

Church of the Ascension

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Ann Liebmann, Youth Catechetical
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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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

BISHOP CANTÚ HERE NEXT SUNDAY

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 06, 2019

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.



There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose Him, and the other is to lose Him and then to find Him.

—Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Religious Education

Our religious education programs resume this Sunday for **elementary, middle school** and **First Eucharist** students:

Sunday, January 06

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

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Sunday, January 13

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

Confirmation
5:30 PM (note date change!)

High School
6:10 PM 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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 06, 2019

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

— Matthew 2:1-12



WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by **the Men's Club.**

Do take the opportunity to enjoy the pancake breakfast on January 13th.

EPIPHANY

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem.

In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story.

Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated at Ascension on **Saturday, April 6th**. There will be a meeting about this sacrament and the preparation process for it on **Tuesday, January 29th**, at **7 PM** in the parish hall.



Any parent who wishes to have their child/children prepared for Reconciliation should attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed.

He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in the number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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FREE LENDING LIBRARY

Sundays: 10am to 11:45am
Worner Hall Gym

Come check out **books, tapes, DVDs, music CDs and religious articles** that parishioners have donated and want to share with everyone.

If you have similar items that you'd like to share with the community, bring them along to add to our Library.

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity.

—St. Philip Neri

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: National Migration Week**
- Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort** (13th century Spanish Dominican friar; patron of lawyers, esp. canon lawyers)
- Julian Calendar "Christmas"** (see *Treasures from Our Tradition* above)
- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord** (by entering into the water of the Jordan River, Jesus sanctified it and made the water of baptism a place for the working of the Holy Spirit. Today marks the last day of the Christmas season)

THANK YOU		
December 30, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Date
NEEDED	Due to early bulletin print deadlines, the financial information is not available this week.	
COLLECTED		
VARIANCE	-\$	-\$

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MEET & GREET OUR NEW BISHOP

January 13, 2019
at the 9:00 am Mass



Our Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, the Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, will be here to preside at that Mass. This will be our opportunity to meet, greet, and welcome the new Bishop to our community.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Jan 05 Sat 9 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
5 p.m. Betty Reickerd +
- Jan 06 Sun 7 a.m. The Diem Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Joseph A. Stolz (L)
5 p.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Jan 07 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Jan 08 Tue 9 a.m. Doug Snyder +
- Jan 09 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Jan 10 Thu 9 a.m. Terry Lynch +
- Jan 11 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Jan 12 Sat 9 a.m. All Parishioners
5 p.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Jan 13 Sun 7 a.m. Jim Kane +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. James Sehr +
5 p.m. The Diem Family

HAPPENINGS



16TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST SUPREME (SUPPORTING VOCATIONS)



A hearty breakfast experience with family and friends!

**SUNDAY, January 13, 2019
7:45 AM to 1:00 PM**

Church of the Ascension, Worner Hall

Menu

Famous Baked French Toast
Homemade Pancakes
Sausage, Ham, Bacon
Scrambled Eggs, Egg Beaters
Hash Brown Potatoes
Toast
Fruit Salad
Fruit Juices
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Hot Chocolate
And More...



All for the unbeatable price of:

Individual \$8

Family \$20

(living in the same household)

Tickets available after weekend Masses and at the Church Office. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.

Donations in any amount requested for our charitable works.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK (JAN. 6-12)

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

The theme for National Migration Week 2019, "Building Communities of Welcome," draws attention to the fact that each of our families has a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends.

—US Conference of Catholic Bishops

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