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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
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

Today marks the third Sunday of Advent or the halfway mark until Christmas. Today is also known as Gaudete Sunday and so on this day the priest’s vestment can either be purple or rose. On one Sunday during Advent and Lent, priests have the option of wearing a rose chasuble. I haven’t yet purchased a “rose” vestment, but I am looking into purchasing such an outfit. On me such a color as rose would make me look like a bottle of Pepto-Bismol. While the choice of color and the priest’s comments might elicit a number of chuckles from the congregation, rose vestments have been part of the Church’s tradition for many centuries. It is, in fact, a beautiful color that has deep symbolic meaning. This color, which is only worn twice in the whole liturgical year, is traditionally associated with a sense of joy amidst a season of penance. On both Sundays (Gaudete in Advent and Laetare in Lent), rose is worn to remind us that the season of preparation is coming to a close and the great feast is swiftly approaching. Even the Entrance Antiphon that is traditionally sung at the beginning of Mass on Laetare Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent) speaks of the joy we should possess: “Lætare Jerusalem: et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum lætitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae.” Psalm: “I rejoiced when they said to me: “We shall go into God’s House!”

When we see the color rose at Mass we are beckoned to rejoice; the season of penance is coming to a close and the celebration of Christ’s Resurrection draws near!” Pope Francis, throughout his pontificate, has put much emphasis on joy and even dedicated an entire encyclical to the “Joy of the Gospel.” He wrote in the opening paragraph about what should fill the hearts of every Christian. “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.”

As we continue our Advent preparation and journey, and as we approach the Nativity of our Lord, remember to keep Christ our Savior as the center of this season. For it is not gifts that bring us happiness, but the love of God and others. Happy Gaudete Sunday and God bless.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

Christmas Schedule

December 24th
5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

December 25th
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

January 1, 2020
10 a.m.
If you have not turned in your tag with the presents, please do so ASAP. We are planning to sort them out on Sunday the 15th and if we are missing some presents, we will need to go out buy presents for those tags that are not returned. Please turn them in ASAP, we do not want to have a child without a gift.

Social Action Team
Social Action Team is invited to help serve, assist with the crafts table and Santa photos at the Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 8. We will be helping with crafts and read a Christmas story to the younger children, while children are waiting for their photo with Santa.

Social Action Team will hosts Sunday donuts on December 15 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Weather permitting we will do this in the picnic area next to the church. If it is raining we will be in the small hall.

December 21st is the day of our visit to the Alameda County Food Bank.

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

First Grade Christmas Pageant
Come watch the kindergarten’s Christmas Pageant at 10a.m. in the church.

January 26th Catholic Schools’ week begin.
Presentation of the 8th grade class of 2020

Parish Crab Feed February 8

Dad’s Club crab feed February 27th
In Today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up His ministry, but we can’t just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for the opportunity to speak with the congregation about our ministry, His ministry, this week. Recently we helped three families with groceries, one of these with we assisted with a past due utility bill and one with rent assistance.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call our Help-Line at 510 353-6079.

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

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Financial Update for
Plate collection.............$ 4918.88
EFT.......................... $ 910.00
Total........................$ 5168.88
Goal.........................$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under)..............$ (4332.00)

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Weekly Offering

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WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
December 14—December 21

Saturday  5:00  George Aguiar Sr.+

Sunday 7:30 Marnelle Vieira-Ducey +
      9:00 Ramona Balbuena +
      10:30 Jeanne & Henrietta Du Pont+
      12:00 Manuel Silvera Soares +

Monday 8:15 Lolital Pimenta +

Tuesday 8:15 Zeny Tango +

Wednesday 8:15 Emese Seeberger +

Thursday 8:15 Linsa Tikkanent +

Friday 8:15 Claire Canning +

Saturday 8:15 Fr. Joe Ferreira +
      5:00 Polly Smith +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday  MC  Faith Formation 10:30
       SH  Confirmation 1:00 p.m.
     Gym  CYO 9 pm

Monday  Gym  CYO 3:30

Tuesday  CR1  RCIA 7 p.m.

Wednesday CFR1 Lecture Series 10 a.m.
         H  Boys Scout 7 p.m.
      Gym  CYO 3:30 p.m.
         Gym  CYO

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.
       MC  Faith Formation 10:30
       SH  Confirmation 1:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector:
  Cathy Ralph………………………….510 895-0420
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  Dennis Burigsay……………………510 895-1628
  Mike Tedeschi……………………510 357-9447
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Head Usher: Ed Hernandez………510 351-7025
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  George Brandt………………510-410-5819

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  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

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  JoMarie Stavosky…………510 889-9469
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  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.