

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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MISSION CO-OP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

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

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 05, 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.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

—St. John Kanty

Religious Education

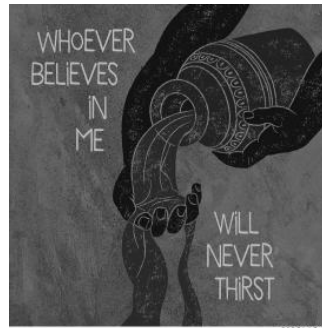
Our 2018-2019 religious education year will begin in mid-September. All current students are enrolled, but those wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist or Confirmation must be registered for these preparations classes by a parent or guardian. If you wish to register a new student or enroll a current 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.

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 05, 2018

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." — John 6:24-35

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work.

We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed.

What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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THANK YOU CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CLARA

The Church of the Ascension was recently awarded a grant from the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County. This grant will help our Evangelization program, specifically for the Filipino Women's Cursillo Movement.

For more information about the Catholic Foundation of Santa Clara County, visit cfoscc.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

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DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE WELCOMES COADJUTOR BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ.

Pope Francis has named Bishop Oscar Cantú, currently Bishop of Las Cruces, New Mexico, as Coadjutor Bishop of San Jose. **Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, S.T.D** was born December 5, 1966, in Houston, TX, the son of Ramiro and Maria de Jesus Cantú, natives of small towns near Monterrey in Mexico.

Bishop Cantú was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Houston in 1994. He spent his priestly career working in parishes throughout the Houston metropolitan area. He served as pastor at Holy Name Parish and also taught at the University of St. Thomas and at St. Mary's Seminary. Bishop Cantú also participated in a number of ministries and movements in Houston.

Bishop Cantú was ordained a bishop in 2008 and was appointed Titular Bishop of Dardano and Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio. In 2013, Bishop Cantú was appointed as second bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM. On July 11, 2018, it was announced that Pope Francis had appointed Bishop Cantú as the Coadjutor Bishop of San Jose. He will become the third Bishop of San Jose upon the retirement of Bishop Patrick J. McGrath.

We warmly welcome Bishop Cantú. A Mass of Welcome to the Diocese of San Jose will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph on September 28, 2018.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **The Transfiguration** (Jesus with his apostles, Peter, James, John, goes up a mountain to pray. There he becomes radiant in glory and speaks with Moses and Elijah about his death)
- Tuesday:** **St. Sixtus II & Companions** (3rd century pope, martyred with four deacons)
St. Cajetan (16th century Italian priest and religious reformer, co-founder of the Theatines; patron of bankers, job seekers, gamers, gamblers)
- Wednesday:** **St. Dominic** (13th century Castilian priest and founder of the Dominican Order; patron of astronomers)
- Thursday:** **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** (20th century German Jew born Edith Stein who converted to Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun, martyred in German camp; patroness of Europe, converted Jews, martyrs)
- Friday:** **St. Lawrence** (3rd century Roman deacon & martyr; patron of comedians, firefighters)
- Saturday:** **St. Clare** (13th century Italian nun, founder of the Poor Clares; patroness of eye diseases, laundry, television, good weather)

THANK YOU

July 29, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$36,500
COLLECTED	\$4,788	\$37,595
VARIANCE	-\$2,512	\$1,095

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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. This is part of **Mission Co-Op**.

Our second collection this 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:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2,5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- Saturday:** Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 +
- Aug 06 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Aug 07 Tue 9 a.m. John Carvalho +
- Aug 08 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Aug 09 Thu 9 a.m. Gary Atkinson (L)
- Aug 10 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Aug 11 Sat 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- Aug 12 Sun 7 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Vincent & Celine Whelan (L)
5 p.m. Collin Staveley +

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

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