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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
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2019
God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. — Baruch 5:7

Last week was the beginning of the first Sunday of Advent, our new Liturgical year, or the church’s “New Year” celebration. Unlike our secular version of New Years, our year begins four weeks before Christmas and continues from December to Epiphany in January of 2020. The Church year continues from ordinary time to Easter and so forth. During this period the Church gives us an incredible opportunity for a powerful encounter with Jesus. In her genius, the Church invites us during Advent to take a step back and look at who we are, what we are doing, and where Jesus fits into our lives.

Jesus came into this world at that first Christmas for us, to bring meaning and deep satisfaction into our lives, to fill us with lasting joy, and ultimately to bring us to eternal happiness with him in heaven. That’s what we celebrate at Christmas.

Are we ready? In the Second reading of last week St. Paul’s letter poses the question of preparing ourselves for our final journey; are we ready and prepared for Christ’ coming. Some think Christmas is only one day out of the year, but what most people forget is that Christmas is an entire season ending with Epiphany in January. But for now let’s focus on Advent only. Yes, Advent is an entire season unto itself. It is a four week period prior to Christmas morning. It is a time for us as Catholics to prepare our minds and souls for the inevitable, that is the end our time on earth and the preparation of another part of our journey. God had taken on human flesh so that he may be with us on earth. To sacrifice himself in the form of a human person so that he can share in our human experience and existence. Think about it this way.

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. You wouldn’t show up to play in a football game and expect to win if you had not been training. You wouldn’t show up unprepared to give a big presentation at work and expect to get the project. We don’t expect to excel in exams if we have not studied. Consider the preparation that goes into hosting a barbecue, a dinner party, or a wedding.

Now I don’t mean the typical Christmas preparations. Buying and wrapping presents. Baking cookies. Planning parties. Putting up the lights, the tree, and other decorations. I mean preparing you. When was the last time you prepared your heart for Jesus’ coming at Christmas? Looking for a simple way to start preparing your heart to receive the Jesus, this Christmas season? I suggest you go to the parish website, there I’ve posted some spiritual books and movies for you to enjoy. Please, take this time to really prepare yourself and your loved ones for the great adventure we are sharing together. God bless.

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th.
5:00 P.M. 10:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 25th.
9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 1st.
10:00 A.M.
School News

Our school Advent and Christmas concert is this Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 in the church. Please join us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

All parishioners and guests are invited to participate in our first Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Thursday December 12, 2019. The celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. with traditional mañanitas followed by mass. Music will be provided by Mariachi Colima. More mariachi music, pastries and refreshments to follow mass in the small hall. Please note: The potluck has been cancelled. We hope that you will join us to honor our blessed mother, Patroness of the Americas.

JESSE TO JESUS TREE

We once again have the opportunity to show the true meaning of the blessed Christmas Season to our families both in our Assumption Parish and our larger church family at St. Benedict's in Oakland. The tags are on boards in the back of the church. We are asking that the gifts be returned back to the church no later than December 13th. Thank you so much for your generosity. The difference you all make in the lives of others is inspiring and a sign of God's presence in our world

KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

Come and spend an hour and a half with us on Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 10:00am-11:30am in the Rectory Conference Room 1. Enjoying not only your knowledge of knitting/crochet but also a time getting to know other women in our parish.

We wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year, "2020" with a suggestion from us to you.

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING—LET US BE KIND

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.

I want to thank all SAT students and families for your generosity and hard work during our November activities. You participated in the Dias de los Muertos celebration, washed cars and hosted a lovely Breakfast and Bingo event for the parish! Ms. Garcia delivered the $420.00 we earned at the carwash/bakesale to the Directress of Orfanato Emmanuel in Tijuana. We collected $200.00 from the Breakfast and Bingo which I will take to Ms. Alvarez, the principal at Washington Elementary School.
St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul our members were able to service 35 families with Thanksgiving boxes. We also recently helped four families with past due utility bills. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call our Help-Line at 510 352-6079.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation invites YOU to an evening with St. Thomas Aquinas, the brilliant Dominican saint! Widely considered one of the greatest minds in the history of Western Civilization, Thomas angelically and definitively articulated our Catholic understanding of God in his famous *Summa theologiae*. This viewing will be held tomorrow night December 9 in the Conference Room from 7 to 8:30. Simply enter the front door of the Rectory to the right of the church. Hope to see you there! For more information contact Jim Brady 510-393-9396.

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 jkehrue.blood@yahoo.com or 510-352-2624 for an appointment.

RICHES
Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn’t big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God’s salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God’s salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can’t get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality present: *New Year’s Eve Retreat with Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P.*
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – 7-10:30pm – Free Will Offering
Dominican Center - 43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra) Fremont, CA 94539  Register by 12/28/19

Financial Update for
Plate collection……………$7126.50
EFT……………………… $ 250.00
Total……………………..$ 7376.50
Goal……………………… $ 9,500.00
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WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
December 7—December 14

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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 Giulian……510 872-9035
- **Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:**
  - Mary Schirmer…………510 352-1537
- **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.