



**CHURCH
OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

1100 Fulton Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

Phone: 510-352-1537

Fax: 510-352-2094

e-mail: info@assumptionsanleandro.org

Website: assumptionsanleandro.org

*March 21, 2021
5th 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

Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM

PAROCHIAL STAFF

Fr. Leonard Marrujo, Parochial Administrator

lmarrujo@assumptionsanleandro.org

Fr. Chris Berbena , Parochial Vicar

cberbena@assumptionsanleandro.org

Bill Vaughan, Music Director

bvaughan@csdo.org

James Brady, RCIA & Adult Faith Formation

jbrady@assumptionsanleandro.org

Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation

mschirmer@assumptionsanleandro.org

Martha Zeyen, Administrative Assistant

mzeyen@assumptionsanleandro.org

Kelly Hodgins, Communications Director

khodgins@assumptionsanleandro.org

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Lana Rocheford, School Principal

School Office: 510-357-8772

School Office Hours: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM



© 2005 J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

**UNLESS
THE GRAIN
OF WHEAT . . .
DIES,
IT REMAINS
A GRAIN
OF WHEAT.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lenten Series
Formed**

Don't forget to check out this series on
Tuesday evening.

See page 3 for more details.

**Financial
Report**

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Week of March 14, 2021

\$5,737.00

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

This week's Word comes from Ed Rogers of the Catholic Education Resource Center.

There is a quote by Thomas Merton from "The Seven Story Mountain" that illustrates the paradox of suffering and sacrificing during this time of Lent:

"Indeed, the truth that many people never understand, until it is too late, is that the more you try to avoid suffering, the more you suffer, because smaller and more insignificant things begin to torture you, in proportion to your fear of being hurt. The one who does most to avoid suffering is, in the end, the one who suffers most: and his suffering comes to him from things so little and so trivial that one can say that it is no longer objective at all. ... This is another of the great perversions by which the devil uses our philosophies to turn our whole nature inside out, and eviscerate all our capacities for good, turning them against ourselves."

What a powerful exposition of the danger of avoidance. The more we try to avoid suffering, the more we suffer. Yet all of us engage in avoidance to some degree. Fr. Robert Barron's Lenten reflections for today talks about Jesus' temptation in the desert, and the first temptation to pursue physical and sensual comforts. We are rarely free of these temptations: in my life they sometimes win by mere persistence. What can keep us from sliding down the slope of increasing attention to our own comfort?

Acceptance includes an openness to and honesty about the way things are. This includes openness and honesty about painful feelings, urges and sensations.

Many people's first association with acceptance is giving up, ceasing to care, or finality to a bad situation. Accepting in this case means ceasing to deny or struggle against the painful reality, and speaks of freedom to live in healthy ways, given the circumstances. Acceptance leads to health, freedom, and change. Willingness expresses much of the same concept as acceptance, with a bit more of an active connotation: it is an act of the will to allow and participate in current experiences. This means actively making room for painful feelings, urges and sensations, and allowing them to come and go without a struggle. When we are willing to experience pain, we do not become wrapped up in efforts to get rid of it; we are free to continue to live and pursue our values. Willingness says "YES" to our moment-to-moment experience, allowing both pleasant and painful experience to come and go as gifts of God. It neither holds on to pleasure or rejects pain.

Lent is the season where the church brings us face to face with suffering. Intentionally. Because it is by embracing suffering that we rob it of power over us. Lenten sacrifices are a workout for our "willingness" and "acceptance" muscles.

The Church year has a wonderful way of making sure that we practice what is important. God knows we are tempted to our own comfort and avoiding pain, but that the result will be entrapment and misery. Lent asks us to face pain head-on and acknowledge its salvific power in our lives — it is an extended

exercise in willingness and acceptance.

"We spend one day a week not eating meat, and on a few days, we skip meals altogether." Restated: We accept that physical pleasures are limited, and willingly choose to sacrifice them for spiritual goods.

"We voluntarily deprive ourselves of good things." Restated: We practice a willing stance towards suffering and discomfort.

"We intentionally ponder and ritualize the torture and death of our God/Leader." Restated: We bear witness that our salvation was earned through Christ's willingness to suffer and accept God's will.

