

# Church of the Ascension

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor  
Nomer Rios, Admin. Assistant  
Susan Dunn, Bookkeeper

**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.—1:00 p.m.  
Fri: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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## IMPORTANT FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

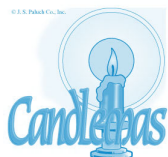
New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone

Send Envelopes  Weekly,  Not Required/Automatic  
Payment,  Moving/remove from mailing list

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 27, 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.



Saturday's **Feast of the Presentation**, February 2, is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful.

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## Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

### Sunday, January 27

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

**High School**  
6:10 PM to 7:30 PM

### Sunday, February 03

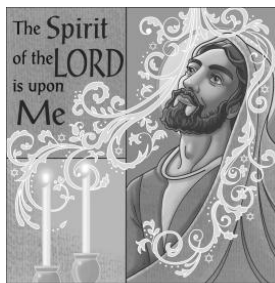
**Grades K through 8**  
10:10 to 11:30 AM

**NO Confirmation or High School**  
—come help with SOUPerBowl

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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Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

— Luke 4:14-21



### WELCOMING COFFEE

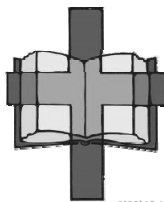
Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by  
**the Finance Council.**

### TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be a year acceptable to the Lord. And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the arrival of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year.

Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.



The year acceptable to the Lord is this year. The day that is holy is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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### 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 **this 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.



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

This year's **SOUPER Bowl of Caring** will take place next weekend **February 2nd/3rd**. This is a "simple, yet effective" way to help the less fortunate among us. As you leave church next weekend, you will notice soup pots outside the entrances; please consider dropping \$1 (or more) into one of these pots.

All donations will go directly to Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen, which serves the working poor, low income families, seniors and the homeless in Santa Clara County. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



**VALENTINE LUNCH**

The annual Valentine lunch for senior citizens is coming—**Sunday, February 10th**, at **12 noon** in the classroom area of the parish hall. This event, hosted by parish youth, features a delicious meal and BINGO games (with plenty of prizes!)

Please RSVP (408) 725-3939 by **12 noon on Wednesday, February 6th**, if you will be attending.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Catholic Schools Week (see inside panel)
- Monday:** St. Thomas Aquinas (13th century Italian Dominican priest & Doctor of the Church; patron of academics, apologists)
- Thursday:** St. John Bosco (19th century Italian priest & founder of Salesians; patron of editors, publishers, magicians, juvenile delinquents)
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** First Saturday
- Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
- World Day for Consecrated Life** (In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.)

**THANK YOU**

January 20, 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$219,000
COLLECTED	\$4,053	\$195,261
VARIANCE	-\$3,247	-\$23,739

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**  
**Ethnic Minorities and Latin America**

This collection funds evangelization, formation, and catechetical projects for minorities, funding projects such as pastoral support and resources, translation of bibles, peace education for youth.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



**Prayer is nothing else but being on terms of friendship with God.**  
—St. Teresa of Avila

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Jan 26	Sat	9 a.m.	Helen Hawkes +
		5 p.m.	Doug Snyder +
Jan 27	Sun	7 a.m.	Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Doug Snyder +
		5 p.m.	Martin Leano (L)
Jan 28	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Jan 29	Tue	9 a.m.	Donald Fontenot +
Jan 30	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Jan 31	Thu	9 a.m.	Carlos Anaya +
Feb 01	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
Feb 02	Sat	9 a.m.	Mildred Bloom (L)
		5 p.m.	Marietta Sokol +
Feb 03	Sun	7 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	John Skinner +
		5 p.m.	Ron Schoengold (L)

## HAPPENINGS

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

**Candlemas Day** is another name for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah.

So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term “Candlemas.”

An interesting tidbit of this day: Candlemas Day was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went: “If Candlemas be fair and bright/Come Winter, have another flight./If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,/Go, Winter, and come not again.” In America, Protestants decided we should replace Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day. —*Catholicstraightanswers.com*

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

**Theme for 2019 is: “Hand In Hand In Ministry”**

**The parish goal is \$84,948**

**You will soon be receiving information in the mail. We offer a gentle reminder to pray about your donation which can be a one-time gift or paid over 10 months.**

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 02)



Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of Catholic education during the last week in January, and an opportunity to recognize the importance, the value, and the

contributions of Catholic education to the Church and the world. Catholic Schools Week is sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

An annual tradition that began in 1974, Catholic schools across the nation commemorate Catholic Schools Week with celebrations, Masses, open houses, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Catholic Schools Week events showcase and celebrate the rich traditions and the incredible value of Catholic education on both a local and national level.

The theme celebrating Catholic schools is: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed encompassing the core products and values to be found in Catholic schools across the country. Catholic schools are teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in their communities.



**Catholic Schools**  
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

## 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
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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

### Web Site

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