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 12:00PM
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
These last few weeks have been devastating to the people of California who live in Sonoma county and parts of Southern California. Wildfires now seem to be a part of our fall season and believe me that’s not good. I love the Fall, but the last several years have made me nervous and hesitant in welcoming this once tranquil season. This is suppose to be a time of transition from Summer to Winter.

The Fall has so much to offer and yet here we are in the middle of another devastating fire season. The firestorm of 2017 and 2018 were horrible in themselves, but now here we are in 2019 and it doesn’t seem to be better than the previous years. I remember the destructive fire that rampaged through the Oakland and Berkeley hills in 1991. Many lives were lost and numerous homes and buildings were burned to the ground. Both cities learned a lesson in wildfire prevention, or did they? Wildfires are in themselves catastrophic and burn their way without any regard. Yet, these fires are part of nature’s way of cleaning house. I read an article years ago that in order for a redwood forest to regenerate they require fire to jumpstart the process. The idea of fire as life giving is beyond our normal understanding. We often think and see the disastrous results of wildfires by the destructive paths left behind. A great fire can burn thousands of acre and with a strong and mighty wind can cause an even more cataclysmic event as we are currently witnessing with these new fires.

I often think if I had to make a decision about leaving my home what items would I take with me. Perhaps the photographs of my two grandfathers and great uncles. Or the drafting tools my father gave me before his death. Or some of my artwork that is currently in drawers. Or would I be practical and take just my important financial papers and documents? What is my priority? Honestly, I cannot say as I’ve never been placed in situation where I had to make that kind of decision in my life... so far. In the scheme of life what do we find most important, what is our priority? Some material things are replaceable, people are not. Do we help others in such devastating situations or is self preservation more urgent.

These are questions and actions we will not know until such time we are tested. And only then will we know the answer; am I a coward or am I brave? We won’t know. During this horrific time let us keep our brothers and sisters in our prayers. Here is a prayer I encourage you to use as we all fight for our beloved state and fellow men and women: Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent natural disasters. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort.
St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Grocery Drive: Grocery bags with a shopping list of suggested items attached are available at all Masses this weekend. You are encouraged to take a bag and return it with any or all of the foods listed. 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 need of assistance please call our Help-Line at 510 352-6079.

November 17th Donut Sunday

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.

Sunday, November 3rd. Social Action Team meeting at 10:15-11:15 in the Ministry Center. Planning the Breakfast and Bingo for the Assumption Parishioners.

Thursday, November 14th, Food Pantry big crate sorting.

Sunday, November 17th, Breakfast and Bingo for Assumption Parishioners at 8-11a.m.

School News

The school's Maker Space now contains a laser cutter, 3-D printer and sphero robots. Opportunities to MAKE things in the MAKER space will take place in the coming weeks with Mr. D leading this important effort.

A big thanks to the 39 folks who walked with Mr. Denis Ducey in honor of his deceased wife and our beloved teacher, Marnelle, in the 2019 Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.

Congratulations to all for a successful Fun Run which made the school over $20,000! After the primary grades' Fun Run, 8th graders helped relax the TK, Kindergarten and first graders with each 8th grader spending 45 minutes with a primary grade student reading a storybook and completing a color activity. Buddy activities are a great way to support learning in the lower grades and provide some leadership skills for our upper grades.

Fourth grade spent a day at the Cathedral of Christ the Light enjoying a tour with Mrs. Domin, retired Assumption Kindergarten Teacher and Cathedral Docent, attending noon Mass, and showing off their voices with Mr. Vaughan playing the Cathedral's organ.

Sixth graders and Mr. Poon spent a day at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum to support their study of Ancient Civilizations and their upcoming study of Egypt. They explored rooms covering the different eras and aspects of Ancient Egypt and, at the end of the visit, entered into a replica of a tomb and discover how Ancient Egyptians buried their dead.

The Social Action Team sponsored a table at the Dia de los Muertos Event at Bancroft Middle School remembering their loved ones and sharing information about our school, our students and activities.
Social Action Team

Thursday October 24th 4:30pm - 6:00pm: Students Olivia Fernandez, Luke Childs, Avery Vogelstone, Ben Prater, Sophia Parisotto, Henry Vogelstone, Moms Angela Fernandez and Christine Ruiz and myself redistributed 150 cartons of 1 dozen eggs so that each carton contained 9 eggs, and with the eggs we removed we filled about 50 more cartons with 9 eggs in each. Thus we had around 200 egg cartons each filled with 9 eggs for the Pantry guests!

We also sorted bags from the Alameda County Food Bank. The Food Bank had delivered one of their giant containers filled with bags containing soups, canned meat, and other non perishable foods. We sorted all those items and left in each bag all the individual high protein items such as cheeses sticks and beef jerky to be distributed to April Showers guests. Thanks to all who helped!

The Food Bank is now on schedule to deliver at least one of those giant containers to the Bancroft Food Pantry on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

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

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God’s glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to “the LORD of the whole universe.” Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God’s greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke’s Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

Financial Update for October 21
Plate collection……………$ 5728.00
EFT……………………… $ 960.00
Total……………………….. $ 6688.00
Goal……………………… $9,500.00
Over/(Under)………………$ (2812.00)

BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor. —St. Charles Borromeo

#GiveCatholic
Thank you!
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
November 2,—November 9, 2019

Saturday  5:00  Allan Aquino  (L)
Sunday   7:30  Frank McDonnell  +
          9:00  Isabel Luisotti  +
          10:30 Prudencia Pavo  +
          12:00 Italo DiTano  +
Monday    8:15  Rodolfo Mercado  +
Tuesday   8:15  Joe M. Gonzales  +
Wednesday 8:15  Pat Gilmore  +
Thursday  8:15  Lucita Lalimarmo  +
Friday    8:15  John Gomes Jr.  +
Saturday  8:15  Nena & Felix Ferraer  +
          5:00  Manuel Uribe  +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday  GYM  CYO 12p.m.
       SH  Confirmation 12p.m.
       MC  FF 10:15a.m.
Monday GYM  CYO 6p.m.
          Con  Theology 7p.m.
Tuesday GYM  CYO 3:30 pm
           CR  RCIA 7p.m.
           SH  SB 7p.m.
Wednesday CFR1 Lecture Series 10 a.m.
          CH  Children’s Choir 2p.m.
          H   Girls Scout 6 p.m.
          H   Boys Scout 7p.m.
          Gym  CYO 3:30 p.m.
Thursday Gym  CYO 3:30 p.m.
Friday    Gym  CYO 3:30 p.m.
Saturday GYM  CYO 9a.m.
Sunday   GYM  CYO 1p.m.
       SH  Confirmation 12p.m.
      MC  FF 10:15a.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:
  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.