

Church of the Ascension

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Catechetical Ministry

Ann Liebmann, Youth Catechetical
and Program Director

RCIA Rev. Hao Dinh, 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, 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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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY

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

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

Religious Education

The **2019-20** religious education year will begin on **Sunday, September 29th**, with the commissioning of our teachers and aides at the 9 AM Mass, followed by the first class.

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, 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 have been mailed to families with children enrolled in religious education. If you have not received your package, 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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me...
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

—Psalm 51:12-19

THE MISSING PRECIOUS ONES

Who would leave the ninety-nine in order to seek out the one, lost sheep? We sometimes read or see accounts of missing children. We cannot really grasp the feelings of the parents or family members. Their world stops. Their hearts ache.

The parents do not forget their other children, but for a time, their focus is solely on the one who is missing. They join the search party, or sit anxiously by the phone, waiting for news of the return of the child. It is this sort of love that Jesus describes in the parable of the lost sheep.

And yet, Jesus told the parable in response to criticism by Pharisees and scribes because he was welcoming sinners and eating with them. So, in Jesus parable, the sheep is not accidentally lost. The sheep has strayed. And still, the shepherd went out in search of it. The sheep is precious to the shepherd, even though it had wandered away. Like the Israelites in the desert who had created idols in Moses absence. Like us, when we turn away from God and God's ways, doing what we feel like, rather than what we know is right and good.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC) will resume **next** Sunday, September 22nd, at the 9 AM Mass. LWC allows children in kindergarten through 6th grade to hear the

Mass readings in language appropriate for children and to reflect on and discuss what they have heard. They have an opportunity to find ways to apply what they have heard to their own lives and usually receive a handout with activities related to the readings.

LWC begins after the opening prayer with an invitation to children to go to Room A in the church, which, as you face the altar, is to the right of the Baptismal pool. Children return to their families following the Prayer of the Faithful petitions (during the Offertory collection.) Parents are welcome to accompany younger children when they participate for the first few times.

We look forward to welcoming all youngsters to LWC when it resumes next Sunday!



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!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday** Catechetical Sunday (see opposite)
- Monday** **Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian** (Cornelius: 3rd cent. Roman pope & martyr, patron of domestic animals, epileptics, earache sufferers; Cyprian: contemporary of Cornelius, Roman-African bishop & martyr;
- Tuesday** **St. Robert Bellarmine** (16th cent. Italian Jesuit priest, Cardinal & Doctor of the Faith; patron of canon lawyers, catechists)
- Thursday** **St. Januarius** (3rd cent. Italian bishop & martyr; patron of Naples, blood banks, against volcanic eruptions)
- Friday** **Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions** (Andrew: 19th cent., first Korean-born Catholic priest & martyr, patron of Korea; Paul, a lay apostle; along with 101 others, bishops, lay people, children and elderly died for their faith)
- Saturday** **St. Matthew** (one of the twelve apostles of Jesus, martyr, and Evangelist of the Gospel of Matthew.)

THANK YOU

Sept. 08, 2019	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$6,500	\$65,000
COLLECTED	\$3,766	\$53,387
VARIANCE	-\$2,734	-\$11,613

SEPTEMBER 15: CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechesis is the act of bringing the Church’s teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Parents are truly the primary catechists of our children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. This day, however, not only highlights this ministry of catechists and parents, but also invites the entire church community to think about its responsibility to share our faith with others.

—US Conference of Catholic Bishops

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Sep 16	Mon	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sep 17	Tue	6:30 a.m.	Frank Rose
Sep 18	Wed	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sep 19	Thu	6:30 a.m.	Edith Mancuso
Sep 20	Fri	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
Sep 21	Sat	9 a.m.	Blaise Vanderhorst
		5 p.m.	Marietta Sokol
Sep 22	Sun	7 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Y.K. Cheng
		5 p.m.	Domenica Caraccia

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

JOIN THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4981

The Beginning



In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. His purpose was to establish a group of men, united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. This was the beginning of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Values

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. We are a growing organization with **2 million** members making annual contributions of more than **\$178 million** a year. For over 130 years, the Knights have committed to overcome the challenges of the need for food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, as well as provide aid for widows and orphans in our local communities.

The Knights of Columbus was founded as an extension of the Catholic Church to bring the *Good News of the Gospel* to as many people as possible by providing charitable and educational support to the community. We are known for the work we do. Our immediate charitable works extend to the Church of the Ascension, Queen of Apostles, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph of Cupertino parishes. In addition, we provide financial support to West Valley Community Services, Our Daily Bread, Habitat for Humanity, and other outreach groups where the need is greatest.



Pictured to the left is a shrine to Venerable Father. Michael J. McGivney at Church of the Ascension. This year we have a goal to recruit one new member a month to our council.

We invite the men of our parish to enjoy the benefits and rewards of becoming a Knight. For more information about how to join call Patrick Kwok, Grand Knight at 408 896 1462, John Pozniak at 408 230 6006 or Ron Schoengold at 408 309 9830.

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

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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. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
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
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak	408-857-1075
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
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