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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

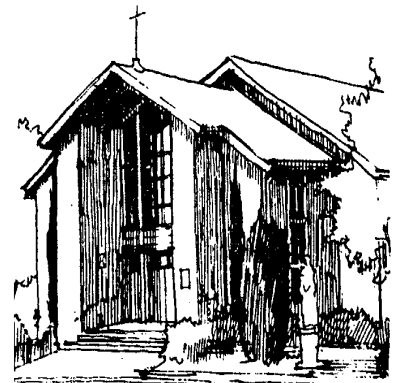
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



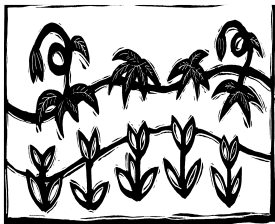
Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:

the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Word from the Pastor

St. Benedict's Rule stands tall in the great traditions of Christian monasticism. It is a Christian rule in the sense that its spiritual doctrine picks up on the values of the Bible (e.g., prayer, fasting, service to others) and arranges for a life in which these values can be lived out in community. Benedict's rule is not written for monastic hermits, though Benedict has a high regard for them; it is written for ordinary Christians who wish to immerse themselves in a pattern of living in which the life of Christ can be lived out with understanding and zeal.

One of the things I most emphasize with everyone I meet, either in spiritual direction, reconciliation, or in everyday conversation, is the importance of deepening one's faith. It is especially important during this Lenten season to seek a different way of conducting oneself for the sake of our soul, a type of prayer and discipline one can follow with satisfaction and peace of mind. In our noisy and materialistic world the rule of Benedict can be adapted to meet our present needs, but it can take some considerable time, practice and discipline if one is to achieve the desired spiritual effects. Thomas Merton writes: "Spirit of love and communion, give me grace to understand the mind of Christ. Let me do his will by obedience to the revelation of the Father's will that all of us be one body. I cannot understand the depths of this mystery. Give me the grace to love it." Merton suggests that to understand this great mystery we must be opened to God's grace. To love something that cannot be seen and in many ways understood, does require the gift of grace in order to believe in the unknowable, that which cannot be physically known. The concept of a God who sends forth His Son to reconcile our friendship in order to forgive the sins our original parents committed, seems rather fantastical. We read in Scripture the whole of salvation history beginning with

Genesis and on through the Resurrection. Given this sensational narrative, how does one reconcile our faith in this modern, secular society where everything must be proven scientifically for it to be taken seriously. Deepening our faith and countering opposition to that faith requires guidance and discipline. Here St. Benedict's rule can be most helpful in guiding us spiritually and assisting us to remain faithful to our Catholic Christian understanding of the world in which we live.

St. Benedict insists: "What, dear brothers, is sweeter than the voice of the Lord calling to us? See how the Lord in His love shows us the way of life." Benedict's Book of Rules is a set of guidelines and suggestions for us to follow and is by no means so strict that one will be punished for not adhering to them as law. But if we are to follow them, let us make a conscience effort to truly understand their practical application in our lives. To follow these rules is to find freedom in following Christ and His Church, and so strengthen our relationship with God. This, after all, is our ultimate goal in this world and the next. God Bless.

Bishop's Appeal 2019 Rebuild My Church

Bishop Barber personally chose the theme for this year's Bishop's Appeal. "**Rebuild My Church**" was the message Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis. With time, Francis came to understand his mission in a spiritual sense: to return the church to the radical simplicity of the gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor. Other people joined Francis in his life of poverty, dedicating their lives to the teachings of Christ and by doing so, "Rebuilding Christ's Church".

The Bishop calls on us today to assist him in strengthening three pillars of our faith: experiencing Sunday Mass; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and forming ourselves into missionary disciples. We can do this by contributing to the Bishop's Appeal to work together to Rebuild Christ's Church here in the Dioceses of Oakland.

What's Happening?

Many thanks to our Middle School Social Action Team lead by Nancy Pretto and Gorett Allenbach for hosting a fabulous breakfast and Bingo for our 7:30a.m. Mass community. A good time was had by all as they munched on home-made breakfast casseroles and baked goods. Bingo was led by the youth, with winners walking away with potted succulents.

Faith Formation is in full swing and our sacrament class is getting ready to receive First Eucharist on May 18. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of preparation. Faith Formation meets on various Sundays in the Ministry Center from 10:15-11:30a.m.

On Sundays from 3:30-5:00p.m. kids aged 7-17 years meet in the small hall and come together for games, snacks and activities. No prior sign up is necessary and all are welcome to join our Youth Group.

Vacation Bible School ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good!

Church of the Assumption is excited to announce the return of our Vacation Bible School! The VBS session will be held here on June 17 through the 21st, 2019 from 9:00a.m. to 12p.m. All ages are welcome...preschool and older! We need campers, counselors and counselors-in-training. More information is on the way.

At the School

This past week some of our students took part in some special events. On March 25 the 8th grade Genius Project took place. On March 26 the 6th graders toured Semifreddi Bakery and on the 27th the 5th graders had an overnight field trip to the Balclutha.

Mr. D's Sport's Zone will be open again this summer for K-7th graders. Sessions start June 17 and run through August 9. Email Mr. D at: mrdszone@gmail.com. More on this and other school news and fundraisers may be found in the Trojan News: www.assumptionschool-sl.org.

Sunday Soup Nights

Each Sunday at 5:30p.m. our community shares in Lenten Soup Nights. We encourage you to bring a pot of your favorite soup and come to share a simple meal and fellowship. You do not need to bring soup to participate in this event. All are welcome at this table! Please join us!

Cursillo Weekends for Spring

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. Let us help you renew your relationship with God and others at a Cursillo Weekend. The Oakland Diocese is sponsoring the upcoming Cursillo Weekends at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland.

