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8:30 AM-12:00 PM
1:30 PM-5:00PM
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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 12:00PM
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
My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God. — Psalm 17:5

Today we celebrate the sacrifices our brave men and women who serve or have served in the military and their families and friends by inviting them to a special blessing during our regular weekend liturgies.

This Veterans Day, make a difference in the lives of present and former military members. Just thanking a veteran can go a long way, but an act of kindness means even more. Here are few ways we can show vets that we appreciate the sacrifices they and their families make. **PICK UP THE TAB FOR THEIR COFFEE OR MEAL.** The next time you see a veteran in a restaurant or standing in line for coffee, pick up the tab. You can do so anonymously if you would prefer, but even a quick "thank you for your service" would mean a lot to the veteran. You don't have to limit yourself to dinner or a latte—you could pay for a tank of gas, a prescription, or a cart of groceries.

**DRIVE A VET TO A DOCTOR’S APPOINTMENT.** Many vets, especially those who are infirm or disabled, have trouble making it to their doctor appointments. Give it a try by contacting the local VA hospital. **TRAIN A SERVICE DOG.** Service dogs are a great help to veterans with mobile disabilities and post-traumatic stress disorder, helping them rediscover physical and emotional independence. It takes approximately two years and $33,000 to properly train one service dog, so donations and training volunteers are critical. Even if you aren't equipped to train a dog, some organizations need "weekend puppy raisers," which help service dogs learn how to socialize, play, and interact with different types of people.

There are several organizations that provide this service for veterans, including Patriot Paws and Puppy Jake. **WRITE A LETTER.** Operation Gratitude is an organization that coordinates care packages, gifts, and letters of thanks to veterans. You can work through them to send your appreciation to a vet, or volunteer to help assemble care packages. And, if you still have candy kicking around from Halloween, Operation Gratitude also mails sweets to deployed troops.

**VOLUNTEER AT A VA HOSPITAL.** Whatever your talents are, they'll certainly be utilized at a Veterans Hospital. From working directly with patients to helping with recreational programs or even just providing companionship, your local VA Hospital would be thrilled to have a few hours of your time. **HELP THEM WITH JOB TRAINING.** Adjusting back to civilian life isn't always smooth sailing. Hire Heroes helps vets with interview skills, resumes, and training so they can find a post-military career. They even partner with various employers to host a job board. Through Hire Heroes, you can help veterans with mock interviews, career counseling, job searches, workshops, and more.

These suggestions are easy to accomplish, but it does require our own sacrifices of time and energy. Let's remember our men and women who are in need our love, care and support. God bless.

The office will be closed on Monday, November 11th.
**Upcoming Events**

**November 19**

**TK and Kindergarten Social**

5:30-7p.m.

Enjoy a play date with our community, visit our TK and K classrooms. Pizza and refreshments will be served as you meet the principal, teachers and current families. Contact the school office for more information. 510-357-8772.

Assumption School’s annual **St. Nick’s Boutique**, benefiting the Davis Street Preschool Hot Breakfast Program, will be held on Friday, December 6th. Brian Copeland, an Assumption alumni family, started this tradition 20+ years ago. The program feeds a hot breakfast to 40 preschoolers 251 days a year. That is over 10,000 meals! Last year we raised $5,000, and we hope to raise just as much -- or more! -- this year.

We need your help! We are accepting donations of gift items that the children can purchase for their families, pets and friends. Gently used items make thoughtful gifts. Picture frames can be filled with photos and tea cups and mugs can be filled with candy or tea. We especially need items for dads and grandpas! Donations can be dropped off in the box at the back of the church labeled ST. NICK’S BOUTIQUE or at the school office beginning Monday, November 17th.

For more information contact Allison Pretto at 510-299-4593 or alliepretto@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity

**Tree Lighting**

Our second annual Tree Lighting and caroling party will be held on **Sunday, December 1, 2019** starting at 5 p.m. in front of the church. This event was so much fun last year that we are bringing it back for a second year! Bring your friends and neighbors. More details will be coming soon! *This is the Sunday following Thanksgiving and a perfect way to welcome the Advent Season!*

**Women’s Advent by Candlelight**

This year’s Advent by Candlelight will be on Thursday, December 5th at 7pm. We will need hostesses, let us know if you’d like to be a hostess this year for this special event.

**Breakfast with Santa!**

This fun event will be held on **Sunday, December 8th**. Breakfast will be available from 8:30 a.m. through noon. Santa will be here from 9:00 - noon. Have you been good this year? Save your extra change for Blitzen’s Mimosa Bar and the Hot Chocolate Bar! Fliers will be out soon, but we wanted you to save this important date!

