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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

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
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song. — Psalm 98:5

As your pastor and spiritual father, I would like very much to say thank you for your continued support and efforts in making this parish a welcoming and vibrant community of believers. Since the beginning of the school year we have had already several parish/school events by gathering all of our community together and enjoying each others company. We started the year with the school blessing of the kindergarten and TK classes followed with the parish picnic and continuing on with our first wine tasting fundraiser, Brats, Beer and Bingo, School Festival, and now we’re going into the Thanksgiving, and Christmas season and their related events. I will write more on those later. Soon our great nation will be celebrating a tradition that dates back to the very beginning of our nations founding.

This very secular of holiday does in fact have its origins in faith and the acknowledgment of the great creator. This is a holiday of gratitude to the almighty for the abundance of food our nation’s farmer’s produce. In fact we produce so much food that tons of it is either destroyed or set to other countries. It is important to remember how blessed we are as a country and people for the plentiful and copious varieties of foods we enjoy. Let us also remember that each culture from around the world that settles and makes their homes here also brings with them their traditions of cooking which contributes to the diversity of foods we eat and share. In California for example, we can have a cup of coffee with a croissant in the morning and for lunch we can order a burrito and for dinner Chinese take-out. And the next day we can have a whole new menu to choose from. Thanksgiving for me is thanking God for these things, my family, the varied cultures and ethnic groups that have settled here giving us foods, music, the arts, and traditions we would otherwise never know. Knowing these things helps us to understand others outside our comfort zone. To see other things and learn our differences is important for all if we are to survive as a nation. In many ways I don’t think the founding fathers could’ve imagined how this nation they set forth would evolved and I wonder whether they would be pleased by what they set forth. In the Bible, the meaning of thanksgiving reflected adoration, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving was a grateful language to God as an act of worship. Rarely, if ever, was thanksgiving extended to any person or thing, except God. “These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng” (Psalm 42:4). Long before the colonists celebrated their successes, Nehemiah assembled two great choirs to give thanks for God’s faithfulness in rebuilding the wall. “ . . . The Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully and dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps, and lyres” (Nehemiah 12:27).

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God. Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings. “. . . In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6). Thanksgiving is an attitude of the heart that reinforces an intimate relationship with God.

Next week I’ll write more about Thanksgiving and how we can give more of ourselves to the wider community of San Leandro. God bless.
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!

Assumption Women’s Cursillo Community is happy to announce our Annual Advent by Candlelight – Assumption’s Prayer Service for Women which will be Thursday December 5th at 7PM in our Gym.

It is a magical evening of reflection, fellowship & beautiful one of a kind table settings to start our Advent Season.

Please see the flyer in the bulletin, or on the back tables, for more information.

ALSO, we are in need of table hostess, please let us know asap if you are available to host a table this year, we always sell out.

Please call Faye Caruso at (510) 882-5002 to reserve your spot, the deadline is Friday, Nov. 29th

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.

School News

Thank you Fifth Grade for organizing our 9 AM Mass today!

Congratulations to Assumption School's seventh and eighth grade honor students! Distinguished Honors students number 19, with grades averaging 98%. Honors students number 14 with grades averaging 95%. Great job, Students!

November 19th from 5:30-7 is Assumption School's TK/K Social for current and prospective families. Families will enjoy pizza; be introduced
**St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank everyone for their generosity during our food drive. We are preparing food boxes with gift cards and warm clothing for distribution next weekend. If you still have non-perishable food items you wish to donate you may place them in the SVdP basket in the vestibule of the church. Meanwhile our members continue to reach out to our neighbors through person-to-person service. We helped one family with a past due utility bill and food. A second family was assisted with rent and food.

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

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**LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR**

Today’s readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in “toil and drudgery” as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God’s saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun’s “healing rays,” and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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**Give the Gift of Life! American Red Cross Blood Drives**

Saturday, December 14th, 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 ikehoe.blood@yahoo.com or 510-352-2624 for an appointment.

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**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

The second collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be on November 23-24. CCHD is a program of the US Catholic Bishops which funds local grassroots organizations that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. Among the groups being supported by CCHD this year in our diocese is Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. CCHD will fund a CCIH program to engage its formerly homeless residents to take an active role in local and statewide political discourse around the need for permanent affordable housing. This will be done through several means, including the training of a group of resident leaders to speak to elected officials about homelessness and housing issues. By supporting this collection, you are assisting East Bay organizations doing important work like this. Please be generous.

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**Financial Update for October 21**

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**PEACE**

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

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**Thank you!**
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
November 16—November 23, 2019

Saturday 5:00 Guadalupe & Ignacio Gutierrez +

Sunday 7:30 John Henriques +
9:00 Brigida Fernandes +
10:30 Polly Smit +
12:00 Patrick Michael Finnegan Maroney +

Monday 8:15 Gloria Justus +

Tuesday 8:15 Chuck Elizondo +

Wednesday 8:15 Anna & Jeremiah Gomes +

Thursday 8:15 Fr. Augustine, OSB +

Friday 8:15 Dr. John Galindo +

Saturday 8:15
5:00 Mel Calegari +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday  MC  Faith Formation
          SH  Confirmation
Monday    GYM  CYO 3:30 p.m.
          Con  Theology 7 p.m.
Tuesday  GYM  CYO 3:30 pm
          CR  RCIA 7 p.m.
          CR  Dad’s Club 7pm
          SH  TK gathering
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.
          SH  Choir festival 4
Saturday GYM  CYO 9 a.m.
          MC  St. Vincent de Paul
Sunday   GYM  CYO 1 p.m.

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:
Pual 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.