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May 16, 2021 Ascension of the Lord

A Word from the Pastor

I have been asked many times in my priesthood perhaps one of the most difficult questions asked by human beings, a question believers ask God — why suffering? What is its meaning? It is a question that expresses the anguish within ourselves when we experience not only bodily pain, but also spiritual pain, in ourselves and in those we love. It is a question also posed when people encounter tragedy and sufferings from natural catastrophes, like hurricanes and earthquakes. Or the tragedy of suffering that results from evil actions, like that of the innocent killed.

The answer is the cross of Jesus. The “why” of human suffering and the answer to evil can be discovered most deeply when we contemplate the love of the Father who sent His Son into the world to save us. Jesus reveals this love. In Eucharistic adoration, we gaze upon the Sacred Host, the Body of Christ present under the sign of bread, the Body born of the Virgin Mary which suffered on the Cross and is now glorified in heaven. The Eucharist is His Body given for us and His Blood poured out for us for the redemption of the world.

The question of the meaning of suffering, in many ways an impenetrable question, finds an answer, above all, in the Passion of Jesus. On the cross, Jesus not only embraced human suffering in an incomparable way, but also made suffering redemptive. He conquered evil with good. He accomplished our salvation from sin and death by His own suffering on the cross. In suffering voluntarily and innocently, Christ gives the answer to the question about suffering and its meaning. Jesus brings suffering into what we can call “a new dimension,” the dimension of love, salvific love. The Son of God strikes evil at its very root, conquering sin and death with the power of love. “He conquers sin by His obedience unto death, and He overcomes death by His resurrection” (*Salvifici Doloris 14*). In His passion, Jesus took all human suffering upon Himself. He gave it a new meaning. He used suffering to accomplish the work of salvation. He used it for good. His love transformed suffering so that this awful reality that is connected to evil might become a power for good. So suffering now has a saving power. And that is how we, as Christians, can find meaning and purpose in suffering, what before we might have thought was totally useless. I wish to emphasize that as Christians we do not give a merely abstract answer to the difficult question of why God permits suffering. Our answer is very concrete. The answer is a Person, Jesus Christ, and His cross and resurrection. Because of Him, we can even speak of suffering as a call, a vocation. St. John Paul II wrote: “Christ does not explain in the abstract the reasons for suffering, but before all else He says: ‘Follow me’ ‘Come!’ Take part through your suffering in this work of saving the world, a salvation achieved through my suffering! Through my Cross. Gradually, as the individual takes up his cross, spiritually uniting himself to the Cross of Christ, the salvific meaning of suffering is revealed before him. He does not discover this meaning at his own human level, but at the level of the suffering of Christ. He gives Himself to us and unites us to Himself in Holy Communion. When we are united to Christ in His suffering for the redemption of the world, we are living the Eucharist. May the Lord give us the faith and love to do so, together with Mary and all the saints who shared in the suffering of Christ and now reign with Him in glory!

The preceding text is from a homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades.

DATES OF CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2021

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - will be celebrated this Saturday, May 15th at 10:30am and Sunday, May 16th at 3:00pm

CONFIRMATION - Very Reverend Lawrence C. D’Anjou, Vicar General, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday May 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for Assumption Parish.

Adult Faith Formation for May

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.

Formed Pick of the Week

City of Saints

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 1.2 million people.

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TUESDAYS WITH LARRY

It takes many hands to keep up with our gardens of the church. A special prayer of thanksgiving to all those who put in many hours to make our gardens glorious and abundant! It looks beautiful!

On behalf of the entire Assumption Community, we would like to thank Larry, Steve, Ed, Frank, Butch, Rudy, Nancy, and Dave. 'Tuesdays with Larry' is a fun and hardworking group of volunteers who tend the church gardens and assist with minor repairs. The group meets every Tuesday morning beginning at 9AM, weather permitting.

Take Time to 'Stop and Smell the Roses'.

Dr. Andrew Currier appointed superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Oakland

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has appointed a longtime Catholic educator as superintendent of diocesan schools. Dr. Andrew T. Currier, currently president of Archbishop Riordan High School in San Francisco, will begin work as superintendent on July 1.

"I am grateful to Bishop Barber for the gracious invitation to serve the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland," Currier said. "Bishop Barber's vision for missionary discipleship, transcendent Mass experiences for students, with teaching and learning imbued and animated by the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, is inspiring and absolutely necessary for successful Catholic schools. I really look forward to partnering with pastors and school leaders on finding new ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our students and promoting the good work being accomplished in the Diocese of Oakland." The Diocese of Oakland's school system serves 48 Catholic schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. There are 39 elementary/middle schools, including six in the Lumen Christi Academies, and nine high schools. Every year more than 700 students receive need-based tuition grants through the FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education) initiative.

Pope launches global prayer marathon for the end of the pandemic

Pope Francis called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic. The initiative involves a special way all shrines in the world in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities **all take part in reciting the rosary** to pray for the end of the pandemic", said the **Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization**.

"It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, "from the entire Church and unceasing prayer rises to God," it said.

The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the Church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

Each day in May, there is a livestream from one of 39 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6pm Rome time on all Vatican media platforms.

The pope opened the month-long prayer on May 1 and will conclude it on May 31, the council said. Each day of the month has a different prayer intention related to the pandemic. On May 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) Australia Oceania—For all victims of violence and human trafficking.

The English-language list of shrines and prayer intentions can be found at <https://bit.ly/3gMANYS>

St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples . . . and now through us. When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor. This week the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought that love as well as food to our neighbors in need.

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

Financial Report

Week of May 9 2021

\$3,918.55

EFT for April 2021

\$2,376.66



MAY 15—MAY 22, 2021

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 15

8:15a.m. Bernadina Llana+
4:30pm Al Frates+

Sunday 16

10:30 a.m. Detlev Kurt Steklis+

Monday 17

8:15a.m. Jermain Thomas (Living)

Tuesday 18

8:15a.m. Tillie Tarka+

Wednesday 19

8:15a.m. Ruky Centoni+

Thursday 20

8:15am

Friday 21

8:15am

Saturday 22

8:15am Jim O'Brien+
4:30pm John Castillo+

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday
9:00AM -12:00PM - 12:30PM - 3:00PM
Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM

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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

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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