



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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December 26, 2021 Feast of the Holy Family



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

May the blessing of the Lord be with you and your family as you celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Christmas Greetings From Your Parish Staff

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! I pray that our good Lord Jesus Christ fills your heart and your home with His peace and joy this Christmas and in the New Year! May He keep you and your loved ones under His protection. May He surround you with His love. And may His unfailing grace and abundant blessings be with you, now and always.

- Fr. John

Many blessings and glad tidings from Assumption Catholic School! We are now on a much needed Christmas Break but will return to school on January 3. Our Advent was full of service, community, and preparation for Jesus. Please check our website for some of the great things we did during our wonderful Advent season together including raising over \$12,000 for Davis Street Children's Hot Breakfast program, a 20-year service learning project that brings the spirit of the holidays and the spirit of service together, online Advent/Christmas Concert where the beauty of song was shared with our families, and our Annual Christmas Pageant Prayer Service bringing the story of Jesus to life with our First Graders.

We are so grateful for the support and love of our greater Assumption Parish community and hope that this Christmas season brings joy and

happiness. May 2022 bring Jesus' hope and renewal to us all. We hope you will spread the word that we are accepting applications for our 2022-2023 year excited to serve our community by providing a Catholic, quality, and caring education.

- Lana Rocheford

**The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday, December 27th thru Tuesday,
January 4, 2022.**

New Year's Eve Schedule Friday, December 31st

8:15am Mass

9:00am Rosary

**8:45am-12:00pm Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

New Year's Day Schedule Saturday, January 1st

**10:00am New Year's Day Mass -
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

11:00am Anointing of the Sick

3:00-3:30pm Confession

4:30pm Vigil Mass

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. May God's blessing be with you and yours this Christmas Season. May a Christmas star shine into your heart and burn in your spirit bright, may Jesus' peace bless you and bring true joy to you in 2022. *"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him..."* (John 1:9-10).
- Kelly

May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all the year through. Enjoy this special time with your family and friends. Blessings of health and happiness always,
- Mary S

There is a movie called *The Christmas Box*. The story is about a family who moves in with an older woman to provide care. This woman sees in the husband some of the same traits as her husband and tries to guide him to change his priorities. She asks him the question, "What was the first gift of Christmas?" He replies socks and then laughs. She just gives him a withering look and tells him to think harder. He finally gets it and tells her the first gift of Christmas was a child. That first gift was the Christ Child sent to us by His Father to show God's great love for us. We get so busy with all the events leading up to the actual feast that sometimes we forget this.

We have completed our Advent preparation and are now heading into the Christmas season, let us not forget about the Christ Child and what He means to us. We celebrate his birth on Christmas, but we also look ahead to His coming again. He came as human to be like us and experience some of the same things we do. Let us never forget all He has done for us.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year filled with many blessings and good health.

- Martha Zeyen

Greetings and wishing you a Very Merry Christmas Season. The classic song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, reminds us that Christmas is not only a day, but it is a season! So, if you have been rather busy, or swept up by the distractions that overwhelm us all, then know

that you can still celebrate the birth of our Lord.

This celebration can be a quiet one of prayer or a quiet reading of the Infancy Narrative according to St. Luke, or even in the watching of a one-hour, one-man, dramatic reading of the very same scripture passages on our platform FORMED under the title The Gift of Peace (simply go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), register as a parishioner of Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary [zip 94577]). If you would like to learn a little more about Jesus' birth, then consider watching The Footprint of God episode titled The Word Became Flesh. Here is a link: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/jesus-the-word-became-flesh>

Know that you are always welcomed here for prayer and fellowship. We are planning some wonder-filled activities to build community and develop a personal relationship with Christ, the One whose birthday we are now celebrating! From Adult Faith Formation and RCIA. God Bless you and all of your loved ones!

- Jim Brady

I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year! I am so thankful to be able to work with such fine cantors at the weekend Masses. I thank Gordon Hom, our adult cantor, and I thank all of our student cantors, Carly, Greg, Natalie and Aidan. I also thank Sofia who moved away after 8th Grade graduation. I hope she is cantoring in her new home parish in Santa Barbara. We miss her ministry.

It is such a joy and thrill for me to accompany you, the assembly, at each weekend Mass. The more you sing, and the louder you sing, the more energy and life we all receive, me included! You all sing the chants so prayerfully and powerfully, which makes the Mass truly a very joyous celebration. Each week, I choose texts that are related to the readings, and I always couple the texts with melodies you know, or hopefully would know. I still look for melodies and texts that I can introduce to you, for the God's Spirit is still alive through poets and hymn writers living today.

DECEMBER 25, 2021—JANUARY 1, 2022****We Remember at the Eucharist******Saturday 25**

8:100am. Jozepi DiSantis Riccomi (Living)
 10:00am Corozon Primera+
 Francisco Ibarra+
 12:00noon Lucille & Douglas Daniels+

Sunday 26

8:00am Harry Garland+
 10:00 am John Gomes Jr.+
 Maria Santa Maria+
 12:00 noon. Brady Family
 Lita Flinders+

Monday 27

8:15a.m. Virginia Roger+

Tuesday 28

8:15a.m. Laurie Voisenet (Living)

Wednesday 29

8:15a.m. Patty Gilmore+
 Jozepi DiSantis Riccomi (Living)

Thursday 30

10:00am Respect for the Dignity of Life

Friday 31

8:15am Pat Gilmore+

Saturday 1

10:00am
 4:30pm

***Please remember the Church of the
 Assumption in your will.***

FORMED

Assumption Faith Formation is reaching out for help to renew FORMED, our parish online platform for all things Catholic. If you can help with the cost, please write a check to "Church of the Assumption" with the word FORMED in the memo or on our giving page online www.assumptionsanleandro.org/giving.html.

FORMED Pick of the Week

Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled by Dr. Scott Hahn The **feast of the Holy Family** reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/marriage-and-family-love-unveiled-by-dr-scott-hahn>

Please pray for all those who are ill especially: Mary Melton, Don Rezente, and Eric Bertelsen

I thank the Assumption school children for their gift to me. They have really transformed me into being a better pastoral musician. During this pandemic, we are learning how to pray together through sung prayer while wearing a mask. After not singing for 17 months, the students have amazingly picked up where they left off. Their singing at the school Masses is incredible. It is a bit muffled with the masks on, but I can still hear them pray. Some younger grades are learning how to sing 2-part music, and the older grades are continuing to sing in 2-parts. Wow! I am so proud of all of our students. Please check out our school website click here for the YouTube recording of our Advent/Christmas concert which the students just made.

"May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the Magi, and the peace of the Christ child." Ray Pritchard

- Bill Vaughan

Assumption School Applications

Assumption School is currently accepting Early Bird applications for the 2022-2023 school year is now open, Openings in TK- 6th grade (7th and 8th are waiting list only).

Assumption School welcomes prospective students and families to our annual Open House on Sunday, January 30th from 11:00am to 1:30pm. The event will feature classrooms, displays and plenty of information to help families familiarize themselves to Assumption life. Early Bird Application and TK/T application Deadline is February 4. Application deadline for incoming Grades 1-8 is March 4

THANK YOU for your generosity!**Sunday Collection**

Week of December 12, 2021

\$7,090.50

WE MADE OUR WEEKLY GOAL!!!!!!

Religious Retirement

\$1,953.00

Friar Donation

\$2,579.00

Week of December 19, 2021

Available January 2, 2021

Weekly Goal \$7,000

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins