

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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LENTEN OBSERVANCES ADA

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2019**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| 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 Abstinence |  |

Religious Education

Our religious education programs continue as scheduled:

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

Sunday, March 24

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2019



Peter said to Jesus, “Master it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

-- Luke 9:28-36

**WELCOMING COFFEE**

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

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (3:20). He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body (3:21). Note that he says body rather than bodies. He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So stand firm in the Lord (4:1).

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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.



In addition to providing support to meet educational, medical, nutritional, and agricultural needs, **CRS** works with those living in war-torn countries or with those who have fled their homelands due to war and violence and are now living in refugee camps. **CRS** is building homes for refugees and teaching them skills, such as farming, to help them survive in their new countries. **ORB** provides funds and personnel to help in these efforts.

This is the last weekend that **ORB** boxes will be available; if you do not yet have one to use at home over the remaining weeks of Lent, please take one today. They are on the tables at the back of the church. 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

"You need to recall the words of the Lord Jesus Himself, who said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'" (Acts 20:35)

Sometimes it is hard to envision how your one gift could make a difference in an organization the size of our Diocese, but it does. TOGETHER we can fulfill the mission of our Church, to love and serve one another.

Our gifts from God may be difficult to identify, but God blesses each of us every day. This is your once-a-year opportunity to share your gifts with our local Church and help Ascension Parish meet its diocesan goal. No one can do EVERYTHING, but everyone can do SOMETHING.

Update: To date we have 95 families who have pledged/donated a total of \$58,555. 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.



ITALIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

Monday, Sept. 02—Friday, Sept. 13, 2019
With Fr. Joe—priest/chaplain

Featuring: Rome, Monte Cassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Cassia, Siena, Florence, Montecatini Terme, Padua, Venice.



For more information, contact:
Two Worlds Travel, Helen Songco
650-906-7222 or 650-637-9838.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** **St. Patrick's Day** (5th century Romano-British missionary & bishop; patron of Ireland, engineers, paralegals, against snakes)
- Monday:** **St. Cyril of Jerusalem** (4th century Palestinian bishop & Doctor of the Faith)
- Tuesday:** **St. Joseph** (foster father of Jesus; patron of Catholic Church, fathers, carpenters, realtors, unborn children)
- Wednesday:** **First Day of Spring**
- Saturday:** **St. Turibius of Mogrovejo** (16th century Spanish archbishop; patron of Lima, Peru)

THANK YOU

| March 10 2019 | Our Weekly Offering | Fiscal Year to Date |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| NEEDED | \$7,300 | \$270,100 |
| COLLECTED | \$4,552 | \$233,297 |
| VARIANCE | -\$2,748 | -\$36,803 |

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:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-24, or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mar 18 Mon 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 19 Tue 9 a.m. Charles Snyder +
- Mar 20 Wed 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Mar 21 Thu 9 a.m. Vilma Acebedo +
- Mar 22 Fri 6:30 a.m. All Parishioners
- Mar 23 Sat 9 a.m. Harry De Baugh +
5 p.m. Frank Martin +
- Mar 24 Sun 7 a.m. Mildred Bloom (L)
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Tran Van Xuong +
5 p.m. Gabrielle Mancuso (L)

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



It's that time again to enjoy
an afternoon with good friends

Our Ladies Spring Luncheon is
Tuesday April 30th, 2019 at 12:00 Noon

Please bring sandwiches or
Salads to share



Dessert and beverages will be provided

If you have questions or need a ride
Call Carol Morris at (408) 996-9513

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

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