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

We will celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 at 7p.m. with mariachi band followed by celebration in small hall .

**Knitting and Crochet**

You are all welcome to come on Thursday, November 4, from 10-11:30am in the Rectory Conference Room. If you want to learn to crochet/knit or refresh your skill we will be happy to show you how and/or get you up to date, this is the perfect time to come.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. We are an outreach ministry who knit/crochet hats, scarves, blankets for men/women going thru radiation/chemo treatments, newborns leaving the hospital, veterans recuperating from injuries or April Showers/Warming Centers.

All of our yarn is donated by our parishioners. See you on the 14th.
St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Grocery Drive: If you picked up a grocery bag but have not yet returned it and would like to do so, please bring it next weekend. Your donation need not be in the bags provided. Any donation of nonperishable food items is appreciated. Grocery gift card option: You may choose to donate a grocery gift card in the amount of $10-20 in addition or in lieu of food donations. A gift card will be included in the Thanksgiving food baskets so that recipients can purchase a holiday turkey. Gift cards should be deposited in the collection basket at any Mass.

Please do not place the gift card in an envelope. Your generosity will enrich Thanksgiving for those in need. God bless you for your kindness, and may you have a wonderful holiday season.

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

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. Today’s readings remind us that our own lives will draw to a close one day, and we can be certain that the Lord will encourage, strengthen, and save us—both now and at the last. The astonishing story of the Maccabees invigorates our faith as we behold an entire family willing to die rather than deny the Law of Moses. The psalm response echoes the faithful cries of the Maccabees: “I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.” That same confidence appears in Saint Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians. “The Lord is faithful,” he testifies; “he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” In the Gospel, Jesus explains just how long God’s protection will endure. The children of God whom God guards, Jesus says, will live forever like angels.

RCIA

All Adult Parishioners (18 and over) are invited to join us in the Conference Room of the Rectory next to the church on Monday nights November 4th and/or Nov 11th for lessons and discussions on The Marriage Made in Heaven and for Earth respectively. These are fascinating insights from Saint John Paul 2’s Theology of the Body. Hope to see you there!

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 srilaguna@doc1633.org www.daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/

Give the Gift of Life! American Red Cross Blood Drives

Saturday, December 7th, 7 am – 1 pm and Tuesday, December 24th, 8:30 am - 1 pm in the Small Hall

The holidays are a great time to give back to the community by giving blood. Your donation will save 3 lives. Due to the recent fires, the Red Cross has had to cancel many blood drives. You can help pick up the slack and join one of our drives—you can make a difference in somebody’s life! Please contact Jan at jkehoe.blood@yahoo.com or 510-352-2624 for an appointment

Financial Update for October 21
Plate collection…………….$ 9291.00
EFT………………………   $  1575.00
Total………………………..$ 10,866.00
Goal………………………   $ 9,500.00
Over/(Under)………………$ 1,366.00

PERSPECTIVE

We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean! —St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**
November 9—November 16, 2019

**Saturday**
5:00 Manuel Uribe +

**Sunday**
7:30 Henry Fernandes +
9:00 Maurice Gracias +
10:30 Jose Rodrigues Oliveira +
12:00 Matthew Ruggiero (L)

**Monday**
8:15 Benito Mercado +

**Tuesday**
8:15 Gernando Pantaleoni +

**Wednesday**
8:15 Walt Bielaski & Polly Smith +

**Thursday**
8:15 John & Irene George +

**Friday**
8:15 Shannon Brady (L)

**Saturday**
8:15 Jawharlal Pimenta +
5:00 Guadalupe & Iganacio Gutierrez +

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday**
GYM CYO 3:30 p.m.
Con Theology 7 p.m.

**Monday**
GYM CYO 3:30 p.m.
CR RCIA 7 p.m.
CR PC 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**
GYM CYO 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**
CFR1 Lecture Series 10 a.m.
CH Children’s Choir 2 p.m.
H Girls Scout 6 p.m.
H Boys Scout 7 p.m.
Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.

**Thursday**
Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.

**Friday**
Gym CYO 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday**
GYM CYO 9 a.m.

**Sunday**
GYM CYO 1 p.m.
SH Confirmation
MC Faith Formation

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**Head Lector:**
Cathy Ralph..........................510 895-0420

**Altar Server Coordinators:**
Dennis Burigsay......................510 895-1628
Mike Tedeschi.......................510 357-9447

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Ed Hernandez.........................510 351-7025

**Head Greeter:**
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**Ministry Scheduler:**
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**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

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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.