



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:**

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00AM -12:00PM – 12:30PM - 3:00PM  
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**Financial  
Report**

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**Week of March 7, 2021  
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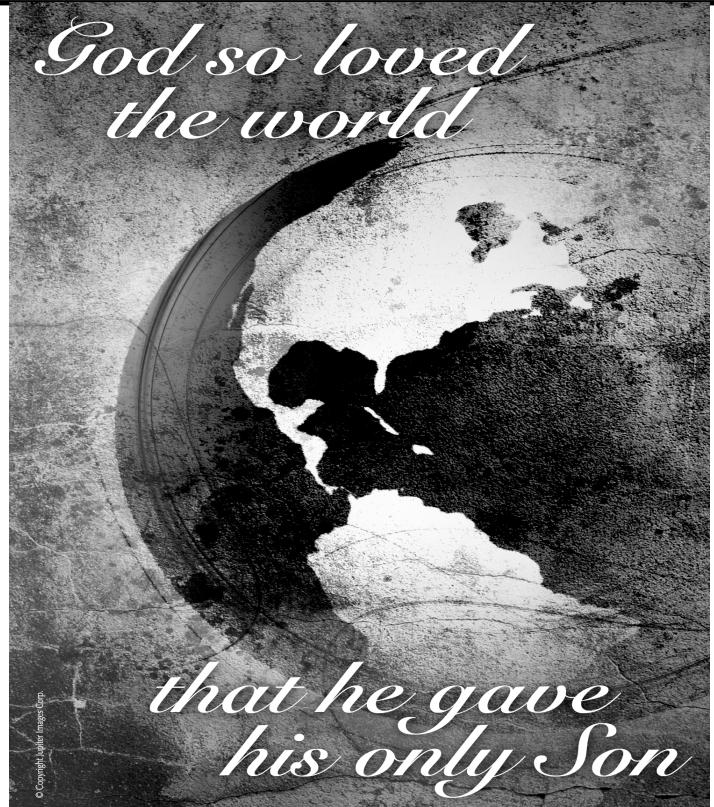
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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*

This past week I was thinking of what the cross means to me and why it is so important that we venerate such a symbol. It is odd when you think about it. That an instrument of punishment has been turned into a symbol of our own death and resurrection. So as Catholics we look at the Crucifix and see this man nailed to it and see it with sorrow, but we also view it as our salvation. I often wonder how some Christians see this symbol of death and how they relate to it. I can only speak for myself and I hope this reflection on the cross resonates with you as well.

Certain things in our world are so prevalent and so present to us that oftentimes our eyes simply overlook them. These objects blend into the background; we are desensitized to their impact. The beauty of a blue sky, the look on the face of a loved one, the fresh bloom of a spring lily — those are a mere sampling of the things we frequently and too easily take for granted, so they fail to affect us.

Perhaps the most powerful symbol that has been reduced to having the least impression on us is the cross. Although it is depicted on everything from the tops of our churches to the bottoms of our neckties, from the front of our checkbook covers to the rear windows on our cars, we rarely see its significance.

The cross is about suffering. As a people we are challenged to take up our own personal cross and carry it. We freely and willingly undergo the sacrifices we encounter in our ordinary existence. Accepting our cross, though, does not translate into tolerating abuse or oppression. Instead, it indicates we are to surrender our wants and wishes for the benefit of others and to humbly give ourselves even when our desire might be to do otherwise.

The cross is death. A crucifix is a cross with Christ's body still hanging, beaten, and defeated, from it. The fact that the cross is a form of execution is not glossed over or kept hidden. The spotlight in this scenario shines on the dying and remains on the torture and pain of Good Friday.

The cross also points to the resurrection of Easter Sunday, moving beyond the conquering of death to the triumphant promise of eternal life. This style of ornate décor does not display Jesus' physical body because the emphasis is that it cannot contain nor restrain Him.

The cross is hope. Being united and joined with Jesus is not reserved only for the next life but is for the here and now. It is a calling for us to decide to live as Christians and to trust in the promise that we will be given the strength to do so. It is a commitment to remain steadfast to our faith no matter how difficult the trials become. It is clinging to the belief that through the aid of the Lamb of God we, too, can endure and continue on like a lion.

The cross is identity. The cross serves as a reminder of these characteristics of our religion and functions as a representation to the world of who we are. It classifies us as followers of Christ. As the body of the church, we are to embody anything the cross is and everything that it stands for — to become so close and familiar with the cross that our words and actions ought to be constantly guided by it, while still remaining distant and foreign enough to it that we can recognize its freshness and innovativeness; to always have our gaze fixed upon it, but to never lose focus of its meaning.

As Catholic Christians I hope this article encourages you to spend some time venerating the cross or crucifixion in your own home. To remember we all bear our own crosses and that Jesus shares in this burden. God bless.

### School News

#### **The Dad's Club is having a Tree Planting and Tree Sale**

Have you thought about adding any tree to your landscape? Dad's club is selling 5 gallon and 15 gallon trees individually or we can install them at your home!

Visit [www.assumptiondads.com](http://www.assumptiondads.com) to browse the selection and learn more details!

**Must order by 3/18/21**

Tree purchase delivery to residence within 10 miles of Assumption School.

Tree purchase with installation includes delivery, labor, soil amendments and staking for support within 10 miles of Assumption School. Please research optimal placement before purchase!

For any questions, please  
email [assumption.dads@gmail.com](mailto:assumption.dads@gmail.com).



## **MARCH 13—MARCH 20, 2021**

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

### **Saturday 13**

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

### **Sunday 14**

10:30 a.m. Maria Costa+

### **Monday 15**

8:15a.m. Chuck Petersen S.J.+

### **Tuesday 16**

8:15a.m. Andrew Sigouin & George Jacintho+

### **Wednesday 17**

8:15a.m. Patty Gilmore+

### **Thursday 18**

8:15am Eva Gonzalez McNeilly+

### **Friday 19**

8:15am Carlos & Sophis Tavares+

### **Saturday 20**

8:15a.m. Sahib Ajjam+

4:30-pm Mina Riccio+

## **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 4 under  
Search: What's Our Story?

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, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him.

We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. This past week the Society of St. Vincent dePaul reached out to a single mother of two and helped her family with past due utility bills.

Our food pantry is in need of condiments (mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise) Donations may be placed in the SVdP basket in the vestibule of the church.

Thank You.

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

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Attention: Martha

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins