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Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
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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

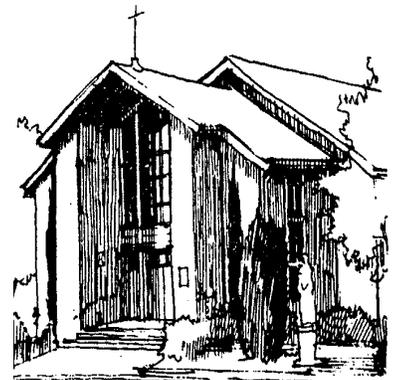
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. — Psalm 90:14



A Word from the Pastor

The other day I was catching up on my reading and came across this headline: “*Just one-third of U.S. Catholics agree with their church that Eucharist is body, blood of Christ*”. I thought that was curious and felt some disbelief in the research even as I read the statistics. Could this really be true, are the number of Catholics who do not believe really one-third? Being the curious fellow that I am, and to assure others who might have read this same article, I decided to look into this further. What I discovered was complex and not altogether accurate. There are many reasons for this disturbing trend in our church, especially amongst the millennials, but given the short amount of space I have I cannot possibly address them all here. So instead of analyzing the reasons I decided to write what the church believes about this miracle that occurs daily at mass.

This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about, “Transubstantiation”: “The Roman **Catholic** Church teaches that in the **Eucharistic** offering bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ. ... The manner in which the change occurs, the Roman **Catholic** Church teaches, is a mystery: “The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the Body and Blood of Christ.” Now given this explanation I can understand why one-third of Catholics lack a deep belief in this sacrament. We are, after all, a modern people taught to think and reason and to observe the evidence as presented to us physically or scientifically. We see with our own eyes something that can be

proven so therefore it must be true. What we’re lacking is faith in the transcendental. As bishop Barron rightly suggests that the people’s absence of understanding the true nature of the Eucharist is due in most part to the church’s failure in teaching the people the real presence of Christ, not as a mere symbol but as a real occurrence; a real change from ordinary bread and wine to the Flesh and Blood of Christ. Flannery O’Connor, famous Southern Catholic writer once wrote when visiting a non-catholic friend: “Mrs. Broadwater said when she was a child and received the Host, she thought of it as the Holy Ghost, He being the ‘most portable’ person of the Trinity; now she thought of it as a symbol and implied that it was a pretty good one. I then said, in a very shaky voice, ‘**Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.**’ That was all the defense I was capable of but I realize now that this is all I will ever be able to say about it.” I say the same thing, if its only a symbol then why am I here doing what I’m doing? It makes sense that what we consume at each and every mass isn’t a mere symbol but an actual transformation that science and reason cannot possibly sum up.

Going back to the Pew Institutes’ research, I believe if the question was worded differently the results might have been more in tune with the church’s understanding. Or at least given those being polled a time to think about what the real presence is in reality. God bless.

The Catholic Voice

The second collection for the Catholic Voice is on Sunday, October 6. Please be generous! This is the only way we can pay for the subscriptions of our parishioners, If each family donates \$30.00, we will be able to meet our goal of \$8340.00.

If you do not receive the Catholic Voice and wish to receive them, please let us know and we can have them mail to your house.

We have only once met our goal, Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The mission statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice....the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." Through your generous gifts our members fulfilled this mission last week by visiting three households. We brought food and bus passes to a couple living in a budget motel. Our members assisted a widow with a portion of her housing costs as well as bringing her food. We also helped a family with food and a Target gift card.

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

POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Financial Update for August 11, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 6,426.50
EFT Collection.....	\$ 290.00
Total.....	\$ 6,716.50
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (2783.50)
Thank you for your continued giving!	

Look what coming up.....

Join us for **DONUT SUNDAY** on September 22nd after the 9:00 and 10:30 Mass.

Looking ahead to autumn, our annual **Assumption School Festival** will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 27/28 with a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 29. Fun or all!

Dad's Club Golf Scramble

This event takes place on Saturday, September 21 at the Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland. Call Leo Gudino at 510 507-2413 for information.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Enjoy a wonderful selection of wines from Bishop's Vineyard, delectable hors d'oeuvres and music while helping us raise fund for our church. Sponsored by Parish Council in collaboration with the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services.

