



CHURCH
OF THE
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May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

A Word from the Pastor

Why Catholics honor Mary in May:

As a son I can relate to Jesus' love of His Mother and as most of us do we respect and admire what our mom's do. Their tireless efforts in keeping the family together, making sure we are clean, fed, loved, and nourished, and also being there for their husbands and their needs. The upbringing I experienced growing up is very different from today's families which has in many ways become more complex.

In his 1965 encyclical, *Mense Maio*, Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus. The Catholic Church has dedicated May in her honor, writes Marge Fenelon.

It has been a long-standing tradition in both the Latin and Eastern churches to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in May. In most Catholic churches (and even in many Catholic homes), a "May Altar" is erected with a statue or picture of Mary, flowers, and perhaps candles. The altar stands from May 1 to 31 as a reminder of Mary's importance in the life of the Church and in our own lives as well.

Additionally, many Catholic churches and schools hold a "May Crowning," presenting Mary with a crown made of blossoms or other hand-crafted materials to signify her queenship as the mother of Christ, the King. I have even seen some crowns made of glistening metal and synthetic jewels.

Why May? The tradition dates all the way back to the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity. Romans also claimed May to honor Flora, the goddess of bloom or blossoms. They celebrated "floral games" at the end of April and petitioned Flora's intercession for all that blooms. In medieval times, a tradition arose of expelling winter at this time of year, since May first was considered the start of new growth. It was during the Middle Ages (11th century) that the idea of giving the month of May to Mary began with an old tradition, the "-30Day Devotion to Mary", which was originally held August 15 to September 14. During the month, special devotions to Mary were organized, and this custom, which began in Italy eventually spread elsewhere.

Although we do not see Mary as a goddess of any sort – Catholics do not worship Mary, we honor, or venerate, her as Jesus' mother – we have adapted the early Greek and Roman customs of honoring important women in their religions by honoring the most important woman in our religion: Mary should be honored and loved just as much as we love our earthly mother. God bless.



Happy Mother's Day

On behalf of the entire parish staff, we wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and grandmothers, both living and deceased, who influenced our lives and helped us grow into maturity.

May God continue to bless them everyday.

Adult Faith Formation for May

FOR MEN – Adult Faith Formation recommends

Catholic Men's conference May 14th /15th Brentwood, with Jesse Romero and our own Bishop Michael Barber – cost is only \$25 – info/register here – “Heroic Minute for Men” (one-minute meditations for men). For more info or to register: <https://catholiclife4u.com> or Call 925-597-0206 or 510-698-9505

On May 25th, Hillsdale College is offering a free online course on Dante's Divine Comedy. Dante's Divine Comedy provides an education for people who are facing great obstacles and adversity. The poem teaches you how to confront life's challenges, order your soul, and pursue an excellent and free life. These timeless lessons are especially urgent for Americans today.

Middle School Action Team (MSAT)

Last Sunday our Middle School Action Team (MSAT) made 40 lunches for April Showers! MSAT actively helps April Showers throughout the year. April Showers is a charity that provides a van with showering/shaving stations & many other services on the 1st, 3rd (& 5th) Sundays of each month, currently at Creekside Community Church on MacArthur Bl in SL. In addition to MSAT there are also several Assumption parishioners who help with that operation: distributing clean underwear, toiletries, clothing, shoes, jackets, hot meals, water & takeaway food, laundry vouchers, bags, etc. Assumption Church shares with them our access to a local Pizza Hut that donates unclaimed pizzas to us twice a week. MSAT also have their red ribbons on display at Sacred Heart. They wrote their prayers for peace on the ribbons and can be seen hung in the new Peace Garden at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oakland.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Last weekend our Confirmation retreat was kicked off with a Friday night movie and dinner. We watched the film *The Way*. We think some of our young people maybe ready to pack their backpack and do a pilgrimage! Sunday we spent all day together and learned about the Gifts and The Fruits of the Holy Spirit. After lunch we all got our workout in with a game of capture the flag! Our afternoon was made complete with the “love letters” from parents and sponsors! We celebrated Mass together with Fr Jim Sullivan as our celebrant. A good day was had by all and we are one step closer on our journey with the Holy Spirit as our guide. Confirmation will be celebrated on May 21st. Much gratitude to our team leaders for the retreat: Shannon Brady, Giovanna Giuliani, Martin Franco, Kelli and Dave Johnson and Jim Brady. Your generosity of time and talent made it a special day for all.

Formed Pick of the Week

This week, we encourage all to watch “Fatima Gems” on FORMED. Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation

Adult Faith Formation begins right here at church during mass when we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with our excellent homilist and the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the very presence of Christ in our midst!

RCIA is a RITE, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This program is open to adults seeking baptism in the

Catholic Church or the completion of the sacraments of Initiation, namely the Eucharist and Confirmation.

We are now enrolling adults

Call or Text Jim Brady at 510-393-9396 or email at jbrady@assumptionsanleandro.org.

Elementary Faith Formation

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 15 @ 10:30 am and Sunday, May 16 @ 3:00 pm. We are super excited for our 25 kids to receive the gift of the Eucharist. Ms. Ignacio, Ms. Hodgins and Ms. Sanford have been working with our amazing kids over the year teaching them the importance and majesty of this sacrament. We can celebrate this year inside our Church with each communicant bringing 7

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you . . . You are my friends if you do what I command you.” The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as friends of the poor, assisted eight households during the month of April with past due utility bills. This outpouring of love was made possible through your generous gifts. Thank You. Happy Mother's Day!

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

Financial Report

Week of May 2 2021

\$4,942.00



MAY 8—MAY 15, 2021

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 8

8:15a.m. Al Frates+
4:30pm Lucille Danielsen+

Sunday 9

10:30 a.m. Eva Gonzalez McNeilly+

Monday 10

8:15a.m. Mina Riccio+

Tuesday 11

8:15a.m. Patty Gilmore+

Wednesday 12

8:15a.m. Rosalie Girimonte +
& Bill Fernandez+

Thursday 13

8:15am

Friday 14

8:15am

Saturday 15

8:15am Bernadina Llana+
4:30pm Al Frates+

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

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ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Lana Rocheford, School Principal

School Office: 510-357-8772

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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Daily Mass: 8:15am (Live Streamed)

Saturday: 4:30pm **Sunday:** 10:30am (Live Streamed)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:00p, and by Appointment

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector:

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

Altar Server Coordinators:

Dennis Burigay..... 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

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.

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins