

Church of the Ascension

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor
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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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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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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL BEGINS

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 10, 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.

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.
—George Herbert



Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, February 10
Grades K through 8
10:10 to 11:30 AM

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

Sunday, February 17

NO Classes
—due to the Winter Recess in many of the local schools.

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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men.” — Luke 5:1-11



WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. Mass today by the **Marriage Encounter Group.**

GOD'S SUMMONS

Scripture recounts several instances of God calling persons to be leaders, prophets, apostles, or for other tasks. In most of them, a divine messenger appears to someone and directs them to do X. However, in today's readings, there is no explicit directive for Isaiah to deliver God's message, or for the fishermen to follow Jesus. Instead, the accounts focus on the way that God appears.

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, he said aloud. When he heard the Lord say, Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Isaiah had a dramatic change of heart and answered, Here I am, send me. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. Then he got up, docked his boats and left to follow Jesus.

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. The respective calls result from the recognition of God's presence in the experience. That recognition creates an openness to whatever God might want.

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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.



The World Marriage Day Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to unity.

—Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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: World Marriage Day

Monday: Our Lady of Lourdes (a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honor of her appearances in Lourdes, France. The first apparition occurred on February 11, 1858 to 14-yr. old Bernadette Soubirous. After 17 more apparitions, Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception.)

World Day of the Sick (initiated in 1992 by Pope John Paul II to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. He may have been moved by the diagnosis of his own illness in 1991.)

Thursday: Sts. Cyril & Methodius (9th century Greek brothers, bishops, theologians & missionaries; patrons of Europe)

Valentine's Day (annual celebration of love and affection; sometimes called St. Valentine's Day in honor of a 3rd century Roman priest who performed marriages despite an Emperor's decree.)

THANK YOU

February 03 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$233,600
COLLECTED	\$4,703	\$204,000
VARIANCE	-\$2,597	-\$29,600

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



FEBRUARY 14, 1883

A world of change & loss, a world of death,
Of heart & eyes that fail, of laboring breath,

Of pains to bear & painful deeds to do:—

Nevertheless a world of life to come
And love; where you're at home, while in our home
Your Valentine rejoices having you.

—Christina Rossetti

Happy Valentine's Day to ALL!!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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)
- Feb 11 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 12 Tue 9 a.m. Walter & June Whelan +
- Feb 13 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Feb 14 Thu 9 a.m. Tran Thi Lai +
- Feb 15 Fri 6:30 a.m. Barbara Mandal (L)
- Feb 16 Sat 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz (L)
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
- Feb 17 Sun 7 a.m. William Hawkes+
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. David Kwan (L)
5 p.m. Rebecca Gonzales +

HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

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

The parish goal is \$84,948

You will have received, last week, a letter from Fr. Joe, inviting you to join in our ADA 2019. If you have not received a letter because you are new to the parish or have moved, please take a brochure/envelope from the back of the church.

Every year all the parishes and missions in our Diocese are asked to take financial responsibility in the shared services and programs of the Diocese.

These are the common services that individual parishes cannot do on their own.

We THANK all who pledged and donated to last year's appeal. We met our goal with some monies rebated back to us. In fact, our parish has ALWAYS met our goal, but this is due to the generosity of a few (about 25%). Let's make this year one of increased participation!!!

"Hand in Hand" we can help one another; we can help our parish. We do so because we are a community, we are a faith family.



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
Webmaster	Ruthann Stolzman	408-867-6029
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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Follow the rainbow to the best...

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019
6:00 P.M.

WORNER HALL

Sponsored by the Ascension Men's Club

Menu: Appetizers/Salad/Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dessert/Soft Drinks/Beer & Wine

Irish Music & Door Prizes for Young and Old

Tickets: Adults \$15 (\$20 at door)
Children (5-12) \$7 (\$10 at door)
Children under 5 Free
Family \$40 (\$50 at door)

Tickets on sale after weekend
Masses or at the parish
office.

