

Church of the Ascension

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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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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE— NEARING HALF-WAY POINT

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2020**

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon.	Rosary Group (after Mass) —also Wed, Fri. & Sat.	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	The Handcrafters	10:00 a.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Stations of the Cross	5:00 p.m.

NEWS ALERT!

Fr. Hao has decided to suspend the Coffee and Donuts service after the 9 AM mass for the duration of the current health situation.

Religious Education

The 2019-2020 religious education year continues as scheduled:

Sunday, March 15

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM
First Reconciliation
11:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
High School
6:15 to 7:15 PM

Sunday, March 22

Grades K through 8
10:15 to 11:30 AM
First Reconciliation
11:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
High School
6:15 to 7:15 PM

If you wish to register a child in any of our religious education programs, please call Ann Liebmann, (408) 725-3939 to do so.

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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Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

—John 4:5-42

THIRST

Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down.

The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

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LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Saturdays (except March 28): 4:00-4:45 pm
Saturday, March 28: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 2: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church.

Tradition keeps **March 19** as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

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Annual Diocesan Appeal 2020
“Encountering Christ—Faith in Action”

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal has begun. Funds donated to this appeal support our Bishop and Diocese in carrying out our mission in this county. Our parish goal will be **\$83,592**, a little less than the goal last year. Yet we need your help, to achieve our own additional **\$20,000 goal**.

Why? We need the fund to address problems we have experienced in this church sound system: dead spots, feedback, interference, etc. The current system was originally installed in 2002, and upgraded 8 years ago, but it’s time to replace some older equipment and make adjustments. Please consider giving more to the ADA this year. All funds collected above the parish goal of \$83,592 will go back to us, and be earmarked for the church sound system project. Thank you for your generous support.

ADA Update

Week 1:	\$13,350 (28 pledges)
Week 2:	\$23,965 (20 pledges)
Week 3:	\$11,280 (17 pledges)
Week 4:	\$6,750 (21 pledges)
Total:	\$55,345 (66%)

ROSARY LUNCHEON

Guadalupe Hope Society presents a Rosary Luncheon on **Friday, March 20th**
11:30am - 1:00pm at Santa Maria Hall
2211 Shamrock Drive, Campbell

Rev. Steve Kim, from St. Lucy’s Parish & St. Francis High School, will lead the Rosary and present a faith talk on "Discipleship: Becoming disciples of Jesus during Lent." The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch.

There is no charge for the event but seating is limited.

To register go to <https://rosarylunchfebruary14.eventbrite.com> or call (408) 447-5433 or email admin@ghswomenscenter.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday	St. Patrick (5th cent. Romano-British missionary & bishop; patron of Ireland, engineers, paralegals, against snakes)
Wednesday	St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th cent. Palestinian bishop & Doctor of the Faith)
Thursday	St. Joseph (spouse of the blessed virgin Mary & foster father of Jesus; patron of the Catholic Church, fathers, carpenters, realtors, unborn children)
	First Day of Spring

THANK YOU

Mar. 08, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$6,500	\$234,000
COLLECTED	\$3,434	\$221,487
VARIANCE	-\$3,066	-\$12,513

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

FIRST RECONCILIATION



First Reconciliation will be celebrated at Ascension on **Saturday, April 4th**. Please keep our students, their families and teachers in your prayers during these next 3 weeks of preparation for this sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 14	Sat	9 a.m.	Pauline Pfeifer
		5 p.m.	Rissa Ipapo
Mar 15	Sun	7 a.m.	The Nora Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Pascoal & Florina Fernandes
		5 p.m.	Hung & Nhai Tran
Mar 16	Mon	9 a.m.	Christian Herrera
Mar 17	Tue	6:30 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski
Mar 18	Wed	9 a.m.	Joseph Stolz
Mar 19	Thu	6:30 a.m.	Romeo Sarte
Mar 20	Fri	9 a.m.	Dr. Rodolfo Gerona
Mar 21	Sat	9 a.m.	Remily Avanzado
		5 p.m.	William Maraschin
Mar 22	Sun	7 a.m.	The Diem Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Helen Rossi
		5 p.m.	The Leano Family

EVENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

From **February 26 through April 5th**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayers and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1691 The Alameda, San Jose. For information or to volunteer, contact Dzung at 510-938-2503 or 40dfsanjose@gmail.com.

THE VALLEY CATHOLIC: STAY CONNECTED

While the print edition of *The Valley Catholic* is temporarily suspended, the Diocese invites you to explore other avenues to stay connected and informed: **news Online**—tvc.dsj.org; **Website**—dsj.org; **Twitter or Instagram**—[@DioceseSanJose](https://www.instagram.com/DioceseSanJose).

OPERATION RICE BOWL



Because of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services is able to help youngsters in Africa receive an education. Your participation in this Lenten practice helps supply uniforms, book fees, and meals for children who otherwise would not be able to attend school.

Please continue to use your rice bowl box during Lent and return the filled box **after** Easter.

NEW PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S GROUP AND FIL-AM ORGANIZATION

The Men's Group of Ascension Parish has elected **Chuck Schoppe** as their new president.

The Fil-Am Organization of our Parish also has a new president: **Marie Maraschin**.



Congratulations to the newly elected presidents.

Many thanks are due to **Jeff Moe** and **Sonia Olivar**, former presidents

of the Men's Group and the Fil-Am Organization, respectively, for their dedicated service.



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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	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939

Community and Service

Men's Club	Chuck Schoppe	408-867-9229
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
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	Marie Maraschin	408-218-2704
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