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
Dolores Hurtado, Bookkeeper
Lana Rocheford, School Principal

Office Hours:
8:30 AM-12:00 PM
1:30 PM-5:00 PM
School Office 510 357-8772
School Office Hours:
7:30 AM-3:30 PM

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
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 Liturgy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Every Wednesday 8:45-9:45 AM
We just finished another beautiful Christmas celebration, thanks to Bill Vaughan, the Assumption parish choir, The Hathaway’s and their talented team of decorators and all involved with making our Christmas eve and morning liturgies great.

As we come to the end of another year, they seem to go faster as we get older. I’m reminded of the many things that have happened in our parish, the community of San Leandro and the Bay Area. We have seen some of our dearest friends pass away, and some who moved away to other parts of the state or country. Its always sad to see people we like and love leave our parish. We have seen new events this past year and some old ones getting better and better as time goes by. Our future together seems bright, but we are still struggling to make ends meet.

The parish is still not meeting our weekly Sunday goal of $9,500. This is essential for us to meet our financial obligations to our staff and to the diocesan offices. Let us remember that each of us has an obligation to our community if we are to thrive as a self-sustaining parish. Staffing, maintenance of the parish plant, various religious programs all require funding and if we cannot meet this goal, then certain programs suffer. The parish finance committee has made a great effort in cutting back on non-essential items that can be deferred for a short time. But that means cost will go up as these items are delayed.

We are currently asking for quotes to replace the rectory heating system. This past fall we had to replace the sewer line from the rectory to the city sewer system, which as a homeowner you can imagine the cost we incurred on that project. All of these things cost money and this is where as your pastor I am asking you all to consider adding an additional $5 per family to each Sunday’s collection. That’s an additional $20 a month on top of what you’re already donating now. Now multiply that by six hundred families, that’s a whopping $12,000 a month! That small amount does add up allowing us to reach our goal each Sunday. Another thing, as the parish plant gets older, this includes the church, rectory, church hall, school building and gym and convent, more maintenance will be required to keep these structures safe for all to use.

In the coming months we will have a set of goals, and talks regarding Stewardship and what that means for the whole community. I wrote about stewardship last year, so now we will take action and will have a discussion sometime in the coming Spring. This will be a parish/school wide program encouraging parents, staff, teachers and church community to come together to help secure a financially stable future for all of us. I will have more information along with dates for you in the coming months. Remember to keep our whole parish and school in your thoughts, prayers and donations. Remember, the parish is not just one but many. As St. Paul writes: “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.”

Amen and God bless.
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.

Parish Crab Feed February 8
Dad's Club crab feed February 27th
March 15th St. Patrick’s dinner

KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

We will be meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020, from 10-11:30am in the Rectory Conference Room 1. Come and enjoy an hour and a half of creating one of a kind hats and scarves that we donate to young and old who are experiencing chemo/radiation treatments or persons in transition.

We have all the supplies you will need and patterns/designs that are easy to follow. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. See you on the 9th of January. If you or someone you know would like one of our sets, please give us a call.

Our thought for the month is "BE KIND and MEND A QUARREL"

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.
—John Henry Newman
Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your gifts during last weekend’s Fifth Sunday collection. Our ministry of outreach to our neighbors in need would not be possible without your generosity. During Christmas season we distributed boxes of food to 40 households and those with children were given gift cards to purchase a game or toy of their choice.

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

Registered Parishioner

If you are not a member of our parish and would like to become a member, please call the office at 510-352-1537.

There are also a form that you can fill out in the kiosk. You may turn it into the parish office.

You may ask for envelopes or EFT to make a donation.

Christmas Collection

Collection ...........$ 19,486.00
Goal ..................$ 20,000.00
Over/(Under).......$ (514.00)
Thank you so much for your Contribution!

Financial Update for 12-30-2019
Plate collection.............$ 5262.50
EFT........................ ....$ 280.00
Total.............................$ 5542.50
Goal..........................$ 9500.00
Over/(Under)................$(3957.50)

mail Scam

Please be aware of an ongoing phishing scam that involves emails purportedly people you many know in our parish. It appears that the sender is phishing for valid email addresses and if you respond, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance. In at least one instance, a request was made for gift cards. It's truly unfortunate that cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. There are common sense ways to avoid being scammed. If an e-mail contains an unusual request, contact the person directly. Do not use any phone number provided in the e-mail or click on any links in the email. In many, but not all cases, grammatical errors are present. For more information on phishing scams and email security, you can google (or search for) “RECOGNIZING PHISHING EMAILS.” The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint: https://www.ic3.gov

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
January 4– January 11

Saturday 5:00 Anna Griffin +
Sunday 7:30 Ann Graves +
9:00 Richard Palia +
10:30 Jose Rodrigues Oliveira +
12:00 Eileen McAvoy +

Monday 8:15 +
Tuesday 8:15 +
Wednesday 8:15 +
Thursday 8:15 Manuel Uribe +
Friday 8:15 +
Saturday 8:15 Lori Guest +
5:00

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday GYM CYO
Monday SH Drama 3:00pm
GYM CYO 3:30
Tuesday GYM CYO 3:30
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
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.