

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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Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
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LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

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 _____

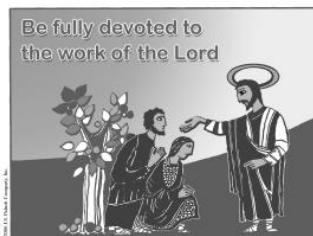
New Parishioner New Address New Phone

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 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.
Fi.	Men's Club Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	St. Patrick's Dinner	6:00 p.m.

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My beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

— 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, March 03

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

First Eucharist
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Confirmation
5:30 PM

High School
6:10 PM to 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 10

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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**WELCOMING COFFEE**

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

WORDS AND FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak.



If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words.

Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness and fasting. Ten days before Yom Kippur, people are expected to repair breaks in human life, offering forgiveness and seeking to repair relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and clear the air by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Would this year's ashes have deeper meaning for you if you follow a similar plan?

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LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS

The Little Black Books are available for pick up this weekend. The Lenten meditations start, March 3rd - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and go through Holy Saturday, April 20th. The books can be found in the back of the church for a \$1 donation.





LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 06: ASH WEDNESDAY

—Day of Fast and Abstinence

Masses: 9:00 am Mass and distribution of ashes

7:00 pm Mass and distribution of ashes

Every Friday throughout Lent: 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross

Every Saturday throughout Lent: 4:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (chapel area)

OPERATION RICE BOWL



As Lent begins, Ascension will again participate in **Operation Rice Bowl (ORB)** which is the Lenten program to support **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. **CRS** works with communities around the world, including those in the USA to help those who struggle to meet their daily needs. **ORB** provides funds and personnel to help in these efforts. Not only will your donations help those in developing countries, but 25% of the money collected in parishes in the San Jose Diocese remains here to provide support to local agencies that work with the less fortunate.

If you do not yet have an **ORB** box to use at home over the next weeks, please pick one up today. They are on the tables at the back of the church and will be available for the next few weeks. Filled boxes can be returned to the church **after** Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: St. Casimir** (15th century Polish prince; patron of Lithuania)
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday** (beginning of Lent: day of fast & abstinence)
- Thursday: Sts. Perpetual & Felicity** (3rd century Roman martyrs; patronesses of mothers, expectant mothers, butchers, ranchers, Carthage & Catalonia)
- Friday: St. John of God** (16th century Portuguese health-care worker; patron of booksellers, hospitals, nurses, the mentally ill & the dying)
- Saturday: St. Frances of Rome** (15th century Italian wife & mystic; patroness of automobile drivers, widows, Benedictine oblates)
- Sunday: Daylight Savings Time Begins**

THANK YOU

February 24 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$255,500
COLLECTED	\$4,446	\$223,096
VARIANCE	-\$2,854	-\$32,404

SPECIAL COLLECTION: ASH WEDNESDAY Aid to Churches in Eastern and Central Europe

This combined collection supports the Catholic Church in several different parts of the world, funding catechesis, youth ministry, seminarian education, and care for orphans and families in need.

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** I 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar 02 Sat 9 a.m. The Diem Family
5 p.m. Gary Chang +
- Mar 03 Sun 7 a.m. Msgr. Benjamin Hawkes +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. James Sehr +
5 p.m. Doris Avanzado (L)
- Mar 04 Mon 6:30 a.m. Carmel Bastholm (L)
- Mar 05 Tue 9 a.m. Dolores Bueno +
- Mar 06 Wed 9 a.m. All Parishioners
7 p.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 07 Thu 9 a.m. John Skinner +
- Mar 08 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 09 Sat 9 a.m. Dang Thi Giap +
5 p.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
- Mar 10 Sun 7 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. The Diem Family
5 p.m. Rissa Ipapo (L)

HAPPENINGS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

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

The parish goal is \$84,948

"One man is lavish yet grows still richer; another is too sparing, yet he is the poorer. He who confers benefits will be amply enriched and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (Prov. 11:24)

We have each been blessed with many gifts and are called to reach out in faith to share those blessings with one another. Please be as generous as you can in contributing to the ADA. Consider making your pledge today. Every gift makes a difference.

"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.

Update: To date we have 67 families who have pledged/donated a total of \$28,345. Thank you!!! We still have a ways to go, however; if you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so to support our parish and our local Church.



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.**



PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

Pastoral Council	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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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
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