

Church of the Ascension

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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, W, F, S: 9:00 a.m.
T, Th: 6:30 a.m.

First Friday

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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INSTALLATION OF FR. HAO AS PASTOR

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 _____

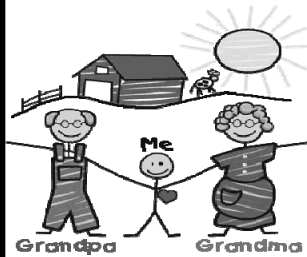
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Send Envelopes Weekly, Not Required/Automatic
Payment, Moving/remove from mailing list

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 08, 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.

**Grandparents Day:
Sunday, September 8th**

May all Grandparents be honored and blessed; may their children and grandchildren reward their efforts with joy and appreciation.

**Religious
Education**

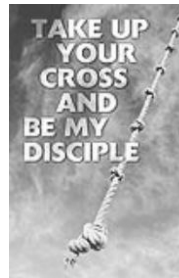
The **2019-20** religious education year will begin later this month. We are continuing to register new students in all grade levels as well as those wishing to be prepared for First Eucharist or Confirmation.

Please call Ann Liebmann (408) 725-3939, **after September 15th** if you have not yet registered your child or children for religious education and wish to do so.

Schedules and billing information for this year's programs will be mailed this week to families with children enrolled in religious education. If you do not receive your package by the end of the week, please call Ann Liebmann in the parish office..

All Ascension parishioners are asked to pray for a successful year of religious education for our young members. Please include our teachers and aides in your prayers.

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**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 08, 2019**

(Jesus said) "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple...In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

—Luke 14:25-33

LETTING GO

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none.

The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns."

Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive--and the families we love--we acknowledge our influence on others is incomplete, transitory. Our limitations frustrate us, particularly when we can do nothing to change a painful or harmful situation in our lives or the lives of our loved ones.

Few experiences are as bitter as the helplessness we feel in the face of misery. Mysteriously, this same helplessness is a gift. For many of us, we must become helpless before we truly understand where our help lies: in our loving God.

We face innocent suffering, humiliation, disaster, and death, remembering that Jesus chose these tragedies for himself. Jesus suffers with us. Jesus invites--but never forces--us to ask him to enter our broken hearts and messy lives. We are neither capable of nor responsible for saving the world, but Jesus can redeem everything we offer him.

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**There are two loves: the love of God
and the love of the world.
If the love of the world takes possession of you, there
is no way for the love of God to enter into you.
Let the love of the world take the second place, and
let the love of God dwell in you.
Let the better love take over.**

—St. Augustine

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

As Fr. Hao's work schedule in the diocesan offices goes full speed (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.) the Weekday Mass Schedule has changed effective immediately as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday—9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday—6:30 a.m.

Thank you for your understanding.

THANK YOU

Sept. 01, 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$6,500	\$58,500
COLLECTED	\$5,213	\$49,168
VARIANCE	-\$1,287	-\$9,332

"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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

—Pastoral Solidarity Fund For the Church in Africa

The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

—USCCB

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday** **Grandparents Day** (throughout the 1970s, Marian McQuade raised awareness about senior citizens. In 1978, President Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day.)
- Monday** **St. Peter Claver** (17th cent. Spanish Jesuit priest & missionary; patron of slaves, seafarers & human rights defender)
- Wednesday** **Patriot Day** (occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed in the September 11 attacks of the year 2001.)
- Thursday** **The Most Holy Name of Mary** (Mary was a popular name among the Hebrews, in memory of Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron. Some scholars think this name is related to an Egyptian word for "beloved.")
- Friday** **St. John Chryostom** (4th cent. Greek Archbishop of Constantinople & Doctor of the Church; patron of education, epileptics, preachers, orators)
- Saturday** **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (this feast commemorates Christ's victory over death by his crucifixion and resurrection; also the finding of the true cross by Emperor Constantine's mother, Helen, and the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the site.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sep 07 Sat 9 a.m. Tracy Atkinson
5 p.m. John Sokol, Sr.
- Sep 08 Sun 7 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran
5 p.m. The Leano Family
- Sep 09 Mon 9 a.m. Joseph Phung Huu Vu
- Sep 10 Tue 6:30 a.m. Gene Streb
- Sep 11 Wed 9 a.m. All Parishioners
- Sep 12 Thu 6:30 a.m. James Sehr
- Sep 13 Fri 9 a.m. Tran Khiem Thom Nguyen
- Sep 14 Sat 9 a.m. Fr. Michael O'Connor
5 p.m. Fr. Joe Galang.
- Sep 15 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Paz Hernandez
5 p.m. Lyle April Roberts

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



MASS AND INSTALLATION OF FR. HAO AS PASTOR



INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Saturday, October 5, 2019—5 p.m.

A. Mass & Installation

Let us gather as a community and celebrate the Installation of our new pastor, Fr. Hao, during the **5pm Mass on Saturday, Oct 5, 2019** to be presided by Bishop Oscar Cantu.



Immediately after the Mass, we will have a reception at Worner Hall in conjunction with our annual International Potluck, which has been a tradition in our parish for many years.

B. 20th Annual International Potluck



Free tickets will be issued with “first-come” reservations. Due to capacity limitations in Worner Hall, we will be issuing tickets even though the event is free this year. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church

where you can indicate what favorite ethnic dish you are planning to share as your potluck item! Please bring enough to share with about 10-12 persons. If you use a disposable pan, cleanup is easy!

GROWING YOUR FAITH

Men's Fall Cursillo Weekend October 3-6, 2019

A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus happens this Fall. Consider going on a Cursillo weekend. Described as a lay-led short course on Christianity, Cursillo combines prayer, learning, heartfelt talks, good food, and fun. You'll meet people just like you who desire a stronger Catholic-Christian Faith. Leaders

and speakers have a passion for the Faith. The Fall Men's Cursillo is being led by Ascension parishioner, Harry Stice, the Rector.



A Cursillo weekend runs from Thursday after dinner through Sunday afternoon. Let a friend know about this opportunity and encourage your

spouse, too. If you haven't attended a Cursillo, decide to go this Fall. If you have attended a Cursillo, invite and sponsor a friend.

For more information, Contact the following:

**Harry Stice 408-996-7842 or
Gene Plevyak 408-857-1075**

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Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	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. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Rosary Group	Evelyn Tanner	408-867-1600

Catechetical Ministries

Baptism Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Marriage Preparation	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	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
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Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
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Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
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