



CHURCH  
OF THE  
ASSUMPTION

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## May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

### A Word from the Pastor

Today as I sit here at my desk writing this article, I am reminded of how short our stay is on this earth. I do not mean to sound maudlin, but there is some sadness I am experiencing as my time here comes to a close.

Last Tuesday, May 18th, I celebrated my eighth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, and I started thinking about my life in general and the last eight years in particular. There are times when one wonders whether or not we contributed anything of significance to our society or whether something we said or did made any difference at all. Then you start to get letters, cards and emails declaring what a difference you made in someone's life or how you inspired someone to deepen their faith. That is when you realize the contributions you made to a particular person or community. That is when you also realize the sin of pride. A friend of mine once said as I was bemoaning my perceived failures as a pastor, suggested I "get rid of my ego". I did not pay much attention to those words then, but after a while I started to understand what he meant by saying, "get rid of your ego". Pride can sometimes be detrimental and as such can damage relationships with family, friends and neighbor. Pride as defined thus: a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements". Pride in achieving something is good, but when pride interferes with one's ability to conduct oneself in a manner conducive to relating to others, then it becomes problematic. The Catechism of the Catholic Church views pride in this way: "It is essentially an act or disposition of the will desiring to be considered better than a person really is"... "it can lead to all sorts of sins, notably presumption, ambition, vainglory, boasting, hypocrisy, strife, and disobedience. Pride strives for perverse excellence. It despises others and, depending on its perversity, even looks down upon God." Pride for me should be my silence, keeping the ego at bay, and not allowing it to cloud my point of view. Do not get me wrong, I am very proud of the things I accomplished with others at this parish, I am proud of you for your support of the many parish events we worked on and planned together as a community. What is wrong, in my opinion, is that I wanted that pat on the back, and "good job" father. And I did receive those pats on the back, but my ego, my pride, clouded my view and for this I am ashamed. I am proud of you and I know you appreciate all that I have done here. The ego can be a dangerous thing and one should never allow that beast from emerging and muddling one's mind or decisions. God bless.

We are down to the final week of Father Leonard's time here at Assumption. Our new Parochial Administrator Father John Carillo will begin here on Tuesday, June 1st. Next weekend, the 29th and 30th, is Fr. Leonard's final weekend here. We'll have the usual 10:30 mass with livestream, and after the mass is ended there will be a presentation, so plan to stay for extra time at the end of the 10:30 next Sunday. Please note there will be **NO drive thru communion** next Sunday the 30th.

## Youth Faith Formation

### Congratulations to Our First Communicants.

Last weekend **24** of our parish youngsters celebrated their First Holy Communion. We welcome and congratulate them!

We also extend our sincere thanks to our catechists, teachers, our Youth Ministry & Formation Director, Mary Schirmer; and the parents, godparents, relatives, and friends who have inspired and helped our First Communicants in achieving this important step in their initiation into the Body of Christ and his sacramental mysteries.

*May they inspire us to always receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with such joyful anticipation and excitement, and with hearts open to receive His graces*

### Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed

We would like to congratulate **18** of our Assumption community young people who, on Friday, received their Confirmation on the Feast of Saint Christopher Magalanes. They received their Sacrament of Confirmation from Very Reverend Lawrence C. D'Anjou, Vicar General. We ask for our entire parish family's prayers, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire them throughout their walks with Christ.

The Confirmation Rite ceremony was indeed a special and spiritual experience. We wish you all the best as you continue to grow in the faith. We were extremely proud of all, Confirmandi, sponsors and parents. We extend a sincere thank you to Mary Schirmer and her Faith Formation Team, Catechists and parents for their hard work, dedication, patience, and commitment to the program. We all enjoyed being part of your student's growth in the faith.

*Confirm, O God, what you have brought about in us, and preserve in the hearts of your faithful the gifts of the Holy Spirit: may they never be ashamed to confess Christ crucified before the world and by devoted charity may they ever fulfill his commands. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

No group of people have exhibited this teaching more than our catechists who have tackled virtual learning, delivering kits to homes and ultimately sending Jesus's message of love and hope throughout this challenging year to the children of our parish. We are so grateful to Siobhan Cushing, Kelly Hodgins, Nancy Pretto, Greta Sanford and Gorett Allenbach. These brave teachers stepped up to tackle Zoom and social distancing and were able to give our young people a fruitful year. YOU have all made this Parish proud!!

## Formed Pick of the Week

FORMED Now! The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-the-holy-spirit-in-light-of-pentecost>

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://www.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](mailto:jbrady@assumptionsanleandro.org).

### St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate Pentecost. The Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. This past week, through your gifts,

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to a widow as well as assisting her with past due utility bills.

Next week there will be a second collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We thank you for your generous gifts.

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

### Financial Report

Week of May 16 2021

**\$5,175.50**

**EFT from Diocese**

**\$2,650.00**



**MAY 22—MAY 29, 2021**

*\*We Remember at the Eucharist\**

**Saturday 22**

8:15a.m. Jim O'Brien+  
4:30pm John Castillo+

**Sunday 23**

10:30 a.m. Bob McDonnell (Living)  
Rodrigo Laureta+

**Monday 24**

8:15a.m.

**Tuesday 25**

8:15a.m. Alaya Beene (Living)

**Wednesday 26**

8:15a.m. Dorothy Parker+

**Thursday 27**

8:15am Celedonia DeGuzman+

**Friday 28**

8:15am Florencio Piamonte+

**Saturday 29**

8:15am Ruggy Centoni+  
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

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Dennis Burigay..... 510-895-1628

Mike Tedeschi..... 510-357-9447

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Faye Caruso..... 510-882-5002

Head Usher: Ed Hernandez.....510-875-8308

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Jim Brady ..... 510-393-9396

**St. Vincent de Paul**

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

**Pastoral Council:**

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

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Pierre Davis ..... 415-519-1173

**Finance Committee:**

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

**Tuesdays with Larry:**

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

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

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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

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

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

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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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