

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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Father's
Day

**WISHING ALL "DADS"
A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 2020**

RESUMING MASSES IN A NEW WAY

The lead article on the Diocese of San Diego website on June 13th featured an interesting photo with the superimposed title "Public Masses Resuming." In the photo a woman and a man open wide the door to a church. They are likely smiling but it's hard to tell as they both wear face coverings.

In our Diocese of San Jose, church doors are not yet wide open to welcome worshippers. All they can do is come to celebrate the Eucharist outdoors as long as the assembly is limited to 25 persons, including the presider and a few ministers: one cantor, one usher. In order to minimize infection risks, the priest now plays multiple roles in the liturgy: sacristan, presider, lector, altar server, communion minister, cantor, etc.

Our Ascension Reopening Task Force has been working hard to help our parish be prepared and ready to resume public liturgies, in-person ministries, office operations. Aside from plans for sanitizing supplies and equipment, they also prepare to train ministers on how to maintain safety measures and at the same time the sacredness and integrity of the liturgies. Another important preparation for the resumption of public liturgies is to help parishioners sign up for Mass. These things would have been unimaginable just three months ago, before the Shelter in Place order.

As the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ was celebrated last Sunday, it is sad that we are still watching the Mass on a computer or phone and have no chance to receive the Body and Blood of Christ with our brothers and sisters. Hopefully this unfortunate experience will help us to renew our longing for the Eucharist and for the bond among brothers and sisters in the same community of believers.

Once the preparations and measures are in place, we will schedule Masses and invite you to register and to come. We will once again taste the goodness of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Hao



**The Handiwork
of God...
The care of
a Father.**

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2020



"...do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."

—Matthew 10:26-33

DO NOT BE AFRAID

The psalmist cries out to God, "Lord, in your great love, answer me." In each of our readings today, there is movement from darkness and despair to trusting in God as our source of salvation. Jeremiah sounds almost a madman as he describes the evil and vileness that surrounds him. In the midst of that terror, he professes his faith in God.

Similarly, in Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded that one man, Jesus Christ, came into the world for the sake of many, to overcome the evil and sin that have been prevalent since Adam. In Mark, Jesus calls us from fear, sin, and darkness to live in the light. He reminds us that we are not alone and how very precious each of us is in the eyes of God. Indeed, God hears our cries!



Wishing all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and "father" role models a very joyous and blessed Fathers' Day!

If you have a special "father" in your life, please let him know you appreciate him.

LORD JESUS—LET US NOW COME TO YOU

**Our hearts are cold — warm them
with your selfless love.**

**Our hearts are sinful — cleanse them
with your precious blood.**

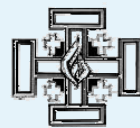
**Our hearts are weak — strengthen them
with your joyous spirit.**

**Our hearts are empty — fill them
with your divine presence.**

**Our hearts are yours —
possess them
always and only for
yourself.**

Amen.

—St. Augustine



ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run-on sentences that leave lectors gasping for breath.

So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

—Clarence Budington Kelland

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Father's Day (a day of honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society)

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola (5th cent. Roman senator, poet and bishop; introduced bells into liturgy)

St. John Fisher (16th cent. English bishop, cardinal & martyr; patron of Diocese of Rochester)

St. Thomas More (16th cent. English lawyer & martyr; patron of adopted children, civil servants, court clerks)

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (coming 3 months after the Annunciation, celebrated March 25, when Angel Gabriel told Mary her cousin Elizabeth was with child in her 6th month. John's birth anticipates Christmas and foretells the coming of the Messiah)

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria (5th cent. Greek bishop & Doctor of the Church)

THANK YOU

June 14, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Financial Date
NEEDED		
COLLECTED		\$
VARIANCE	\$	\$

Due to the current lockdown situation, the financial information is not available this week.

FATHER'S DAY HUMOR

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be about twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years. —Mark Twain

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son that thinks he's wrong. —Charles Wadsworth

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 20	Sat	9 a.m.	Joe Fiorentino
		5 p.m.	Robert P. Mandal
June 21	Sun	7 a.m.	Charles Snyder
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst
		5 p.m.	Hung & Nhai Tran
June 22	Mon	9 a.m.	Virginia Duzowski
June 23	Tue	6:30 a.m.	Elmer Kulm
June 24	Wed	9 a.m.	The Diem Family
June 25	Thu	6:30 a.m.	All Parishioners
June 26	Fri	9 a.m.	Elmer Kulm
June 27	Sat	9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		5 p.m.	The Atkinson Family
June 28	Sun	7 a.m.	The Nora Family
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Carmel Bastholm
		5 p.m.	Andrea Beltran

EVENTS

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

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 (soon to be Blessed) Father Michael J. McGivney at Church of the Ascension.

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.

For information on registration and sponsorship please visit
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