CELEBRATIONS OF THE MASS
Saturday: 8:15 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekdays: 8:15 AM
Holy Days: 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesday mornings after 8:15 AM Liturgy
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Every Wednesday 8:45-9:45 AM

Fr. Leonard Marrujo, Parochial Administrator
Fr. Chris Berbena, Parochial Vicar
Bill Vaughan, Music Director
James Brady, RCIA /Adult Faith Formation
Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
Lana Rocheford, School Principal
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. — Romans 10:8

A Word from the Pastor

Today marks the beginning of our Lenten spiritual journey and as such I always like to encourage you to deepen your faith during this period of preparation, anticipation and penance. Every year by canonical law Fr. Chris and myself are required to take some time off to re-charge our spirituality and to deepen our friendship with God. I think this is a good exercise for all of us to practice as it calms the mind, getting us to stop, listen, and reflect on God’s message to us. Stop, listen, and reflect is a good practice for all of us to share. Just as we exercise our body for our health, so we must do the same for our soul.

I am a great believer in reading spiritual books especially from the great saints such as St. John of the Cross, St. Augustine, and St. Therese of Lisieux, and those who are not saints, but have written profound books such as Thomas Merton, Richard Rohr and Pope Benedict XVI. All of these men and women have encouraged and inspired me to continue my own journey into a deeper, fuller understanding of who God is and His desire for me. A primary source of their inspiration and mine as well, is Holy Scripture. These books from Exodus to Revelation have aided many people over many generations seeking God, to understand the mystery that is God and to connect ourselves with Him and His Love. The church is rich with these men and women who all share one thing in common and that is faith in Jesus Christ. Their collective understanding of this God who is love, provides their own experiences and insight in a most profound way. All of these men and women are each reaching into the depths of their souls and inner being of their essence. They can sound daunting and unattainable, but we read from their examples and writings that as difficult as it may seem, it is attainable. The success in achieving our spiritual goal may be different from those around us who are sharing the same road. Each person has an adventure they must make and complete on their own in accompaniment with God. For each of us is on a road trip that is initiated by our desire to deepen our relationship with God and, guided by the Holy Spirit, we arrive at our ultimate destination. That destination is to know God and to reconcile our friendship with Him.

The Lenten season, as I mentioned above, is a period to recognize our faults and to understand that Christ’s suffering is for our sins. This is also a time to prepare ourselves and experience His crucifixion, death and rising from the dead. God sacrificed His only begotten Son out of love and compassion in order to put death to an end and to open the gates of heaven so that we may enjoy everlasting life in His Kingdom for all eternity. God bless.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so.

Fast ~ Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One limits oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence ~ Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. If you are not within the age ranges, you are not required to follow the guidelines. If you have dietary restrictions, please follow your doctor’s guidelines.
Bishop’s Appeal 2020

The 2020 Bishop’s Appeal has begun. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. decided to continue with the theme, Rebuild My Church, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. By embracing Rebuild My Church, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2020 Bishop’s Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by Rebuild My Church and participated in our annual Bishop’s Appeal. While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals. Please consider thoughtfully before you make your pledge. Thank you.

Birthright Baby Bottles

If you took a baby bottle to fill for Birthright of San Lorenzo, please remember to return it to the Parish Office. Thank you for reaching out to mothers and protecting the unborn in our community. Your support helps save lives. You can always contact us at (510) 481-9677 or at birthrightofsanlorenzo.com

Friendship/Donut Sunday

We are looking for groups or families to host our Friendship/Donut Sundays. The church provides everything you need. Please contact Katherine Greenberg at katherinengreenberg@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Help The Society of St. Vincent de Paul collect supplies for Easter. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County is preparing to host its 7th annual Easter Open House. Supplies needed by Saturday, March 14: 250 medium sized Easter baskets (unassembled), individually wrapped snacks, $25 grocery store gift cards, new or very gently used children's books, assorted Easter candy (individually wrapped), Easter-themed activity or coloring books, new stuffed animals or toys. Donated items may be left in the SVdP baskets in the front of the church.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call our Help-Line at 510 352-6079.

Save the Dates

Sunday, March 15 St. Patrick’s Day Feast
Doors open at 4:30p.m. This event has a dessert contest, cash raffle, crafts, cash bar, Irish coffee and photo booth. Adults: $18 Seniors: $12 Wee Ones(under 12): $10

Sunday, March 29 Youth Mass at 4:00p.m.
This Mass is youth-led and youth-focused. The celebrant is Fr. Jim Sullivan of Bishop O’Dowd High School.