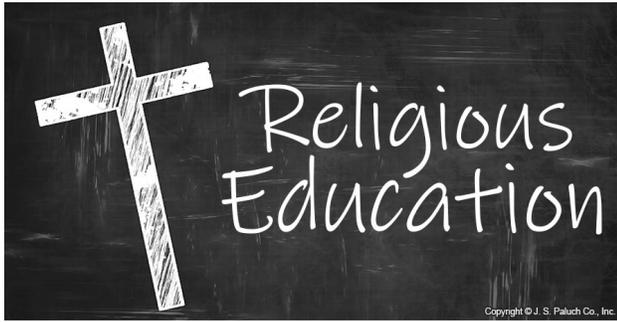
Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm in the Small Hall
Tickets: \$35 donation (includes wine glass)
RSVP (510) 882-5002
Contact Faye Clements Caruso at
fayeclements@yahoo.com for more information.

Please feel free to bring neighbor families and friends to join us in fellowship at this event!

Rosary

On Saturday, October 12, our parish will host **America Needs Fatima** for our second year. We will gather to say the rosary in Mary Seese Plaza at 12 noon.

Also in the fall there will be a **Men's Cursillo** scheduled for October 10-13, 2019, with a **Women's Cursillo** taking place October 17-20, 2019. More information will follow at a later date.



Invite Yourself and Others to Grow Closer to God

To evangelize one heart at a time beginning with our own, begins by getting to know God and to understand the Catholic Faith in our church founded by Christ when he said to Peter, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church..." Matt 16.

If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving or completing the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation, please contact the Parish Office or **Jim Brady at (510) 393-9396**. RCIA and Adult Confirmation will get started soon, so make haste! Anyone already fully initiated is invited to join us. We will be incorporating Bishop Barron's CATHOLICISM into the sessions. Last year many parishioners found the series to be a source of enrichment for their journey of faith. Jim will also be giving a series of lectures based on St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" as part of our Monday evening series of talks in the fall.

Confirmation/Faith Formation Registration

August is the time for registration for children's Faith Formation and teen Confirmation. Confirmation classes will begin on **Sunday, September 15th** with an information meeting for both parents and candidates in the Small Hall at 11:00a.m. This meeting will last about 45 minutes and will be an overview of the yearly plan and curriculum. Registration paperwork will be available to pick up at the meeting and is also available in the back of the church, in the parish office and on our parish website. Classes start on Sunday, September 29th! **ALL ARE WELCOME** to participate in our classes. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Ministry Opportunities

Please join our Liturgical Ministries here at Assumption by volunteering your time and talent to enrich our weekly liturgies.

To sign up, follow these instructions:

1. **Go to the Assumption Ministry website** at: www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/slassumption
2. Just under the blue box in the middle of the page, you should see, "Don't have an account yet? Sign up now." **Click "Sign up now"**.
3. **Fill out the enrollment form completely**, indicating at which ministries you would like to sign up, at which masses you prefer to serve, and how often you would like to serve.
4. Don't forget to **click "submit" at the bottom of the page!** You will receive an email once your enrollment form is processed.

If you have any questions, please contact Giovanna Giuliani at:

assumptionscheduling@gmail.com.

Our faith community here at Assumption will be more vibrant and alive because you are willing to be a part of it. Please sign up soon!.

Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 556 will hold its next recycling drive to earn money to help scouts pay for summer camp on Saturday, September 21, from 10-11:00a.m. at Assumption School across from the Ministry Center. The troop is collecting plastic and glass beverage bottles and aluminum cans. Please contact Jason Beito at (510) 439-7050 or jbeito@gmail.com or Alan Dunn at (510) 207-8068 or stargazeralan@yahoo.com
Thanks!

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 for the next weekend's announcements. 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.

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

**Weekly Mass Intentions
September 7— September 14, 2019**

Saturday 24 5:00 Amelia Rodriguez +

**Sunday 25 7:30 John Gomes Jr. +
9:00 Manuel Uribe +
10:30 Jose Rodrigues Oliveira+
12:00 Cesar Babala +**

Monday 8:15 Manuel G. Rodrigues +

Tuesday 8:15 Milagros Perry +

Wednesday 8:15 +

**Thursday 8:15 Rodrigo & Amada
Laureta (L) wedding Ann.**

**Friday 8:15 Walter Bielaski & Polly
Smith +**

**Saturday 31 8:15
5:00 Ramona Balbueana +**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 8

**Monday SH Drama 3pm
GYM CYO 3pm**

**Tuesday Gym CYO 3pm
PC PC 7pm**

**Wednesday CH Choir 2pm
GYM CYO 3pm
SH Scouts 6pm
SH Scouts 7pm**

Thursday GYM CYO 7pm

Saturday 31

THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

—Cicero

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:

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 Carney510 872-2452

Finance Committee:

George Brandt

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.