



CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Daily Mass: 8:15AM
Saturday: 4:30pm 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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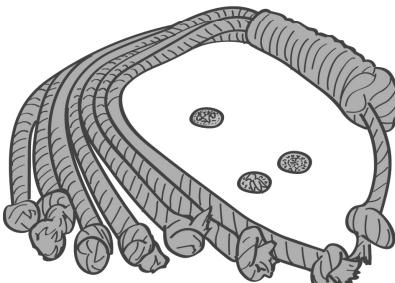
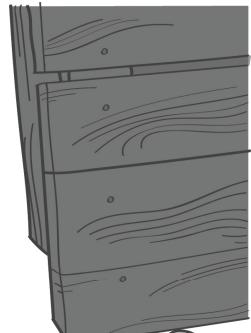
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*Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Taize

The Lenten Taize prayer service will be available via the parish Facebook page and You Tube. Taize Prayer will begin March 3rd at 7:00pm

**Lenten Series
Formed**

Don't forget to check out this series on Tuesday evening.
See page 3 for more details.

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 wrote about the practice of Lenten sacrifice and this week I would like to focus on the meaning of the phrase, to Sacrifice or what we refer to as "satisfactory works".

We offer up sacrifice in order to satisfy our desire to amend the offenses we have committed during the year. And by "giving up" things we love like, sweets, alcohol, coffee, etc. we display a tangible action to God and to ourselves for the intent of doing good for others. But keep in mind to give up those things like sweets and our favorite foods during the season of Lent it is not for the purpose of dieting but a commitment to a deeper understanding of its purpose. What are some material things we can give up in order for a truer and more satisfying "sacrifice" that will give us the closeness we desire to the Father?

Theologians call these sacrifices we make as "satisfactory works" (*opera satisfactoria*). This name comes from the Latin verb *satisfacere*, which in turn derives from the verb "*facere*," meaning "to make" or "to do," and the adverb *satis*, which means "enough." This glance at the origin of the word *satisfactory* helps us to see that works so named are acts of the virtue of justice. They aim at restoring the order that has been damaged or destroyed by sin.

One thing is obvious about Lenten satisfactory works: They seem to vary from one person to the next. As I mentioned above, some decide to give up coffee, alcohol, or sweets; while others work on praying more or delving into devotions they otherwise have neglected. Still others may volunteer at the local soup kitchen or helping others less fortunate than themselves. Yet all the satisfactory works just mentioned, and any others which we can come up with, are categorized under one of the three kinds of human acts traditionally known as almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. Giving up coffee, alcohol, and sweets, for example, are forms of fasting.

Ramping up one's prayer life falls under the heading of prayer. And volunteering at a soup kitchen or giving up one's time to serve others counts as almsgiving.

Almsgiving, fasting, and prayer exhaust all the satisfactory works we can do because this trio is based on an exhaustive division of all the goods, we human beings can have. In other words, all the goods which belong to us can be divided into those which are external to us and those that are somehow internal to us. These latter goods are further divisible into goods of the body (bodily health, various sense pleasures, and so on) and goods of the soul (our intellects and wills themselves, knowledge, virtue, and so on).

And since external goods, goods of the body, and goods of the soul comprise all goods that are properly human, it is also true that there are only three general kinds of works that we can do to make up for our sins.

To see that this is so, we should bear in mind that when we sin, we turn our hearts inordinately toward creatures

and deprive God of his due glory. So, to make up for this, we may give alms and in so doing, deprive ourselves of some external goods for God's glory. Or we may fast and thereby deprive ourselves of some goods of the body to give honor to God. Or lastly, we may pray, which means that we may raise our heart and mind to God and thereby surrender these goods of the soul to God himself. By "giving up" these highest faculties of ours to God when we pray, we also render glory to God.

Yet performing satisfactory works is not solely about making up for our past sins. For we also do these works to prevent ourselves from falling into future sins. In connection with this, St. John says the three causes of sin are sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life. The first of these causes is uprooted, or at least weakened, by fasting; the second is almsgiving; and the third by prayer. In a similar way, since every sin is directed against God, oneself, or one's neighbor, we can work to prevent ourselves from sinning in the future by praying, fasting, and giving alms, respectively.

In the apostle Peter, we find a wonderful example of someone performing satisfactory works both to make up for his past sins and to prevent future sins. Recall that after being denied by him for the third time, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Seeing the face of his savior, Peter immediately received the grace of contrition and wept bitterly for his sins. Not until after the Resurrection, though, did Peter receive the grace which moved him to declare his love for Christ three times. These acts of charity were not only reparative of Peter's threefold betrayal of Christ, but also medicinal or preventative in the sense that they strengthened him for what was to come. More specifically, these acts prepared Peter both to feed the flock of Christ and to embrace the very same kind of death which was suffered

God bless. Amen.

Faith Formation News

Assumption Parish has celebrated First Reconciliation for 12 of their young people with 16 more to go on all Saturdays during Lent. Each Saturday we have had groups of 6 children meeting one on one with Fr. Leonard and Fr. Chris. This will continue through Palm Sunday. We are so proud of our young people and their supportive families. Much thanks to teacher, Ms. Ignacio, Ms. Hodgins and Ms. Sanford for their love and guidance during this preparation period and reception of the sacrament. These children and their families will be looking forward to First Eucharist in May.

First Communion Dresses

We have 8 beautiful First Communion dresses for anyone who would like them. They're brand new or used once and cleaned. Size 6x—8. Please let the church office know if you are interested.



MARCH 6—MARCH 13, 2021 **We Remember at the Eucharist**

Saturday 6

8:15a.m. Jennelly Valadez (Living)
4:30pm Gene Camicia+

Sunday 7

10:30 a.m. Berenice Doyle+ & Mina Riccio+

Monday 8

8:15a.m. Jose & Rosa Costa+

Tuesday 9

8:15a.m. Pat Gilmore+

Wednesday 10

8:15a.m. Felix Aves+

Thursday 11

8:15am Alvino Enaga+

Friday 12

8:15am Jacinto Abrea+

Saturday 13

8:15a.m. Eva Gonzalez McNeilly+
4:30-pm Gene Cooper+

Formed

This is a new program available to all the parish free of charge. It provides a variety of content to assist all of us on our journey of faith.

Sign up and be in **FORMED**

1. visit <http://signup.Formed.org>
2. Enter Assumption of the Blessed Mary or just type in San Leandro (our church shows up)
3. Enter your name and email and you are in for the whole year! No more hassle

Lenten Series via Zoom

Begins Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30pm

This will run for 7 weeks during Lent.

Go to Formed and watch Episode 3 under
Search: Why A God?

Then join the Zoom discussion

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83652647390>
Zoom Meeting ID 836 5264 7390

Any questions, contact Jim Brady at
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St. Vincent dePaul

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Everyday we can see signs of how

God has visited us in the blessings of our lives.

Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul our members are able to bring assistance to the suffering and poor. Together we can be a sign of God's love. This week we were able to bring groceries to a disabled couple and share a prayer.

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