |
| July 16 | Mon | 6:30 a.m. | Father Michael O'Connor + |
| July 17 | Tue | 9 a.m. | Penny Hall + |
| July 18 | Wed | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| July 19 | Thu | 9 a.m. | Susan Roberts (L) |
| July 20 | Fri | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| July 21 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Ho-In Hsu + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Ha-Ba Long + |
| July 22 | Sun | 7 a.m. | Dakota Settle + |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Charles Snyder + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Oscar & Gaudiosa 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

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| 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

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 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

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 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

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| 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 |

Web Site

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