

Church of the Ascension

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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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LENTEN PRACTICES

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 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.
Fri.	Stations of the Cross	5:00 p.m.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS

There are only a few little black books left. Find them in the back of the church and pick one up for only a \$1 donation.

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

Sunday, March 10

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

High School
6:10 PM to 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 17

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

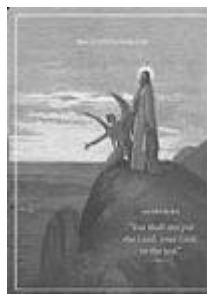
First Reconciliation
11:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2019**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil...When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time. -- Luke 4:1-13

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

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

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence (Deuteronomy 26:10).



The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer.

Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when your'e tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Ascension is participating 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. **CRS** offers humanitarian assistance by providing support to meet educational, medical, nutritional, and agricultural needs.



ORB provides funds and personnel to help in these efforts.

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 through next week. Filled boxes can be returned to the church **after** Easter. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2019

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

The parish goal is \$84,948

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord; be not sparing of free-will gifts. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sirach 35:10-13)

We are lucky to live in a country without war, without famine and without tyranny. Most of us can say we have a home, food on the table and relative riches. In all ways, then, we are blessed. When we share our talents and treasures, it is in gratitude for what God has entrusted to us—it is also our way of helping our local church to grow and to flourish.

Our parish needs our help. Can you join "Hand in Hand" to help another? Can the Church of the Ascension count on your commitment?

Update: To date we have 81 families who have pledged/donated a total of \$35,405. Thank you!!! We still have a long way to go, however; if you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so to support our parish and our local Church.



Lent is a JOURNEY, a "spiritual" trip. This trip leads you, hopefully, to a closer understanding of Jesus who called himself "the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE." (John14:6).

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"The experience of the Church and the saints demonstrates a general law: what comes from the Spirit of God brings with it joy, peace, tranquility of spirit, gentleness, simplicity, and light.

On the other hand, what comes from the spirit of evil brings sadness, trouble, agitation, worry, confusion, and darkness. These marks of the good and the evil spirit are unmistakable signs in themselves."

— Fr. Jacques Philippe

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks forward one hour)
- Friday:** Day of Abstinence

THANK YOU

March 03 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,300	\$262,800
COLLECTED	\$4,739	\$227,835
VARIANCE	-\$2,561	-\$34,965

LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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)
- Mar 11 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 12 Tue 9 a.m. Ray O'Donnell +
- Mar 13 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Mar 14 Thu 9 a.m. Pauline Pfiefer +
- Mar 15 Fri 6:30 a.m. Helen Hawkes +
- Mar 16 Sat 9 a.m. Roy Schmidt +
5 p.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
- Mar 17 Sun 7 a.m. Wilfredo M. Baylon +
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Walter & June Whelan +
5 p.m. The Leano Family

HAPPENINGS



LENTEN PRACTICES

Lent is a season of growth, a time of renewal, a time to encourage spiritual growth in ourselves through the main emphases of Lent: prayer, fasting and charity.

Prayer: the Church encourages setting aside a special time for prayer in order to assess ourselves, our direction and our relationship with God; we increase communication with God.

Fasting: we fast by eating less or by avoiding certain foods or other pleasures to put into balance a proper perspective of God and human desires; we increase our hunger for God.

Charity: almsgiving is a way to help us become less self-centered and more Christ-centered; we redirect our lives from self to others, reaching out especially to those in need; we increase in awareness of God's outreach.

Abstinence and Fasting

Abstinence: Refraining from eating meat is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays** during Lent. **All** persons are bound to abstain after their 14th birthday.

Fasting: Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two smaller meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice may be taken between meals. This Church law is binding on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** and obliges from the day after one's 18th birthday until the day after one's 59th birthday.

Note: if health or ability to work are affected, fasting does not oblige.

**There is no saint without a past--
and no sinner without a future.**

--Anonymous

**Ill habits gather by unseen degrees--
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.**

--Ovid

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

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