

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.

Phone: 408-725-3939 • Fax: 408-725-3932
Web Site: www.churchoftheascension.net



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE ASCENSION'S E-MAIL SYSTEM

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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 29, 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.
Fri.	First Friday Mass/Holy Hour	9:00 a.m.

If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a saint.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Religious Education

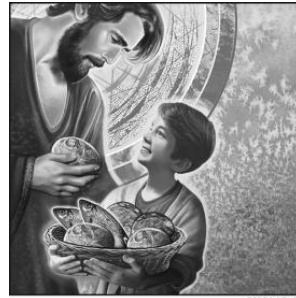
Our 2018-2019 religious education year will begin in mid-September. All current students are enrolled, but those wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist or Confirmation must be registered for these preparations classes by a parent or guardian. If you wish to register a new student or enroll a current student in a sacrament preparation class, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939 **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.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 29, 2018

Jesus said, "Have the people recline."...Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. — John 6:1-15

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life."

Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements--bread and wine--into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

—Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life's journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars.

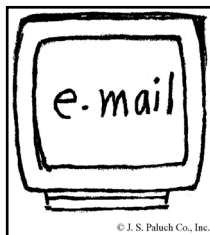
After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem.

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

JOIN ASCENSION'S E-MAIL SYSTEM

The e-mail system will send to you:

- Important parish related information
- The Sunday Bulletin on the Friday before the weekend
- The *Accent* newsletter
- Easy participation at no cost to you
- A secure spam-free system
- You can opt out at anytime



Joining Ascension's e-mail system is easy.

Call the office (408-725-3939) and give us your preferred e-mail address, or stop by and do it in person, or go to Ascension's website and click on the button link on the upper left corner to start the simple process.

Ascension website:
<http://www.churchoftheascension.net>

After you register, security protocols require a confirmation from you for your e-mail address to be activated. You will receive an e-mail from Constant Contact asking you to confirm that you requested to be included. Please follow the instructions to confirm.

For more information and/or clarification, please contact the parish office, or Ruthann Stolzman at 408-867-6029 or ruthann@word-art.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Peter Chrysologus** (5th century bishop & Doctor of the Church, renowned for his theologically rich reflections)
- Tuesday:** **St. Ignatius of Loyola** (16th century Spanish priest, founder of the Jesuits; patron of soldiers & all spiritual retreats)
- Wednesday:** **St. Alphonsus Liguori** (18th century Italian bishop, founder of the Redemptorists; patron of confessors, moralists)
- Thursday:** **St. Eusebius** (4th century Italian bishop; patron of Vercelli, Northern Italy)
St. Peter Julian Eymard (19th century French priest, founder of two religious institutes)
- Friday:** **First Friday** recognizes the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, received several promises to those who practiced First Fridays Devotions.)
- Saturday:** **St. John Vianney** (19th century French priest, known as "Cure d'Ars;" patron of parish priests)

THANK YOU

July 22, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$29,200
COLLECTED WE-SHARE	\$5,974 \$2,615	\$32,807
VARIANCE	\$1,289	\$3,607

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Every year in dioceses around the United States, missionaries are assigned to the various parishes to make appeals for their missions during the summer months.

Our second collection next week will assist the **Order of Clerics Regular of Somasca, Philippines**. We ask all parishioners to pray for the works and ministries of the Order of Clerics Regular and to generously support through our second collection all of their missionary endeavors. Thank you for your prayerful support and monetary donations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 28	Sat	9 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
		5 p.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
July 29	Sun	7 a.m.	The Diem Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Barbara Bermudez (L)
		5 p.m.	Lyle April Roberts +
July 30	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Joseph Ioli +
July 31	Tue	9 a.m.	Joseph & Rosaria Fiorentino +
Aug 01	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Aug 02	Thu	9 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski +
Aug 03	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Pedro Hernandez +
		9 a.m.	Odette De Sousa +
Aug 04	Sat	9 a.m.	Jenean Bergman +
		5 p.m.	Betty Reickerd +
Aug 05	Sun	7 a.m.	Frank Domanico +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	The Nora Family
		5 p.m.	Andrea 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	408-725-3939
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

Web Site

www.churchoftheascension.net