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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Satrurdays: 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
I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. — Psalm 121:1-2

As we continue our journey into the new school and parish year we find ourselves in a very busy time. Mary Schirmer is again planning and preparing for our second annual "Brats, Beer and Bingo" fundraiser. Last year’s event was astounding! Lots of good food, (who doesn’t like sausages?), great craft beers, and of course BINGO! The fundraiser brought in more than twice that was expected which in turn helped our youth ministry to offer more programs. I’m hoping this year to see even more donations for our youth.

The parish will see many new programs and events in the month of October and into November. We already had our first parish wine tasting fundraiser. Last weekend we blessed our animal friends and we prayed the rosary in commemoration of our Lady of Fatima. November will also see some fun events as well. I’ll write about that later.

A couple of Sundays ago I wrote about spiritual direction and what it is and what it is not. In concert with Our Lady of Fatima rosary recitation of last week, I would like to continue with spirituality and how we can grow into our faith.

Catholic spirituality includes the various ways in which Catholics live out our Baptismal promise through prayer and action. The primary prayer of all Catholics is the Eucharistic liturgy in which we celebrate and share our faith together, in accord with Jesus’ instruction: "Do this in memory of me." The Catholic bishops at the Second Vatican Council decreed that "devotions should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some fashion derived from it, and lead the people to it, since, in fact, the liturgy by its very nature far surpasses any of them."[1] In accord with this, many additional forms of prayer have developed over the centuries as means of animating one's personal Christian life, at times in gatherings with others. Each of the religious orders and congregations of the Catholic church, as well as lay groupings, has specifics to its own spirituality – its way of approaching God in prayer to foster its way of living out the Gospel.

Living the Gospels in today’s culture can be an arduous task. Indeed, many parent have asked me how can they get their sons, daughters, spouses to mass. My answer is always the same, just be a witness to your faith. Being a witness to one’s faith is, in my opinion, the best way to influence others. To get someone back into their faith requires not only your witness, but also the power of prayer and the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is allowed to do His job we will see the fruits of our prayers materialize and then we will know the real power of God. For God nothing is impossible. But we must keep the faith in order to witness the faith of others.

God bless.
In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary. Our prayer must always be an expression of our love of God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for all our benefactors in the parish that contribute money, gift cards and food toward our mission. We are most appreciative of your prayers for those we serve in our person-to-person outreach. This past week our conference helped a single working woman who had been living in her car with funds toward the deposit of an apartment. We also brought her food.

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

School News

"Congratulations to Assumption Alum Ryan Ilmberger who, on his 16th birthday, carried out an unusual family tradition: He soloed in an airplane. Like his father on his 16th birthday, Ryan flew an airplane by himself even before driving a car by himself."

**Upcoming Events**

Friday, October 25, thru Sunday, October 27th CYO 6th grade Volley ball tournament in the Assumption Gym.

**OCTOBER Is the month of the Rosary.** The Rosary Makers will give out free Rosaries in honor of our mother (The Rosary of Fatima) Who told us to pray the Rosary for Peace.

Friday, November 1, All Saints Mass at 8:15 a.m. Saturday November 2, Commemoration of all faithful departed. (All Souls) you may bring in a photo of your loved ones and will be in Church all month of November.

It is not too late to donate to the Catholic Voice. There is still time to make your donation if you did not do so last weekend. The Voice will not be mailing reminder envelopes, so please make a check payable to Church of the Assumption and drop it in the collection basket. If each family donates $30.00 it will help the parish defray the cost of $8,220.00.

Thank you so much if you have already sent in your donation.

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**PERSISTENCE**

Today’s readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God’s passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.
Vocations for Women

Is God Calling you to be a Sister? Come to a ONE DAY Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity on November 16th from 8:30am-6:00pm in Los Altos Hills, CA. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 srllaguna@doc1633.org www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/

RCIA and ADULT CONFIRMATION

Although our sessions have begun, there is still a chance to join us and seek Baptism! Adult Confirmation Candidates will receive Confirmation from Bishop Barber at the Cathedral this coming February! Even those of you who are fully initiated in the faith are welcome to join us all as we explore Catholicism, making visible the invisible truths of our faith as in the real Presence of Christ in Holy Eucharist. For more information and to sign up, contact Jim Brady by calling or texting 510-393-9396.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
DISCOVERING GOD’S PLAN
FOR YOUR LIFE

Adult Faith Formation will present a Theology of the Body video series featuring popular speaker Christopher West. Jim will supplement insights from Christian Personalism bringing us all to a deeper place marked by freedom, faithfulness, fruitfulness and love.

Mark your calendars for Monday nights 7 to 8:30 beginning on October 14th and ending on December 2nd. (Makeup sessions and childcare will be provided).

Sign up or seek more info by Calling or Texting Jim Brady at 510-393-9396.

Faith Formation Registration

It’s not too late to sign up for Faith Formation. Classes had already started, but ALL ARE WELCOME to participate in our classes. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ALERT!!!!
The Alameda County Food Bank has invited us to a special volunteer Fall Event Friday, December 20 from 12:30-3:30 at 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland.

During this event we would sort food, prepare it for distribution to 1 in 5 Alameda County residents that the Food Bank helps. The Food Bank will also offer tours of this facility. I have contacted them to see what the specific requirements are for students to participate in this event. I will post more information as soon as I receive it.

Mercy Retirement

Financial Update for October 20
Plate collection...........$
EFT..........................$
Total...........................$
Goal.......................... $9,500.00
Over/(Under)................$2,500.00
Will be in next week’s bulletin!

FRAGRANT FORGIVENESS
Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.
—Mark Twain
**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.