

Church of the Ascension

Pastoral Staff

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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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Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
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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

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 04, 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.
Thu.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.

Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume.

—St. Augustine

Religious Education

Our 2018-2019 Religious Education year continues as scheduled:

Sunday, November 04

Grades K through 8
10:10 to 11:30 AM

First Eucharist
Belonging Celebration at 9 AM Mass
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Confirmation
5:30 PM

High School
6:10 to 7:30 PM

Sunday, November 11

Grades K through 8
10:10 to 11:30 AM

High School
6:10 to 7:30 PM

We are continuing to register students in all grade levels. If you wish to register a new student, please call
Ann Liebmann (408) 725-3939.

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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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 04, 2018



You shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
— Deuteronomy 6:5



WELCOMING COFFEE
Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the **Parish Council.**

SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Today's readings try to answer the question, "What must I do to be successful?" The readings begin with just one commandment: Love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, and with all your strength.

The psalm extolls God's strength and protection, giving us lots of reasons to love God. The Letter to the Hebrews once again contrasts the perfection of Christ as priest with the weakness of the other priests.

Mark reminds us of the first commandment and adds a second element to it. We must not only love God but we must love our neighbor as ourselves. Mark does not provide a lot of details, just the simple understanding that to love God with your whole self and your neighbor as yourself is worth more than any other sacrifice.

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**In happy moments, praise God.
In difficult moment, see God.
In quiet moments, worship God.
In painful moments, trust God.
And in every moment, thank God.**

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Thank you to all who volunteered to partner with our students and teachers in praying for one another. Packets were sent this week to all who signed up for this ministry.

If you signed up and did not receive your information, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.



We still need 3-4 more volunteers for this ministry, so all students and teachers can have a prayer partner. If you are willing to be part of this service, please call Ann.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Several Ascension parishioners continue to work Kairos retreat weekends. Many of you have been generous supporters of this ministry and we are very grateful for it.

With **CMF Vacaville Kairos # 51** scheduled for **Veterans Day weekend, November 9 – 12**, we are once again asking for your support with prayers for the inmate attendees and the team. **Your prayers are essential to the success of this program.**

We also ask for your prayers in the visible form of **Hands of Love** cut from construction paper and inscribed with a brief prayer for the inmates. Please make some and leave them on the table at the rear of the church or at the Parish Office.

And, if you do provide **financial support**, please write a check made out to Kairos Prison Ministry and either put it in the Sunday collection basket or leave it with Dan Bryant or Gene Plevyak who will be outside the church **after Masses this weekend.**

Those of us who go into the prison not only donate our time and talents to this ministry but also donate financially as well. The team members' financial contributions would become extremely burdensome and preclude the maintaining of a volunteer base without your generous support. Thank you!

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 04-10, 2018**



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to

renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Begun in 1976, it is celebrated the first full week of November.

—US Conference of Catholic Bishops
(see *Prayer for Priests*)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** National Vocation Awareness Week (see above)
- Friday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the oldest & highest ranking basilica, it is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome in the city of Rome, Italy and therefore houses the *cathedra*, or ecclesiastical seat, of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.)
- Saturday:** St. Leo the Great (5th century Pope & Doctor of the Church; patron of popes named Leo)

THANK YOU

October 28, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$131,400
COLLECTED	\$3,976	\$117,308
VARIANCE	-\$3,424	-\$14,092



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 04. The clocks “spring” forward losing us one hour in the Spring and “fall” back giving us an extra hour for Winter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
- Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Nov 03 Sat 9 a.m. Vincent & Ella Taylor +
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Nov 04 Sun 7 a.m. Elizabeth Marsh +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
- Nov 05 Mon 6:30 a.m. Mildred Bloom (L)
- Nov 06 Tue 9 a.m. William Hawkes +
- Nov 07 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Nov 08 Thu 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
- Nov 09 Fri 6:30 a.m. Theresia & Frank Kraft +
- Nov 10 Sat 9 a.m. James Sehr +
5 p.m. Francisco Moreno +
- Nov 11 Sun 7 a.m. Helen Hawkes +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Marie Firato (L)
5 p.m. The Nora Family

HAPPENINGS

SEE'S CANDY



Our religious education program will again offer See's Candy for Christmas.

Orders will be taken after **all** Masses next weekend, **November 10/11**, and after all **morning** Masses the following weekend, **November 17/18**.

Both traditional favorites and seasonal specialties will be available to order. Candy will be here for pick up the weekend of **December 1st/2nd**, in plenty of time for gift giving!

All proceeds help support the special activities of our religious education programs, such as the Halloween carnival and Valentine lunch.



Thank you for your support!

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Keep them, I pray Thee, dearest Lord,
 Keep them for they are thine—
 Thy priests whose lives burn out before
 Thy consecrated shrine.
 Keep them, for they are in the world,
 Though from the world apart;
 When earthly pleasures tempt, allure,
 Shelter them in Thy heart.
 Keep them and comfort them in hours
 Of loneliness and pain,
 When all their life and sacrifice
 For souls seem but in vain.
 Keep them, and O remember, Lord,
 They have no one but Thee,
 Yet they have only human hearts,
 With human frailty.
 Keep them, as spotless as the Host,
 That daily they caress,
 Their every thought and word and deed,
 Deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

—John Joseph Mitty,
 4th Archbishop of San Francisco



PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

Pastoral Council	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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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
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Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Sonia Olivar	408-725-3939
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