Fr. Leonard Marrujo, Parochial Administrator
Fr. Chris Berbena, Parochial Vicar
Bill Vaughan, Music Director
James Brady, RCIA/Adult Faith Formation
Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
Lana Rocheford, School Principal

CELEBRATIONS OF THE
UCHARIST
Saturday: 8:15 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekdays: 8:15 AM
Holy Days: 8:15 AM, 7:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday mornings after 8:15 AM

Office Hours:
8:30 AM-12:00 PM
1:30 PM-5:00 PM
School Office 510 357-8772
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He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
— Titus 3:5

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid”. These words continue to guide me as I make my personal spiritual journey in this life and the next, which gives me great comfort knowing that Jesus is always with me. He is with me in good times and in bad. He gives me the strength to soldier on and the tools to tackle any adversity and tribulations that I might encounter along the way. Just the mere knowledge of His presence comforts me and gets me through some of the toughest situations I have come across.

This Sunday we celebrate “The Baptism of the Lord” and this also marks the end of Christmas-tide. As we enter together as a parish community into “ordinary’ time, I am reminded of Jesus’ assuring me to “not be afraid”. The New Year is an unknown book we have yet to read. But given that, I see this as another great adventure in my life and in the life of the parish. Yes, there are unknowns to be encountered, yet we sally forth in confidence with the hope Jesus gave us at His Resurrection, that life does not end, but changes.

The Baptism of the Lord shows us the way we all must take, after all part of our baptism is to take up our obligation as members of Christ’ body and the priesthood each of us is given at Baptism.

The Body of Christ is, as St. Paul writes, one body but with many parts, so are we as members of this parish community. Parents and grandparents understand their obligation to teach and protect their children and they also have a duty, a baptismal right, to pass on their faith to the next generation. Along with this obligation they also have a responsibility to support their local parish community. In the coming weeks and months, I will write on the subject of stewardship and what that means to the whole parish community which also includes the school; without the parish there is no school. Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings supplied by God but also the Spiritual gifts that are provided through the Holy Spirit. Stewardship is an essential part of being community; to assist the pastor and ministers of the parish is part of our obligation as Catholics at Assumption parish.

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Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

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SCHOOL NEWS

We are happy to make this announcement to our early bird families who have come to visit our school during the 2019 Fall Trimester. Our 2020-2021 online application is now available to you! Call the school office on how to apply online.

We would also like to welcome you to our annual Open House on January 26, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. All prospective and current families are also welcome to come to our 9 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass the same day where we will introduce our Class of 2020 to the Assumption Parish.

Prospective families are welcome to come and tour our active classrooms and school grounds. Please make sure to schedule a tour. To schedule a tour please contact Christine Viviani at cviviani@csdo.org or call (510) 357-8772. We are excited to welcome you to Assumption School.

First Reconciliation for 2nd graders February 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Dad’s Club crab feed February 27th
March 15th St. Patrick’s dinner
More information to come!!!

Parish Crab Feed 2020

Join us on Saturday, February 8 for the Parish Crab Feed. Adults are $ 55.00 Teens 15 and under $ 30.00 5 and under free.

We will also be serving Pasta, rolls, salad and desserts

Please call the rectory office for tickets 510-352-1537. We will not be selling tickets at the door.

CYO

We are now accepting registrations for Spring CYO Boys Sand Volleyball, Track and Field and Girls Basketball. Please stop by the parish office or log into our website at assumption sanleandro.org and under CYO you can find all the registration forms. You may turn it in to the Rectory office or school office.

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

DECEMBER VISIT TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FOOD BANK

On Friday, December 20th, 2019 Olivia, Nicholas, and their mom, Angela Fernandez, Mr. Muller, an Assumption Parishioner, and I volunteered at the Alameda County Community Food Bank in Oakland.

It is a beautiful facility! Our shift was from 12:30 - 3:30. We sorted produce into individual bags for about an hour and 1/2, then we took a mandatory break and had a cookie. Then we were back sorting. The Berkeley High School Jazz Band played during our entire shift! At the end of our shift we toured the whole facility. We all felt this was a very worthwhile activity. We would like to do it again.

THANKS TO EVERYONE IN THE SOCIAL ACTION TEAM - STUDENTS, PARENTS, PARISHIONERS!

Donut Sunday was a lot of fun for all of us. We met parishioners, visited with one another, had a donut. Great job Social Action Team!

Financial Update for 1-6-2019

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St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice heard:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Through your generosity our members were able to give to our neighbors in need: a recliner to a disabled gentleman with leg issues, food to a disabled couple living in a motel, and clothing plus a grocery gift card to a woman caring full time for her brother. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking gently used tents, sleeping bags and warm coats to distribute to our neighbors in need. If you have any of these items call our Help-Line to arrange for the donations.

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

Called to Serve

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

World Day of the Sick

Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from the throughout the Diocese. Please join us in the special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population.

Saturday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral of Christ the Light.

This World day of the sick in Oakland will include:

- Mass
- Sacrament of anointing of the sick
- Blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers
- Distribution of Rosaries, Holy cards & Prayer petitions
- Alta Clinic open house
- Pope Francis Legal Clinic Health Care Directive

Reception to follow Mass, no RSVP is necessary, come share this Blessed opportunity. Parking will be available in the Kaiser Center parking garage.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille… A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The next Weekend Program begins February 21-23, 2020. For more information or to register visit our website at HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus & Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Our Weekends transform marriages!
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
January 11—January 18

Saturday  5:00  +

Sunday  7:30  Ruth McDonnell
        9:00  +
        10:30  +
        12:00  +

Monday  8:15  +

Tuesday  8:15  +

Wednesday  8:15  +

Thursday  8:15  +

Friday  8:15  Patty Gilmore  +

Saturday  8:15  Lori Guest  +
        5:00

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday  GYM  CYO
       H  Confirmation 12
       MC  Faith Formation 10

Monday  GYM  CYO 3:30

Tuesday  GYM  CYO 3:30

       H
       CR1  RCIA 7p.m.

Wednesday  CFR1  Lecture Series 10 a.m.

       H  Boys Scout 7p.m.
       Gym  CYO 3:30 p.m.

Thursday  Gym  CYO 3:30

Friday  Gym  CYO

Saturday  GYM  CYO

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

   Head Lector:
       Cathy Ralph  510 895-0420
   Altar Server Coordinators:
       Dennis Burigsay  510 895-1628
       Mike Tedeschi  510 357-9447

   Head Communion Minister:
       Faye Caruso  510 882-5002
   Head Usher:  Ed Hernandez  510 351-7025
   Head Greeter:  Hanne Gerardi  510-393-9989
   Ministry Scheduler:
       Giovanna Giuliani  510 872-9035

   Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:
       Mary Schirmer  510 352-1537

   St. Vincent de Paul
       Denis Ducey  510 352-6079

   Pastoral Council:
       Doug Taylor  510 638-3050

   School Board:
       Paul Carney  510 872-2452

   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:
       Mary Croak  510 352-1537

   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

   Hospitality Team

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 liturgy and faith formation programs, which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.