Men's: May 2~5, 2019
Women's May 16~19, 2019

If you have any questions, please contact your local Cursillo parish representative, Jennie Gisslow at (510) 875-9170 or email at: jennie@designsrc.com or visit the website at: www.oak-cursillo.org.

There are flyers on the table in the back of the church with more information and the names of current Cursillistas. See who you may know!

Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 556 will hold its next monthly recycling drive to earn money to help scouts pay for summer camp on Saturday, April 20 from 10-11:00a.m. at Assumption School across from the Ministry Center. Please contact Jason Beito at (510) 439-7050 or jbeito@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Update for March 24, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 7,714.00
EFT Collection.....	\$ 290.00
Total.....	\$ 8,004.00
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (1,496.00)

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food drive concludes this weekend. Food collected during this drive will be used in our food pantry and distributed during home visits to our neighbors who call our help line. Any non perishable food items may be donated. Among the items most in need are cereal, tuna, pasta and pasta sauces, crackers, condiments, peanut butter and jam. Donated items may be left in the SVdP basket located in the front of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We recently received a heartfelt letter of thanks from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Butte County for our recent contribution to aid in the relief and recovery from the devastating Camp Fire. Please remember those affected in your Lenten prayers.

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

Bulletin Articles

If your church ministry has an article or an announcement to publish in our weekly parish bulletin, it is due to the parish office no later than Friday before 5:00p.m. Bulletins are sent to the publisher on the following Tuesday. All articles must be submitted to Rhina at this email address:

slassumption@sbcglobal.net

We will always print your article if we have room in the bulletin. Thanks for your help.

Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers will meet on Tuesday, April 2 from 9-10:30a.m. in the Rectory Conference Room. We recently gave 375 rosaries to Sr. Polly to take to the Philippines and shipped more to others who asked for them.

God's Capacity for Forgiveness

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?

~St. Francis de Sales

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so.

Fast ~ Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One limits oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence ~ Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. If you are not within the age ranges, you are not required to follow the guidelines.

If you have dietary restrictions, please follow your doctor's guidelines.



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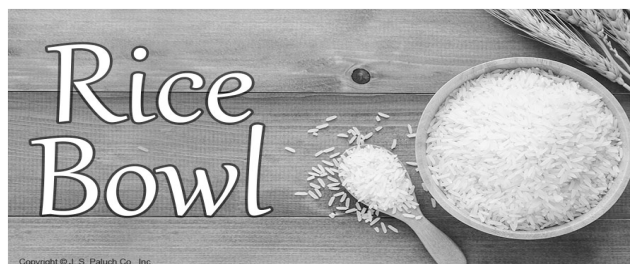
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Assumption Men's Group

Tim Karlstrand is spearheading the development of the new Assumption Men's Group, "Empowering Men". The group is for men who want to transform their lives and get more out of life, using a widely employed and successful structure. It is open to Assumption men and men from the greater community. If you would like more information, then reach out to Tim Karlstrand at: **tkarlstrand@gmail.com** Please see the flyer on the tables at the back of the church and join us on Sunday. You can transform your life and live the life you want.

Rice Bowls/Lenten Booklets

Both Catholic Charities' Rice Bowls and the Lenten Booklets are on the tables at the back of the church. The Lenten Booklets sell for \$2.00 each and the rice bowls are free. Please use them both during this season of Lent as we journey together toward Easter.



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WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

**Weekly Mass Intentions
March 30—April 6, 2019**

Saturday 30 5:00 Donna McClintock +

**Sunday 31 7:30 Frank McDonnell +
9:00 Jean Dupout +
10:30 Gabriel Esquivel +
12:00 Thomas Rousseau +**

Monday 8:15 Ricky Mondello +

Tuesday 8:15 Ryan Vonnegut +

Wednesday 8:15 Pat Gilmore +

Thursday 8:15 Wayne & Kathy Guest +

Friday 8:15

Saturday 6 8:15 Ben Leal +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 31 GYM 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.

Monday GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.

**Tuesday RCR Rosary Makers 9:00a.m.
GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
H School Bd. 7:00p.m.**

**Wednesday RCR Bible Study 10:00a.m.
CH Children's Choir 2p.m.
GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
H GS 6:00p.m.
H BS 7:00p.m.
CH Taize Prayer Service
7:00p.m.
CH Adult Choir 7:30p.m.**

Thursday GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.

Friday GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.

Saturday 6 GYM CYO 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector:
Cathy Ralph.....895-0420
Altar Server Coordinators:
Dennis Burigay.....895-1628
Mike Tedeschi.....357-9447
Head Communion Minister:
Faye Caruso.....882-5002
Head Usher: Ed Hernandez.....351-7025
Head Greeter:
Ministry Scheduler:
Giovanna Giuliani.....872-9053

Faith Formation & Teen Confirmation:
Mary Schirmer.....352-1537
St. Vincent de Paul
Denis Ducey.....352-6079
Pastoral Council:
Doug Taylor.....638-3050
School Board:
Paul Carney357-8772
Finance Committee:
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Tuesdays with Larry:
Larry Graves.....352-4777
Rosary Makers:
Irene Haines.....483-7975

CYO:
Nathaniel Fripp.....789-5565
Tom Shaddle.....357-1342

All Saints Skilled Nursing
Lizette Rocha.....351-1342

Communion to the Homebound:
Mary Croak.....352-1537
Communion to Kindred Hospital:
Susan Sequeira.....352-5614

Prayer Chain:
JoMarie Stavosky.....889-9469
Knit/Crochet Group
Gloria Calegari.....357-0943

Linens:
Anita De Marais.....357-9172
Cursillo
Jennie Gisslow.....875-9170

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.