



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Diocese of Oakland Celebrates 60th Anniversary this Month!

Happy 60th! Congratulations one and all!

We celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Oakland. The Diocese of Oakland was created out of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on January 13, 1962.

We ask the Lord's continued blessing and divine guidance on all our people, and we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received as a diocese these 60 years.

In 1840, the Holy See established the Diocese of the Two California's, comprising both Baja California and Alta California. Eight years later, just as the gold rush was beginning to draw thousands of fortune-seekers to the West, Mexico ceded California to the United States. California achieved statehood in 1850, and the Holy See established the new Diocese of Monterey, which encompassed the entire state, with Bishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany as founding bishop.

In 1853, the 13 northern counties were split off to form the Archdiocese of San Francisco, with Bishop Joseph Alemany serving as its first archbishop. In 1861, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Oakland became the second parish in what would later become the Oakland Diocese. Eight years later, St. Paul Church in San Pablo was named the first parish in the present Contra Costa County.

The area remained part of the San Francisco Archdiocese until the population growth throughout northern California began to complicate archdiocesan pastoral ministry. So, on January 13, 1962, the Holy See carved three new dioceses — Oakland, Santa Rosa, and Stockton — from the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

## Assumption School Open House for Prospective Families

Assumption School welcomes prospective families to RSVP for our Annual in person Open House on

January 30, 2022. We have decided to limit the Sunday Open House to prospective families ONLY by appointment and limit the amount of people on campus and the exposure of our community to the public. We ask that current families NOT attend the January 30 Open House but wait until February 4. Sign up today Assumption Catholic School Open House & Tours.

We have a goal to continue to increase our enrollment and that means hoping for 40 new applicants in our TK through 6th grade program. Last year, we received over 50 new applicants! Our growing enrollment helps us expand our programs and plan for the future! Spread the word!

Do you have a great connection with a preschool? Send us their contact information and we will send them a personalized invitation to send to families for our Open House (email [Irocheford@csdo.org](mailto:Irocheford@csdo.org))

Do you know a friend or relative with children that would love our experience? We have room in grades TK through 6th grade next year with waiting lists in 7th and 8th grade. Have them sign up to attend our in-person Open House and attend our Zoom New Parent Information Night [here](#).

Any neighborhood families in your area looking for a great school? Let us provide you with an interest packet (we have them in the office -- you can pick one up there).

You have a child ready for TK, Kindergarten or another grade? Siblings are on our admissions first priority!

**Apply now!**

<https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/>

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## Sunday Gospel Reflection (*Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21*)

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First, we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>

## Holy Spirit Memory

*Excerpted from Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church by Pope Francis*

The Holy Spirit reminds us; he reminds us of all that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church, and when he reminds us, he helps us understand the words of the Lord.

This remembrance in the Spirit and by virtue of the Spirit.. is an essential aspect of Christ's presence within us and within his Church. The Spirit of truth and charity reminds us of all that Christ said and helps us enter ever more fully into the meaning of his words. We all have this experience: one moment, in any situation, there is an idea and then another connects with a passage from Scripture. . . . It is the Spirit who leads us to take this path: the path of the living memory of the Church. And he asks us for a response: the more generous our response, the more Jesus' words become life within us, becoming attitudes, choices, actions, testimony. In essence the Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian but only halfway there: a man or

## **JANUARY 22—JANUARY 29, 2022**

***\*We Remember at the Eucharist\****

### **Saturday 22**

8:15am. Respect the Dignity of Life

4:30pm Belen Mendoza+

### **Sunday 23**

8:00am Maria & Antonio Solano  
(23rd Wedding Anniversary)

10:00 am Rodrigo M. Laureta+

12:00 pm Michael Burdick+

### **Monday 24**

8:15a.m. Enrico Biagini+

### **Tuesday 25**

8:15a.m. Omar & Loreta Helmkamp+

### **Wednesday 26**

8:15a.m. Patty Gilmore+  
Froilan Gaspar+

### **Thursday 27**

10:00am Jose Mendoza+

### **Friday 28**

8:15am Leon Taniegra+

### **Saturday 29**

8:15am Respect for the Dignity of Life

4:30pm Bobby Grubbs+

***Please remember the Church of the Assumption in your will.***

woman, a prisoner of the moment, who doesn't know how to treasure his or her history, doesn't know how to read it and live it as salvation history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, however, we are able to interpret interior inspirations and life events in light of Jesus' words. And thus within us grows the knowledge of memory, knowledge of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the Christian memory within all of us! And there, that day with the apostles, was Our Lady of Memory, who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. Mary, our Mother, was there. May she help us on this path of memory.

## **Dinner with the Dads: January 25**

The Assumption Dads Club, <http://www.assumptiondads.com/>, will be putting on another live stream cooking event on Tuesday 1/25/22 @ 6:30pm with our very own VP Leo Gudina demonstrating a delicious *Kickin' Chicken Tortilla Soup* Recipe!

Like previous events, food pickup will be

between 5pm-6pm on the day of the event, and the cost will be \$45, which serves a family of Four, as well as \$60 for a family of Six. We look forward to seeing you all on the screens once again!

Please register to reserve your ingredients!  
Register by 1/24/22

<https://assumption-dads-club.square.site/>

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation Source of Spiritual Renewal Saturdays at 3:30pm**

Why You Should Consider Making Confession  
Your New Year's Resolution

<https://www.catechist.com/resolution/>

*Be Our Light for the New Year  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and  
always.*

*Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our  
Sanctifier.*

*May this new year be a time of deep spiritual  
growth for us,*

*A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.*

Please join us for Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or **by appointment**

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to the prisoners.*

**THANK YOU for your generosity!  
Sunday Collection**

**January 16, 2022  
\$5,184.50**

**Maintenance Fund  
\$1,081.00**

**Our Weekly Goal \$7,000**

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