

# Church of the Ascension

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor  
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## 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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**WELCOME BISHOP CANTÚ!**  
**BREAKFAST SUPREME THIS 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
**JANUARY 13, 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.



Prayers are like seeds. It takes a while to see the results after they're planted. Sometimes it takes months or years for an answer. Seeds start out small, but they end up fruitful—just like prayers.

## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### 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

### Sunday, January 20

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

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 13, 2019



...heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

— Luke 3:21-22



## WELCOMING COFFEE

No coffee and donuts will be hosted today but do take the opportunity to enjoy the best pancake breakfast this Sunday.

## CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as one mightier than I. But he did as Jesus asked, and the Holy Spirit descended and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This year's SOUPER Bowl of Caring will take place the weekend of February 2nd/3rd. Watch for more details in the coming weeks about this "simple, yet effective" way to help the less fortunate among us.

## 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.

## WELCOME BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

**January 13, 2019  
at the 9:00 am Mass**

We joyfully welcome our Co-Adjutor Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, the Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, to our faith community. We appreciate the opportunity to personally meet with Bishop Cantú and acknowledge our continued commitment to the parish and to the diocese.

Welcome!

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since today there is a blessing on the water.

At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:**        **The Baptism of the Lord** (Today marks the last day of the Christmas season)
- Monday:**     **1st week in Ordinary Time**
- Thursday:**   **St. Anthony the Great** (4th century Egyptian monk, Father of Monasticism; patron against skin diseases, of basket makers, brush makers, gravediggers)
- Friday:**       **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**
- Saturday:**    **Julian Calendar Epiphany**

## THANK YOU

January 06, 2018	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$204,400
COLLECTED	\$4,995	\$183,057
VARIANCE	-\$2,305	-\$21,343

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:**     Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday:**    Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:**    Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:**        Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:**    Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:**        Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



### 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- |        |     |           |                               |
|--------|-----|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 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               |
| Jan 14 | Mon | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service             |
| Jan 15 | Tue | 9 a.m.    | Marie Firato (L)              |
| Jan 16 | Wed | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service             |
| Jan 17 | Thu | 9 a.m.    | Lai Tran +                    |
| Jan 18 | Fri | 6:30 a.m. | Communion Service             |
| Jan 19 | Sat | 9 a.m.    | Jerry Kulm (L)                |
|        |     | 5 p.m.    | Joseph & Rosaria Fiorentino + |
| Jan 20 | Sun | 7 a.m.    | William Hawkes +              |
|        |     | 9 a.m.    | All Parishioners              |
|        |     | 11 a.m.   | Enrique Varela +              |
|        |     | 5 p.m.    | Oscar & Gaudiosa Beltran +    |

## 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)

A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door.

**Donations in any amount requested for our  
charitable works.**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JANUARY 18-25)

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is an international **Christian** ecumenical observance kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years . . .the dates of January 18-25 were proposed in 1908 by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, founder of the Society of the Atonement, to cover the original days of the Feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25).

In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, Christian faith is also expressed in diverse ways. During this week, all Christians are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of His Church by taking part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 theme has been selected, and finds its origins in Deuteronomy. "**Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue**" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity. All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ.

—Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

## PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

#### Administration and Communications

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Eucharistic Ministers	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
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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
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Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939

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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
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Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak	408-857-1075
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