By our willingness to give up the good things of the world, we reverse the bondage of avoidance, and become free to enjoy them as generous gifts of God. Lent is not merely a pain-induction ritual, just as lifting weights is not merely a means of experiencing soreness. Given the trouble I have in getting myself to go to the gym, I am glad the Church has built the practice of Lent into the liturgical year. I need the encouragement to practice willingness and strengthen acceptance.

Lent need not be a somber season, a time of mourning for goods we have been obligated to relinquish. Rather I think it can be a joyful season, in the spirit in which St. Francis told Brother Leo: "Above all the graces and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit which Christ grants to his friends, is the grace of overcoming oneself, and accepting willingly, out of love for Christ, all suffering, injury, discomfort and contempt." Lent is a time in which we regain a healthy relationship with tangible pleasures. By our willingness to give up the good things of the world, we reverse the bondage of avoidance, and become free to enjoy them as generous gifts of God.

So I hope you are flexing those muscles, exercising your willingness to suffer and acceptance of God's will. Though you may be sore, it is the kind of pain that delivers a joyful message of increasing health and freedom.

Congratulations!

School Virtual Gala

The first ever Virtual School Gala was a huge success raising \$52,000. Donations still gladly accepted. A big thank you to Allison Fargo, Wendy Robinson, Jen Violet Kennedy, Meghan Meyer, Jessica Stark, Katherine Greenberg and Renee Weiland for their hard work and commitment. The entire committee worked hard to make this a wonderful event.

Drive Thru St. Patrick's Dinner and Bingo

Even in the rain it was a wonderful event serving over 200 dinners and 25 cars for Bingo. A big Thank You to Paul and Kelli Jackman for their organizational skills in putting this together in a short time. Thank you too to all who donated prizes, helped and participated. The food was good and it was a fun event.



MARCH 20—MARCH 27, 2021
We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 20

8:15a.m. Sahib Ajjam+
 4:30pm Mina Riccio+

Sunday 21

10:30 a.m. Prudencia Pavo++

Monday 22

8:15a.m. Angela Marrujo+

Tuesday 23

8:15a.m. Rodrigo Laureta+

Wednesday 24

8:15a.m. Tom & Virginia Sorensen (20th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday 25

8:15am Vincent DiMaggio+

Friday 26

8:15am Myrna Sapugay Pedrosa+

Saturday 27

8:15a.m. Criss Jurado+
 4:30-pm Rene Kaldunski-Valentine+

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 5 under Search: Who is Jesus?
 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 510-393-9396 or by email at jbrady@assumptionsanleandro.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector:

Cathy Ralph..... 510-895-0420

Altar Server Coordinators:

Dennis Burigsay..... 510-895-1628
 Mike Tedeschi..... 510-357-9447

Head Communion Minister:

Faye Caruso..... 510-882-5002
 Head Usher: Ed Hernandez.....510-875-8308
 Head Greeter: Hanne Gerardi..... 510-393-9989

Ministry Schedulers:

Giovanna Giuliani..... 510-872-3035

Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:

Mary Schirmer..... 510-352-1537

RCIA and Adult Faith Formation

Jim Brady 510-393-9396

St. Vincent de Paul

Denis Ducey..... 510-352-6079

Pastoral Council:

Doug Taylor... .. 510-638-3050

School Board:

Pierre Davis 415-519-1173

Finance Committee:

George Brandt..... 510-410-5819

Tuesdays with Larry:

Larry Graves..... 510-352-4777

Rosary Makers:

Irene Haines..... 510-483-7975

CYO:

Nathaniel Fripp 510-789-5565

Tom Shaddle 510-357-1342

All Saints Skilled Nursing

Lizette Rocha..... 510-351-1342

Communion to the Homebound:

Joan Tonsberg..... 510-357-1985

Communion to Kindred Hospital:

Susan Sequeira..... 510-352-5614

Prayer Chain:

JoMarie Stavosky..... 510-889-9469

Knit/Crochet Group

Gloria Calegari..... 510-357-0943

Linens:

Anita De Marais..... 510-357-9172

Cursillo

Jennie Gisslow..... 510-875-9170

St. Vincent dePaul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

Through your generous gifts, the Society of St. Vincent dePaul was able to serve three households this week.

WE provided food to all three and helped two of the households 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.

513057

Attention: Martha

510-352-1537

info@assumptionsanleandro.org

Message:

Please send 250 bulletins