Vacation Bible School will once again be held here at Assumption from August 3 through August 7. More information will follow at a later date.

Financial Update for February 23, 2020

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School News

Assumption School Presents

Our online application process is still open for any families with prospective students to our school. Current families with incoming new kindergarteners or TK students must apply asap as we are growing our current programs and filling up quickly. We have openings in all grades.

We are happy to make this announcement to our community and friends with school-aged children in San Leandro and the surrounding areas: Our 2020-2021 online application is now available to you. Please visit: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=295693&type=d&pREC_ID=682309

CYO Registrations

CYO registration for girls basketball, track and field, and sand volleyball. All San Leandro youth are welcomed. For more information contact Nathaniel Fripp: mrfripp13@gmail.com. Or call the parish office at 510-352-1537. Please find registration forms at assumptionsanleandro.org

Lent 2020

Lenten Soup Nights will begin today, Sunday, March 1 at 5:30p.m. Please come join us for soup, good fellowship and evening prayer.

Taize Prayer Services will begin this Wednesday, March 4 and will run through April 1. This service will be held in the parish church starting at 7:00p.m.

Your donations to CRS Rice Bowl have the potential to feed many. Let us follow the example of Jesus and commit to help meet the needs of our global family.

Please join us as we journey through Lent together.

Lenten Booklets are still available at the back of the church. Donation is $2.00.

Assumption School Auction

“Assumption School’s 31st Annual Auction - Bootleggers Ball Speakeasy will take place on Saturday, March 7th at the Colombo Club. This is the school’s largest fundraiser of the year and registration is now open. 50/50 raffle tickets can also be found in the back of the church and returned to the school office. Any and all support is greatly appreciated!”

ATTEND! Grab your friends and neighbors and come to this fun and beautiful event. Tickets will be on sale soon. Can you provide donations? Do you have tickets to a sporting event, theatre, symphony? Wine or wine club tasting passes? Is there a favorite kids’ camp, fitness club class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home to share for a weekend? Do you like to cook or bake? Dinner-a-week for a month, cookies-of-the-month, tamales, winter soups, holiday cookies, jams & holiday pies. Are you crafty? Handmade jewelry, knit-ware, blankets & quilts, note cards, photography. Have a service or skill that you can offer? Design consulting, family portrait session, party treats, handy-person, financial planning, first-aid training? For more info, please visit this url: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149395

SPONSOR OR SUPPORT: For more info, please visit this url: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149397

BAKE FOR THE DESSERT AUCTION: For more info, please visit this url: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149399

BUY 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS: For more info, please visit this url: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149398

PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

—Anonymous
**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**  
February 29—March 7, 2020

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**
- **Head Lector:** Cathy Ralph 510-895-0420
- **Altar Server Coordinators:** Dennis Burigasay 510-895-1628, Mike Tedeschi 510-357-9447
- **Head Communion Minister:** Faye Caruso 510-882-5002
- **Head Usher:** Ed Hernandez 510-351-7025
- **Head Greeter:** Hanne Gerardi 510-393-9989
- **Ministry Scheduler:** Giovanna Giuliani 510-872-9035
- **Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:** Mary Schirmer 510-352-1537
- **St. Vincent de Paul:** Denis Ducey 510-352-6079
- **Pastoral Council:** Doug Taylor 510-638-3050
- **School Board:** Paul Carney 510-872-2452
- **Finance Committee:** George Brandt 510-410-5819
- **Tuesdays with Larry:** Larry Graves 510-352-4777
- **Rosary Makers:** Irene Haines 510-483-7975
- **CYO:** Nathaniel Fripp 510-789-5565, Tom Shaddle 510-357-1342
- **All Saints Skilled Nursing:** Lizette Rocha 510-351-1342
- **Communion to the Homebound:** Joan Tonsberg 510-357-1985
- **Communion to Kindred Hospital:** Susan Sequeira 510-352-5614
- **Prayer Chain:** JoMarie Stavosky 510-889-9469
- **Knit/Crochet Group:** Gloria Calegari 510-357-0943
- **Linens:** Anita De Marais 510-357-9172
- **Hospitality Team:** Jennie Gisslow 510-875-9170

**Assumption Parish Mission Statement**

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by liturgy and faith formation programs, which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.