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Fr. Chris Berbena, Parochial Vicar
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Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
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Joe Petersen, 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



**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.”

— Luke 6:20-21a



A Word from the Pastor

As I continue on the theme of prayer I would like to focus our attention on what prayer is and what it can mean for each of us. If prayer is a heartfelt conversation with God, as I have expressed previously, we can find many examples of this as early as Adam’s interactions with God in the Garden of Eden. We also see it as late as the prayer for Jesus to return again in glory at the end of the book of Revelation. There are countless examples of individuals offering up prayers to God within the Bible. And there is a whole book of the Bible—the Psalms—that is made up entirely of prayers. “Prayer,” St. John Damascene says, “is the unveiling of the mind before God. When we pray we ask Him for what we need, confess our faults, thank Him for His gifts, and adore His immense majesty”. Many people falsely think of humility as a virtue of low self-esteem. But St. Thomas, on the other hand, teaches us that humility is a virtue of acknowledging the truth about reality. Since prayer, at its root, is an “asking” directed at God, humility is crucially important. Through humility we recognize our neediness before God. We are totally and entirely dependent on God for everything and at every moment: our existence, life, breath, every thought and action. As we become more humble, we recognize more profoundly our need to pray more.

One of the consistent themes in the New Testament’s teaching about prayer is that we can be assured that God will hear and respond to our prayers. The apostle John, for example, points to this when he says, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us”. He tells us that God knows our needs, and that God absolutely expects us to bring our needs to him

through prayer. One way to think about prayer in the Bible is to look at the different types of prayers that we find. In breviaries (Liturgy of the Hours) you can find a small prayer that begins, “Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless your Holy Name. Cleanse, too, my heart from all vain, perverse and extraneous thoughts...” I remember in graduate school finding this slightly amusing—there were prescribed prayers before prescribed prayers! When I reconsidered it, I realized that although it might seem paradoxical, it gives us a lesson. Prayer is supernatural, and so it is far beyond our reach. St. Thomas himself notes that God “wishes to bestow certain things on us at our asking.” The prayer above continues by asking God: “Illumine my mind, inflame my heart, that I may worthily, attentively and devoutly recite this Office and merit to be heard in the sight of Your divine Majesty.” The attentiveness and purity of heart needed to attain God in prayer is itself received as a gift— a gift we will only receive if we ask.

Asking for God’s help through prayer is God’s desire of us. His wish is to be with us and to make known his presence in our life. God wants us to seek him out and to embrace and engage him in prayer or in some fashion we feel comfortable doing. And our eagerness of wanting to know God should be as desirous as God’s yearning for us. Things like this take time to develop and cultivate within. Ash Wednesday is coming and with it the season of Lent. During that time of fasting, prayer, and contemplation, let us together move forward in our prayer life, to seek the Creator out and encourage each other to pray. God bless.

Office Closure

The Parish Office will close on Monday, February 18, 2019 in honor of the President’s Day holiday. We will reopen at 8:30a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Faith and Works

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle. They cannot be separated.

~Anonymous

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. **There will be no youth group today, Sunday, February 17.**

Assumption School Auction Dinner

COME PARTY LIKE IT'S 1989! Assumption School celebrates its 30th annual Auction, Dinner and Dance fundraiser. Please join us on Saturday, March 2nd AT 5:00p.m. for "Back to The Future" - 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. Your ticket includes a buffet dinner, featuring 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 and to participate in a 50/50 raffle. 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. Here's your chance to score some amazing finds, eat and drink to your heart's content, and kick up your heels with other members of our fantastic community. **ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR AMAZING SCHOOL!** Tickets are \$70. RSVP online by going to:

<http://www.assumptionschool-sl.org>

Select Support Assumption and then Auction. If you have any questions, please call Renee Weiland at 510-333-0310. Thank you for your support of this important school fundraiser.

Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings, 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.

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners, **Ben Leal** and **Delsie Swartz** who died recently. Please pray for their families and may God hold our dear parishioners in the palm of His hand.

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. The group will have its first meeting next Sunday, Feb. 24 from 7:00 to 9:30p.m. 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 next Sunday. Join us. You can transform your life and live the life you want. Thanks.

Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 556 will hold its monthly recycling drive to earn money to help scouts pay for summer camp on Saturday, March 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 10, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 5,399.50
EFT Collection.....	\$ 575.00
Total.....	\$ 5,974.50
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (3,525.50)

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus.

Through your generous gifts, here are some of the ways the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help our neighbors last week. We brought food to a disabled couple living in a motel as they seek permanent housing. A single mother was helped with a security deposit. A disabled woman was provided a bed to replace her old air mattress. And finally, a single mother behind on utility and insurance bills was assisted.

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.

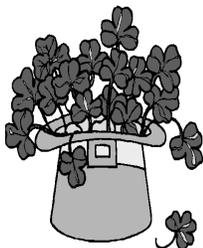
Nonsense

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.

~Anonymous

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.



Middle School Social Action Team

We answer Jesus' call to serve! Our team of students and their parents have been active in service and want to thank our parishioners for their ongoing support. Our projects thus far include a bake sale for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, assisting in a pancake breakfast with Santa for victims of the Paradise fire, assisting in the sorting of toys for the Davis Street Christmas toy drive, and serving the homeless through April Showers by making bag lunches and soup. We welcome any and all middle school students to join us.

Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be this coming 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.



WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

**Weekly Mass Intentions
February 16—February 23, 2019**

Saturday 16 5:00	Pat Gilmore +
Sunday 17 7:30	Ruth Kretz McDonnell +
9:00	Velma Boiteux +
10:30	Jose Rodrigues Oliviera +
12:00	Polly Smith +
Monday 8:15	John Gomes, Jr. +
Tuesday 8:15	Cheryl Murphy +
Wednesday 8:15	Betti Lagomarsino +
Thursday 8:15	Charles & Irene Guest +
Friday 8:15	John & Irene Gorge+
Saturday 23 8:15	Jim Vonnegut +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 17	GYM	CYO	11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.
Monday	GYM	CYO	3:30-9:00p.m.
Tuesday	GYM	CYO	3:30-9:00p.m.
	H		Dad's Club 7:30p.m.
Wednesday	RCR		Bible Study 10:00a.m.
	H		GS 6:00p.m.
	H		BS 7:00p.m.
	GYM	CYO	3:30-9:00p.m.
	CH		Adult Choir 7:00p.m.
Thursday	GYM	CYO	3:30-9:00p.m.
Friday	GYM	CYO	3:30-9:00p.m.
Saturday 23	GYM	CYO	9:00a.m.-9:00p.m.
	MC		SVdP 9:00a.m.
	H		Blood Drive 7:00a.m.- 1:00p.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.