

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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September 26, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflections on the Rosary By Martha Zeyen

Did you know that at one time the monks in the desert prayed by counting stones or drawing lines in the sand? At this time most people did not know how to read or write so this was a way for them to pray. Eventually the more educated monks who could read, developed the practice of using beads or knots on a cord to count their prayers. These early desert monks started the tradition. It allows us to meditate on faith while letting the beads slip through our fingers.

Even the word rosary is soothing. It can remind us of a rose garden where beautiful flowers in a variety of colors grow - a place of fragrance and beauty. Prayer takes us to a beautiful place within ourselves. Our Blessed Mother at Fatima told the children that Russia would be converted from Communism to faith if we pray the rosary.

Praying the rosary leads us to good things. Over time it will bring a sense of serenity, peace and inner joy while the beads slip through our fingers. After a time the rosary will carry us though whatever happens in our lives.

Many people prefer to pray the rosary while sitting or kneeling in church, but it can be prayed anywhere or at any time; alone or with others or even when you are falling asleep at night. The rosary has many long-lasting benefits. In addition to helping us find long lasting peace it also brings us closer to God and the people we love. As we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, we remember events in the lives of both Jesus and Mary, what that still means for us today.

For me I gained an appreciation of the rosary from my mother. She had a great devotion to Our Lady particularly under the title of Mother of Perpetual Help. Many times when I am troubled, I will reach for my rosary. It never fails to bring a calm to me as I repeat the prayers on each bead. I carry one in my car because I never know when I will need the comfort it brings.

There was one particular time when the rosary brought both peace and safety. I was working in Palo Alto and received a call from the doctor telling me all my dad's major organs were shutting down. had had a heart attack two days before. Needless to say I took the news hard and had a feeling of panic and fear. I called my parish church in Hayward to let them know what was happening. Right away someone from there wanted to come to Palo Alto to take me to the hospital. I said no because I had my rosary and knew I would arrive at the hospital safely and in time to say my final good-bye to my dad. I had the confidence that the intercession of Our Lady would make that happen. While I was driving with my rosary slipping through my fingers the sense of panic and fear I felt when I first got the call subsided. A feeling of calm came over me. It was almost as if someone else's hands were on the wheel guiding mine so I would arrive at my destination safely. I still reach for my rosary when I am driving, particularly if I am driving a distance, with the confidence I will arrive at my destination safely and the feeling that somewhere there could be someone who is in need of prayers at that particular time.

May Our Lady of the Rosary bless each of you and your families.

Namaste Fr. Teji Thanippilly!

On behalf of Assumption Community we welcome Fr. Teji Thanippilly who will be staying with us this weekend. Father will be at all masses sharing his mission appeal. Father Teji will be asking for our support for the mission of the Diocese of Kottapuram in India. Please give generously. **Dhanyavaad!**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Taco Lunch Fundraiser

Please join us after Sunday Mass on Sunday, September 26th from 11am-2:00pm for Our Lady of Guadalupe Fundraiser! <u>Preorder online...</u> https:// church-of-the-assumption-guadalupe.square.site/

Boxed lunches consisting of two tacos with rice and beans can be enjoyed at the Jean Schroeder Terrace and will also be available for takeout. Taco Sunday meals can be purchased the day of for \$10. All money raised will go towards the Feast Day Celebration on December 12th.

First Friday Devotions & Mass

Join us for the next First Friday Celebration on Friday, October 1, 2021 for Eucharistic Adoration following 8:15am Mass until 12:00pm.

In the evening at 6:00pm, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration, pray the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. At 7:00pm, we will celebrate the First Friday Mass.

First Saturday Anointing of the Sick

Come join us on Saturday, October 2, 2021 after the 8:15am for the Anointing of the Sick. If you will be having surgery or if you have any chronic illness, please come and join us for the Mass and Anointing.

October is:

Respect Life Month, the Month of the Holy Rosary, Vanco's eGiving secure & convenient online campaign, Culture Celebrations, Feast Days and much more...

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life, and, like St. Joseph, protect the lives of everyone around us, especially when they are vulnerable or threatened.

Mary's love for us and our love for her is all about *God*. This month that love is focused on the Holy Rosary. Through the Holy Rosary, we meditate on God's Word. The Gospel becomes imbedded in our hearts, and Mary holds our hand to Jesus Christ. May we grow in our respect for the gift and Gospel of Life and during this month pray together the family rosary.

October is Rosary Month 31-day Rosary Challenge

We invite you to pray the Most Holy Rosary for the entire month of October. We have added a special 6:30pm time to come together to pray as a family. Come join us at church at 6:30pm every evening, or immediately after the 8:15am morning mass, or in your own special quiet place.

We encourage everyone to join the challenge. Let's follow the Blessed Mother's wishes to pray the Rosary. If you have a special intention, you wish us to pray for, email us at info@assumptionsanleandro.org or call at (510) 352-1537.

Simbang Gabi 2021 Preparation

We are going to start the Simbang Gabi in our parish. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition celebrated for nine days of Masses leading up to Christmas. We invite you to join us on **October 2nd at 6:00pm** at the Rectory for a planning session and fellowship. Please contact Alma at 510-375-5183 or email her at almadsimon@yahoo.com

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM \$

We are happy to announce that In the last few weeks four children were baptized here at Church of the Assumption. This is a great sign of life in our parish.

We welcome Jaylen, Sofia, Thomas, and Penelope into Church of the Assumption by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome their parents, godparents and families into our faith community! We are here to support you on this journey of faith. May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Week of September 19, 2021 \$5,679.50 Sound System Collection \$1,822.00 EFT Donations from diocese month of Au-

> gust \$3,830.00

SEPTEMBER 25—OCTOBER 2, 2021

We Remember at the Eucharist

Saturday 25

8:15a.m. Nancy Brady (Living) 4:30pm Raymundo Simon Robles+

Sunday 26

8:00am People of Assumption Parish 10:00 am Walter Bieliski & Pauline Smith +

12:00 noon. Dushan Velebit+

Monday 27

8:15a.m. Ashley Dias+

Tuesday 28

8:15a.m. End Abortion in America

Wednesday 29

8:15a.m. Aghostino Aguiar+

Thursday 30

8:15am Tony Gonsalves+

Friday 1 8:15am Saturday 2 8:15am

4:30pm Maria Laksmana+

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:** 8:00am, 10:00am

(Live Streamed), 12:00noon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:00p, and by Appt

Bingo, Brats and Beer Saturday October 23 at 5:30pm

Fun for all ages! \$15. per person for dinner - kids under 5 years free Dinner and Dessert Served

Green salad, brats and sauerkraut, rolls and German potato salad

no-host bar featuring beer, wine and a signature cocktail

Bingo Games Galore plenty of chances for the whole family to win gift cards and prizes

This is a fundraiser for the Faith Formation Programs. Come join the fun. Limited Seating -- purchase your tickets now! <u>Pre-order on line...</u>

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St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs. Amongst the neighbors we served this week were a homeless couple recently evicted and living in their car. Our members provided them with food, a motel room for two nights and resources to help them get to job interviews. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call our Help-Line at 510-352-6079.

Special Intention Prayers

If you need prayers or have special intentions, please email info@assumptionsanleandro.org or call the office at (510) 352-1537. These intentions will be included in our daily rosary and in the universal prayer at mass. We want to pray for all those who are ill or recently deceased.

Bless Your Pets on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 3rd

2:00pm - 2:30pm Blessing of Animals Mary Seese Plaza*

Monday, October 4th

3:30-4:30 Blessing of Animals

School Campus near Schroeder Terrace*

*(*Pets must* be on a *leash*, in carriers or cages)

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins