



**CHURCH  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION**

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*February 7, 2021  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**

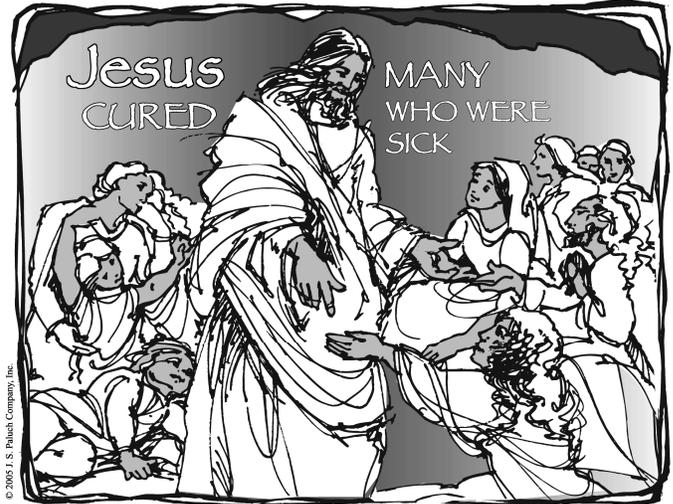
**Daily Mass: 8:30AM**

**Sunday: 10:30 AM**

**Drive thru Communion: 11:30 AM**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM and By Appt**



**Parish Office Hours:**

**9:30AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lenten Mission**

February 14—16, 2021

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**Ash Wednesday**

February 17, 2021

**School News**

March 6th—School's Virtual Auction

(more information to follow)

**Financial  
Report**

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**Week of January 31, 2021**

**\$3,471.00**

***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 inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.

## *A Word from the Pastor*

Last week I introduced the subject of Reconciliation and what is it and its purpose. This week I wish to continue this conversation by addressing how the Latin-rite church (Roman) came to accept this practice in the first place. First, let us deal with the most common misunderstanding: many Protestants, for example, insist that since only God can forgive sin, every sinner must approach him individually. It is said that no man can forgive sins, hence, to have priests forgiving sins in confession is a sacrilege and blasphemy. Furthermore, this power is alleged to be an invention of either the post-Constantinian Church or of the corrupt Church of the Middle Ages. However, during his life-time Christ forgave us our sins. Since he would not always be with the Church physically and visibly, Christ delegated this power to other men so that the Church would be able to offer forgiveness to future generations. He gave this as a communicable power to the apostles so it could be passed on to their successors, the bishops. In this passage (Jn 20:21-22) Jesus is telling the apostles to follow his own example, in delegating the power to the apostles to forgive sins. Note that all of this is God's doing. It is He who, through Christ, has reconciled us to himself, and allowed us to minister this reconciliation of his to others (2 Cor. 5:18). Indeed, confirms Paul, "We are Christ's ambassadors" (2 Cor 5:20). Also note that in the anointing of the sick described in Jn 5:13-15-16, it is to the presbyters of the Church the person is to be brought, and his sins will be forgiven. It is to the ordained that the sick is brought. "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteousness person is very powerful." Self-accusation is listed as a part of the Church's requirement by the time of Irenaeus. Slightly later Christian writers, such as Origen, Cyprian, and Aphraates, state clearly that confession is to be made to a priest. Cyprian writes that the forgiving of sins can take place only through the priests." Ambrose says that "this right is given to priests only." These sayings are never seen as anything new and novel, but as reminders of accepted belief. This power to forgive is two-fold, to loose (to forgive) or to hold them bound (not to forgive). This means that sins had to be verbally confessed to the priests so they could know which sins to forgive and which not to forgive. Also, their authority was to forgive or not to forgive, not merely to proclaim that God had already forgiven sins based on people's subjective contrition. Benefits of doing this the Catholic way:

First, the Catholic is seeking forgiveness the way Christ intended it to be sought.

Second, by confessing to a priest, the Catholic learns a lesson in humility which is conveniently avoided when one confesses only through private prayer.

Don't we all desire to escape humbling experiences?

Third, the Catholic receives sacramental graces that the non-Catholic does not get; through the sacrament of penance, not only are sins forgiven, but graces are obtained.

Fourth, and in some ways the most important, the Catholic is assured that his sins are forgiven; he does not have to rely on a subjective "feeling."

Fifth, the Catholic can obtain sound and objective advice in analyzing his sins and avoiding sin in the future.

Sixth, the Catholic, by going to a recognized and trained confessor, is protected against the subjective dangers of such psychological tricks of the personality such as projection, rationalization, etc. I hope this helps in discerning during this time of preparation and penance, what reconciliation is and why it is important as Catholics to at least attend confession during the Lenten or Easter season. As always Fr. Chris or I are available on Saturdays at 3:30 or by appointment. May you find Grace and hope during this very trying year by attending virtual Sunday Masses and seeking reconciliation with the Lord and the community. Next week I will tackle the basic components of sincere repentance. God bless.

### **Lenten Mission**

Our Lenten Mission will begin on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 7:00pm and run through February 16, 2021.

This will be a virtual event conducted by Sr. Nancy Usselman.

Materials will be available for download enabling you to follow along.

This will be a wonderful way to begin your preparation for the season of Lent.

### **Lenten Taize**

The Lenten Taize prayer service will be available via the parish Facebook page and You Tube. Further information to follow.





**FEBRUARY 6—EBRUARY 13, 2021**

*\*We Remember at the Eucharist\**

**Saturday 6**  
8:30a.m. Jim O'Brien+

**Sunday 7**  
10:30 a.m. Kay Sigouin+

**Monday 8**  
8:30a.m. Pat Gilmore+

**Tuesday 9**  
8:30a.m. Charles Peterson+

**Wednesday 10**  
8:30a.m. Jose Pimenta+

**Thursday 11**  
8:30am

**Friday 12**  
8:30am

**Saturday 13**  
8:30a.m.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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**St. Vincent dePaul**

February 7th is the Feast of Blessed Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul and co-founder of the Society of St. Vincent dePaul. She mentored the founding members of the Society on how to make home visits and how to see Jesus in the poor. Sr. Rosalie always recommended patience, mercy and courtesy. All Vincentians celebrate this beautiful model of love for the poor.

We thank you for your contributions during last week's Fifth Sunday second collection and your ongoing support

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

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Message:

Please send 150 bulletins