

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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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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MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 28, 2020**

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK (JUNE 22-29)

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, the acting chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty has encouraged Catholics to pray and uphold religious liberty at home and abroad during Religious Freedom Week 2020. Commencing on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, Religious Freedom Week runs through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The theme chosen for this year is "For the Good of All."

Archbishop Wenski stated:

"Religious freedom is under stress throughout the world. Even in our Western liberal democracies, discrimination against religion in general and Catholic Christianity, in particular, is growing — albeit in perhaps more sophisticated and less violent ways.

"Political analysts and human rights advocates do include religion on their agenda. But most emphasize 'tolerance' as if religion were only a source of conflict. Or, they speak about religion in terms of 'individual choices,' as if religion were merely the concern of an individual's conviction and were devoid of any social consequences.

"Yet, just as freedom of speech depends not only on one's right to say what's on one's mind but also on the existence of institutions like newspapers, universities, libraries, political parties and other associations that make up what we call 'civil society,' so too freedom of religion 'for the good of all' must also encompass protecting those institutions that nourish the individual's free exercise of religion.

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and creative living together will only be possible if freedom of religion is fully respected."

Resources for Religious Freedom Week and other religious liberty resources may be found at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek and www.usccb.org/freedom. Social media posts will use the hashtag #ReligiousFreedomWeek.

—www.usccb.org.

Helping a person in need is good in itself. But the degree of goodness is hugely affected by the attitude with which it is done. . . And joy is the appropriate attitude with which to help others because acts of generosity are a source of blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.

— St. John Chrysostom

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28, 2020



"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

—Matthew 10:37-42

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

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SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784)

July 1



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No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan padre who, while not founder of each, was inspiration

for them all, Saint Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

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MASS RE-OPENING SCHEDULE

We have re-opened for Masses as of June 19th on a temporary schedule and are able to offer outdoor Mass. As we are limited to only 25 persons per Mass, you will need to sign up for each Mass.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Outdoor Mass

7:30 am Mass (every day, including Sundays)
7:00 pm Mass (every Saturday - for the Sunday Vigil Mass)

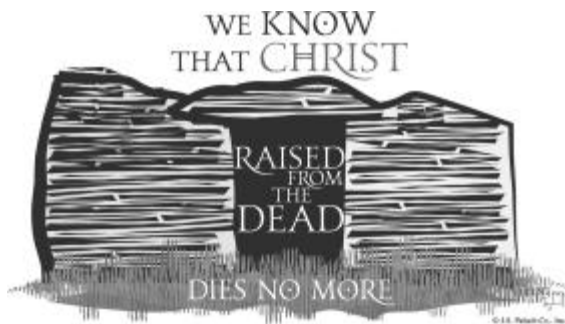
How to sign up?

Please go to our parish website at <https://www.ascensionsaratoga.org/> click on the "Outdoor Mass" banner, then follow the instructions on the next pages. On the Eventbrite registration page, you will see two options (7:30 am & 7:00 pm). Select the time and date accordingly.

If you are unable to sign up online for the outdoor Mass, you may call Lea Hering at 408-506-4991 and ask her to register online for you.

Live-streamed Mass

9:00 am Mass (every Sunday)
at <https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-The-Ascension-102780971438932/>



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **Sts. Peter & Paul** (honors the martyrdom in Rome of the two great disciples of Jesus)
- Tuesday:** **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church** (honors Christians martyred in the Rome during Nero's persecution in 64)
- Wednesday:** **St. Junipero Serra** (18th cent. Spanish Franciscan friar, "Apostle of California;" patron of vocations, Hispanic Americans, California)
- Friday** **St. Thomas, Apostle** (one of the apostles of Christ who travelled as a missionary to India; patron of India & Sri Lanka)
- Saturday:** **Independence Day** (a day that commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776)

THANK YOU

June 21, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Financial Date
NEEDED		
COLLECTED		\$
VARIANCE	\$	\$

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

Independence Day



Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.
—Abraham Lincoln

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882- 886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- June 29 Mon 9 a.m. Father John Wan
- June 30 Tue 6:30 a.m. Marjorie Bagaman De Vera
- July 01 Wed 9 a.m. The Kulm Family
- July 02 Thu 6:30 a.m. Christyn Alipio Chamsay
- July 03 Fri 9 a.m. Zenaida Mendoza Evans
- July 04 Sat 9 a.m. Joseph Stolz
5 p.m. Marcella Shusis
- July 05 Sun 7 a.m. The Nora Family
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. Hung & Nhai Tran
5 p.m. The Rios Family

EVENTS

FROM ASCENSION'S FINANCE COUNCIL

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, our Parish reached an agreement with a Bay Area company, allowing them to utilize our parking lot for a monthly fee. Their employees began using the church parking lot in early June.

Employees of this company will park their cars in the center section of our parking lot as well as the row of spaces closest to Prospect Avenue in our primary parking lot, and then they will catch a bus from the local public bus stop to their place of business. The parking lot will only be used during the workweek.

Initially, this additional income will be used to cover our existing budget deficit. In the future, when donations return to normal levels and the standard budget is covered, then the Finance Council will responsibly allocate this income towards projects that are much needed around the parish.

The Finance Council asks that everyone continue with contributions to the Sunday collections.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult days.

P.S. For your information, Ascension Sunday collection is still around 65% of the pre-covid average collection.

Please consider a gift to Ascension Parish, either weekly or monthly, through a check or online giving at <https://churchoftheascension.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

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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	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
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Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

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