

Church of the Ascension

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Catechetical Ministry

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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Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY

VALENTINE LUNCH R.S.V.P.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 03, 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.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

The **SOUPER Bowl of Caring** is taking place this weekend. Please take note of the soup pots outside the entrance and consider dropping \$1 (or more) into one of these pots.

Religious Education



Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, February 03

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

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

NO Confirmation or High School
—come help with **SOUPERBowl!**

Sunday, February 10

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

NO Confirmation or High School
—come help with the **Valentine Lunch!**

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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Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.
— Luke 4:21-30

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the **Fil-Am Group.**

THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING A PROPHET

Claiming to be a prophet means claiming to be called by God; it is an awesome responsibility to say, "The word of the LORD came to me" (Jeremiah 1:4) or "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me" (Isaiah 61:1), the saying that Jesus adopted. Nor is it easy for others to hear someone make this claim. Prophets look very ordinary, they don't have physical evidence of a divine call, so it is tempting to respond with, "Who are they, to talk like that?"

The difference is that prophets have learned to see the world as God sees it, and their vocation is to summon people to bring God's justice and God's mercy to that world. This is a difficult, even dangerous task. After all, prophets have to speak truth to power, to the kings and priests and people who resist changing their ways.

Jesus faces these same difficulties, as his fellow Nazarenes—who initially admired his gracious words (Luke 4:22)—become skeptical, suspicious, and then openly hostile. Jesus understands these reactions but just as God promised Jeremiah, Jesus is delivered: he passes through the crowd before they attempt literally to throw him out. As we are called to act as prophets in our world today, it is a comfort to know that God will likewise deliver us.

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VALENTINE LUNCH

The annual Valentine lunch for senior citizens is almost here —**next 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!)



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

TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

February 25—28, 2019

Monday through Thursday:
9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

MISSION

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore, St. Patrick Father

Parables: Messages of Acceptance Delivered Calmly but Effectively in Sometimes Hostile Settings

Mass and four reflections:

Monday: Why did Jesus use Parables:

The Parables are not meant for mere entertainment but for engagement.

Tuesday: The Parable of the Weeds among Wheat:

All of us can be good grains of wheat or bad seeds of weeds.

Wednesday: The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

We have a hidden treasure, an inner fountain, that springs up into eternal life.

Thursday: The Kingdom of God Within Us

We can go through life with a feeling of longing not realizing that our hearts will be restless until they rest in God.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Scout Sunday (see inside panel)

Tuesday: St. Agatha (3rd century Sicilian virgin & martyr; patroness of breast cancer & burn patients, rape victims)

Chinese New Year

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki & Companions (16th century Japanese seminarian & martyr, one of 26 Japanese martyrs; patron of Japan)

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani (16th century Italian priest & religious founder; patron of orphans)

St. Josephine Bakhita (20th century Sudanese slave & religious; patroness of human trafficking survivors)

International Day of Prayer & Awareness Against Human Trafficking (see inside panel)

Sunday: World Marriage Day

THANK YOU

January 20, 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$226,300
COLLECTED	\$4,032	\$199,293
VARIANCE	-\$3,268	-\$27,007

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-18; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



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

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)
Feb 04	Mon	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mandal (L)
Feb 05	Tue	9 a.m.	Frances Kulm (L)
Feb 06	Wed	6:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Feb 07	Thu	9 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
Feb 08	Fri	6:30 a.m.	Carmel Bastholm (L)
Feb 09	Sat	9 a.m.	Joe Fiorentino (L)
		5 p.m.	Maxine Stice +
Feb 10	Sun	7 a.m.	Gary Chang +
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Natividad Rios +
		5 p.m.	Tricia Alfonso (L)

HAPPENINGS

SCOUT SUNDAY



The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8th.

The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

—National Catholic Committee on Scouting

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

Theme for 2019 is: "Hand In Hand In Ministry"

The parish goal is \$84,948

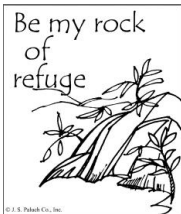
You will soon be receiving information in the mail. We offer a gentle reminder to pray about your donation which can be a one-time gift or paid over 10 months.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

"If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."

—Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.



On February 8, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human

dignity, but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors .

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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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

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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
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