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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

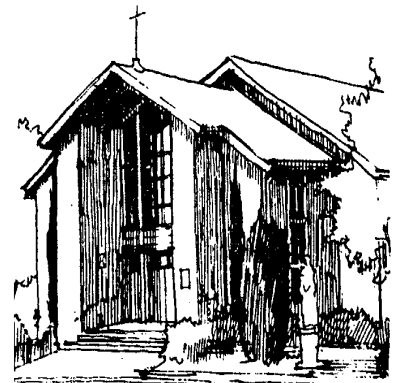
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



**Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice
of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said,
"send me!" — *Isaiah 6:8*



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A Word from the Pastor

I wrote in last week's Pastor's Corner of the difficulty of personal prayer and how often times we might feel a bit discouraged as the great mystic Saint Teresa of Avila writes; "*We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us.*"

Since the Lenten season will soon be here, I would like to touch on the four types of prayer in our Church. These four types are Adoration, Contrition, Petition, and Thanksgiving. Each of these types of prayer helps us to achieve our desired goal or at the very least provides us with prayer that is appropriate for any occasion in which they are needed. God is always with us. He wants us to talk to him and to listen to him. In prayer we raise our hearts and minds to God. We are able to speak to and listen to God because, through the Holy Spirit, God teaches us how to pray. As I wrote in last week's bulletin, prayer is so important that the Church teaches us to pray often and in many ways. Sometimes we bless or adore God (prayer of blessing and adoration). Other times we ask God for something for ourselves and sometimes we pray for others (prayer of petition or intercession). We also thank God in prayer (prayer of thanksgiving). We can pray silently or aloud.

My favorite way of praying to God is to brew a pot of coffee, sit in my chapel and have a real conversation with Him. It's like being with an old friend, knowing that he will listen intently to every word I utter. We can also pray alone or we can pray with others. Praying with others is called communal prayer. Another way to pray is to meditate. Meditation is one of my favorite ways of prayer as it gives me a moment to fully be with God body and soul. Meditation is to think fully about God and keep him in our hearts and minds. We try to keep our attention and focus on

God. In meditation we may use Scripture, prayer books, the rosary, or icons, which are religious images, to help us concentrate and to spark our imagination. Another way to pray is to contemplate. This means that we rest quietly in God's presence. We live in a very busy, noisy, and fast-paced world. Sometimes, because of this, we have difficulty concentrating. In order to meditate or reflect, we need to prepare ourselves. We can get ready for meditation by resting our bodies in a comfortable position. Sitting with our backs straight and both feet on the floor is one comfortable position. We can close our eyes, fold our hands comfortably in front of us, and silently take a deep breath and then let it out slowly. We can establish a rhythm by slowly counting to three while breathing in and slowly counting to three while breathing out. Concentrating on our breathing helps us to quiet our thoughts. But one asks, how can I keep from being distracted by the outside world? If we become distracted by thinking about something, such as the day at school or work, we can just go back to thinking about our breathing. After a little practice we will be able to avoid distractions, pray with our imagination and spend time with God or Jesus in our hearts.

Prayer, as I stated last week, is an organic and natural way of communicating with the Almighty, but it takes, like most things in life, practice; lots and lots of practice. And sometimes even then we may find ourselves discouraged and wanting. St. Teresa of Avila writes, "The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too." God is on the journey with us and sometimes it may seem that he is not there, beside us, guiding us. But in reality, he is there. As St. Matthew writes, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." These are reassuring words for us; we know that our Savior is here and ready to help. Prayer is difficult. Prayer is not easy and maybe it shouldn't be. Prayer should be something we plan on doing, praying wherever or whenever we can. Most of all, prayer is or should simply be a conversation with God. Next week I will continue more with prayer. God bless.

What's Happening?

The Assumption Youth Group is open to students in grades 2 through 12. Participants meet in appropriate age groups for fellowship and fun all while learning about Jesus' message of kindness and compassion. **Our gatherings, filled with games, outdoor activities, and community service projects take place on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 in the Small Hall.** Please contact the Parish Office with your interest. We have flyers at the back of the church with all the details. We look forward to seeing you all this afternoon!

A special thanks to our Middle School Social Action Team for making soup for April Showers guests. They chopped, diced, and sautéed their way to a 5 star soup creation. Thanks for all your hard work for such a worthy cause!

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the souls our parishioners who died recently:

**Mary O'Malley
Tom Rousseau
Betty Lagomarsino**

Please pray for their families and may God hold these dear parishioners in the palm of His hand.



Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Bible Study begins this Wednesday morning, February 13 at 10:00. We will meet in the Rectory Conference Room to study the Letters of St. Paul. Please feel free to join us whenever you can. You are always welcome.

