

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.
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WEDNESDAY-THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 12, 2018**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tues.,	Rosary Group (after Mass) —also Thu., & Sat.	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	Mass (The Assumption)	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
	The Handcrafters	9:30 a.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.

As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.

—St. John Climacus

Religious Education

Our 2018-2019 religious education year begins 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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 12, 2018

Jesus said to them, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

—John 6:41-51

THE EUCHARIST—DAILY BREAD

Like Elijah, don't we often get weary? We get weary for many reasons, even weary of doing good and believing all that Christ has taught. Sometimes, we forget (or fail to believe) that there are angels who constantly serve the Lord and protect us from all evil. They are mentioned in scripture, as in today's first reading, and several times in the Gospels.

When an angel comes from God and wakes Elijah and tells him to eat and drink the food that God has provided, he obeys immediately and sleeps again. Again the angel awakens him and bids him eat and drink. And "strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb."

This is quite a feat—to walk for forty days on one meal. But it is symbolic of our strengthening by the Eucharist to face all that we must in our day-to-day living. Sometimes we seem to be walking forever, exhausted and discouraged, but—conscious of the strength that comes from the Eucharist—we walk with faith and courage, facing whatever difficulties we encounter along the way.

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FORGIVENESS

These days, we find ourselves in a bitterly divided nation and a divided Church. We may see ourselves as both right and righteous, but we need to take a closer look at both ourselves and others before we make judgments.

It is certainly possible that we are right and the other side quite wrong, but we must be aware, with humility, that we may be the ones who are wrong about many things. Even if we are in the right, Saint Paul reminds us that "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice."

To be right is of no consequence if we are constantly condemning and ridiculing our "opponents" in the world and in the Church. "And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ," says Saint Paul. So "do not grieve the Holy Spirit."

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

On 1 November 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as a dogma:

“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

(Dogma of the Assumption, 44).

August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation

Two masses are scheduled for Wednesday: 9 a.m. 7 p.m.

"Love Mary! She is loveable, faithful, constant. She will never let herself be outdone in love, but will ever remain supreme. If you are in danger, she will hasten to free you. If you are troubled, she will console you. If you are sick, she will bring you relief. If you are in need, she will help you. She does not look to see what kind of person you have been. She simply comes to a heart that wants to love her."

—St. Gabriel Possenti

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus** (Pontian: 3rd century Roman pope, martyred in Sardinia; Hippolytus: 3rd century Roman theologian, martyred in Sardinia; patron of horses, correctional officers)
- Tuesday:** **St. Maximilian Kolbe** (20th century Polish Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in a German concentration camp; patron of amateur radio operators, drug addicts, political prisoners, journalists, pro-life movement)
- Wednesday:** **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Thursday:** **St. Stephen of Hungary** (first king of Hungary in 11th century transforming it into a Christian state; patron of Hungary, protector of kings)

THANK YOU

August 05, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$43,800
COLLECTED	\$5,022	\$42,801
VARIANCE	-\$2,278	-\$999

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

This fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects of clergy and lay ministers in Africa.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 -- 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-16; Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

—Samuel Chadwick

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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 +
- Aug 13 Mon 6:30 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Aug 14 Tue 9 a.m. James & Elizabeth Stolz +
- Aug 15 Wed 9 a.m. All Parishioners
7 a.m. All Parishioners
- Aug 16 Thu 9 a.m. Anant Agrawal +
- Aug 17 Fri 6:30 a.m. Jose Victorio, Sr. +
- Aug 18 Sat 9 a.m. The Leano Family
5 p.m. Molly Howley +
- Aug 19 Sun 7 a.m. Mary Sutphin +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Charles Snyder +
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +

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
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