



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## California Bishops Commit to Working for Better Futures for California's Women, Children, and Families

The approaching 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade comes at a historic moment. The nation stands on the precipice of potentially overturning Roe v. Wade. At the same time, the Governor and state legislators have issued calls to make California a "sanctuary" destination for women seeking abortions from in and out of state.

However, asking to increase the number of abortions in California completely misses a vital, life-affirming point. California is already uniquely situated to respond actively to the needs of women, children, and families. Over the years, the California Catholic Conference has supported the state's dynamic efforts to build programs for our most vulnerable populations, lifting families out of poverty and affirming the inherent dignity of each person.

Furthermore, the Catholic Church is the largest provider of private social services in California. We serve millions of the most at-risk families through our Catholic Charities and diocesan ministries, our Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, and our Catholic schools and parishes.

With Pope Francis, we believe that abortion attacks the "sacredness of human life," and that "it is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life." At this pivotal moment, we, the Bishops of the Dioceses of California, commit to a vision for our state that honors women with life affirming support and practical resources so that all families can thrive, and so that no woman feels trapped into the devastating decision to end a life by abortion.

### WE ENVISION

- A California that proclaims the inherent dignity of every woman, man, and child, born and unborn,

and promotes the common good and human flourishing of all people.

- A California that prioritizes the wellbeing of women, children, and families not only with material resources but accompanied in solidarity.

A California that celebrates with all mothers and fathers the tremendous gift of each child and affirms and empowers families welcoming children by birth, adoption, or fostering.

### WE RESOLVE

- To commit to our sisters that we, the Catholic community of California, will be by your side as you walk the journey of motherhood.

- To raise awareness of the abundant life-affirming safety net resources available to women, children, and families in California through faith-based, community, and public agencies, including food, housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, intimate partner violence intervention, paid leave, childcare, education, employment, economic and material assistance.

- To unite our state's life-affirming pregnancy shelters, centers, and clinics, creating an accessible statewide network to accompany women facing challenging pregnancies and in the early years of parenthood.

- To advocate for transformative family policies, including increased access to affordable housing, prioritization of homeless pregnant and parenting women, expanded paid leave for families, dignified care for incarcerated pregnant and parenting women, and streamlined processes for families fostering and adopting infants and children.

To empower our Catholic community to accompany the most vulnerable women, children, and families in our state, proclaiming the dignity of every human

life through word and action.

Inspired by the love of the Triune God mirrored in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and animated by the ministry of Jesus to comfort, provide, heal and restore, we dedicate ourselves to this cause.

## **Updates and Reminders from the Diocese of Oakland Office of Worship**

### **Attendance at Mass**

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. Long before this pandemic, the Church has always recognized that there are “serious” or “grave” reasons that prevent Catholics from attending Mass. For example, if a person is sick or homebound, or living/visiting areas of the world where access to the Mass is limited, or a situation arises that prevents travel (snowstorm or flat tire), such persons would not be bound by the obligation.

In the case of this pandemic, serious or grave reasons would include:

- Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or has been recently exposed to the coronavirus. Protecting the health of others is an act of Christian charity and our moral duty to one another.
- Anyone with significant health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces, or if you care for someone with significant risk factors.
- Anyone who cannot attend Mass through no fault of their own, for example, a parent caring for a sick child, or if the priest is sick.

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season as well.

### **Reception of Communion**

It is strongly encouraged that the faithful receive Communion in the hand, however provision should be made so that anyone who wishes to receive on the tongue may do so, from a priest. If the priest does not feel comfortable with this, he may delegate to another, trained minister.

The distribution of the Precious Blood is still not authorized.

### **General Precautions**

- Wearing masks and social distancing remain two of the most effective means of preventing and spreading disease.
  - At this time, there is no government restriction on capacity for indoor service, but social distancing and adequate ventilation are still required.
- The Sign of Peace should still be exchanged without physical contact.

### **Assumption School Open House & Tours for Prospective Families**

Assumption School welcomes prospective families to RSVP for our Annual in person Open House on January 30, 2022. Due to the current surge 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. Our current families will have a private event during Catholic Schools Week and our January 30 event will be for prospective families by reservation only.

Sign up today Assumption Catholic School Open House & Tours

<https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/> We have a link on our website to reserve a time on January 30 starting at 12:30 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. (510) 357-8772

We are currently accepting applications for all grades. Our early bird discount and the deadline for TK and K applications is February 4.

### **Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 30—February 5, 2022**

Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service

Catholic Schools Week kicks off at mass today, at 10am. The Class of 2022 will be presented, which is a long tradition here at Assumption. Blessings on our 8th graders as they receive their medallions and look proudly to their future.

The rest of the student body and their families will log into Facebook and attend the virtual 10am Mass from home.

## **JANUARY 29—FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

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

### **Saturday 29**

8:15am. Respect the Dignity of Life

4:30pm Bobby Grubbs+

### **Sunday 30**

8:00am Kathleen Sigouin+

10:00 am Jean & Henriette Dupont+

12:00 pm Lucille Daniels+  
Charles Peterson+

### **Monday 31**

8:15a.m. Stephen Pantaleoni+

### **Tuesday 1**

8:15a.m. Jim Hulsy+

### **Wednesday 2**

8:15a.m. Wayne & Kathy Guest+

### **Thursday 3**

10:00am Oscar Cruz+

### **Friday 4**

8:15am Respect for the Dignity of Life

### **Saturday 5**

8:15am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

4:30pm Michael Calegari (Living)

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

## **Social Justice Reflections at Wednesday Mass call us to be like the Good Samaritan**

This month we celebrated the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who believed that we should all be judged by the quality of our life. At last week's Social Justice Liturgy at 8:15 a.m., five students shared their reflections after the Gospel with our parish and school community.

## **QUESTION: What are the positive qualities in your life by which you would like to be judged?**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that we should be judged by the quality of our lives. A positive quality I'd like to be judged by is my values. I love to volunteer at Davis Street. I do this as much as I can and always try to be the best person I can be.

Jesus tells us to always treat others the way we want to be treated, And even though sometimes that is hard I try as hard as I can to follow that rule. I always try to be as nice as I

can to my friends, family, and strangers. I treat others respectfully and kindly. I have matured a lot over the years and now I realize that everyone, even if we don't like them as much, still deserve respect. To treat others how you want to be treated is deeper than just saying hi and smiling. It's your thought process too. If you say hi to someone and in your head you are thinking about how much you hate them, then you aren't being truly respectful. You need to think about what you're saying and soon you will find the good in people rather than looking for the bad. That is how you can become a more likeable person.

I should be judged also on my ability to help others. I have always been helping my grandmother to serve the community and have been a part of the AYSAT which is a group dedicated to community service.

-- James P., 7th Grade

Thank you to our 7th graders who shared their wonderful thoughts and prayers for justice in our world and the hope that Dr. King brought to our country.

For more reflections see our parish website under News & Events.

## ***Introducing Our New Online Giving***

We are pleased to announce our new and improved online giving page! **Vanco**, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church. Nothing about our online giving has changed except for the look of the page. You can adjust existing donations, set up new gifts and update personal information from the new safe and secure Vanco Online. Here you can make your contribution by credit card. To support us, please go to our website <http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org/giving.html>

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

**January 23, 2022**

**\$4,729.10**

**EFT from Diocese for December**

**\$1,385.00**

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

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