Assumption School Auction

You are invited to attend the Assumption School Auction. Please join us on Saturday, March 2nd for "Back to The Future" - the Assumption School's 30th Annual Live and Silent Auction to be held in the Assumption Gym, which is where it all started. The auction has become our largest fundraiser and the success of this endeavor relies solely on the support and generosity of our community. Early Bird Tickets are \$60 per person or \$55 for Alumni and Seniors (Age 60+), until February 1st. After February 1st, tickets are \$70 per person. Your ticket includes a buffet dinner, including roast beef and salmon and many sides. In addition to dinner and dancing afterwards, you'll have the opportunity to bid on wonderful silent and live auction items. 50/50 raffle tickets are available for sale in the back of the church. Last year's winner received over \$4,000! The drawing will be held at the auction, but you do not need to be present to win. If you have any questions, please call Renee Weiland at 510-333-0310. Thank you for your support of this important school fundraiser.

Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 556 will hold its monthly recycling drive to earn money to help scouts pay for summer camp on Saturday, February 16 from 10-11:00a.m. at Assumption School across from the Ministry Center. The troop is collecting plastic/glass beverage bottles and aluminum cans. Your support is appreciated for this worthy cause. Please contact Jason Beito at (510) 439-7050 or jbeito@gmail.com for more information. Thanks for helping us with this ongoing drive.

Financial Update for February 3, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 6,657.00
EFT Collection.....	\$ 290.00
Total.....	\$ 6,947.00
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (2,553.00)

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Vincent de Paul

February 7th was the Feast of Blessed Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and co-founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. She mentored the founding members of the Society on how to make home visits and how to see Jesus in the poor. Sister Rosalie always recommended patience, mercy and courtesy. All Vincentians celebrate this beautiful model of love for the poor.

We thank you for your ongoing support. Please remember we no longer accept used clothing donations in the SVdP basket located in the vestibule of the church. It is for food donations only. Thank you.

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

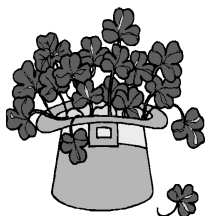
We will always print your article if we have room in the bulletin. Thanks for your help.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to the sick at All Saints Skilled Nursing Facility, once each month, preferably on the weekend. For more information, please contact Lizette Rocha at (510) 351-1342.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 17 for our annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner. More details will follow soon.



Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on Saturday, February 23, from 7:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. in the Small Hall. Please come join us for an hour to save as many as 3 lives. During 2018 we donated 261 pints of blood! For an appointment, please contact Jan Kehoe at:

jkehoe.blood@yahoo.com

Thank you!

Catholic Charities

Have an old car taking up space in your driveway? Donate it to Catholic Charities of the East Bay! We accept all types of vehicles including boats and trucks. Making a donation is EASY too! Call us at (855) 620-4483. Get a tax deductible receipt for your donation.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps families in need and who are marginalized in our society. The Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and Catholic Charities is the visible face of the Diocese in that work.

Treasures form our Tradition

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

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WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

**Weekly Mass Intentions
February 9—February 16, 2019**

Saturday 9	5:00	Dolores Cysewski +
Sunday 10	7:30	Jim (+) & Martha (L) O'Brien
	9:00	Jose Pimenta +
	10:30	Isabel Luisotti +
	12:00	Italo DiTano +
Monday	8:15	Fr. Dan Danielsen +
Tuesday	8:15	Walter Bielaski + & Polly Smith +
Wednesday	8:15	Louis Mascaranhas +
Thursday	8:15	Charles & Irene Guest +
Friday	8:15	Patricia Gilmore+
Saturday 16	8:15	Tiquio & Florentina Bautista +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 10	GYM H	CYO Assumption Youth Group 3:30-5:00p.m.
Monday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Tuesday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Wednesday	RCR CH H H GYM CH	Bible Study 10:00a.m. Children's Choir 2p.m. GS 6:00p.m. BS 7:00p.m. CYO 3:30-9:00p.m. Adult Choir 7:00p.m.
Thursday	CR GYM	Knit/Crochet 10:00a.m. CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Friday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Saturday 16	GYM	CYO 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector:	
Cathy Ralph.....	895-0420
Altar Server Coordinators:	
Dennis Burigsay.....	895-1628
Mike Tedeschi.....	357-9447
Head Communion Minister:	
Faye Caruso.....	882-5002
Head Usher: Ed Hernandez.....	351-7025
Head Greeter: Maureen Moran.....	706-0100
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 Carney	357-8772
Finance Committee:	
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.