Fr. Leonard Marrujo, Parochial Administrator
Fr. Chris Berbena, Parochial Vicar
Bill Vaughan, Music Director
James Brady, RCIA/Adult Faith Formation
Mary Schirmer, Youth Ministry & Formation
Rhina Ruggiero, Office Manager
Lana Rocheford, School Principal

CELEBRATIONS OF THE
UNCHARIST
Saturday: 8:15 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM
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
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020  Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8

A Word from the Pastor

Last week was the beginning of Bishop Barber’s Appeal and as we are good stewards of our parish and diocese, it is our obligation to assist the good bishop and the programs the chancery offers. Bishop Barber is continuing the theme, “Rebuild my Church”. This theme and the appeal mean a great deal to him as Christ Himself spoke these words to St. Francis of Assisi. At first, Francis took the assignment literally, but later came to understand the mission as a more spiritual one. The message of our Savior was then and it continues today. That message is to return the church to the radical simplicity of the gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor.

Some ask what is the appeal for and how does it benefit the whole diocese of Oakland? The Annual Bishop’s Appeal is necessary to meet the needs of the diocese and the Chancery office. These moneys help to cover the costs of ministries and services, such as Pope Francis Legal Aid, and the Knights of Malta medical clinic that are both physically on the grounds of the cathedral center. There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese. The programs and services are provided for the faithful and to all peoples no matter what their status or faith traditions might be. As these are important not only to the bishop but to all concerned and to all who are members of our catholic faith, it is essential that as the Body of Christ we contribute to religious education and formation, pastoral ministries and services, priest retirement and care and for support for our Catholic Schools that are in danger of closing or for needs that arise. Rest assured that these monies are earmarked only for those things listed above and not for anything else.

As parochial administrator of this parish I am also asking you to continue your support of this parish by giving an extra five or ten dollars in addition to your regular contributions. Your generosity helps our formation team, Mary Schirmer and James Brady, continue the quality education and spiritual formation that you have all come to expect. The lectures, programs and special events require funds, they also help to pay the electric and water bills. May God bless you abundantly as you share your gifts with our Assumption Community.

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, follow your doctor’s guidelines.
The 2020 Bishop’s Appeal has begun. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. decided to continue with the theme, *Rebuild My Church*, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. By embracing *Rebuild My Church*, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2020 Bishop’s Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by *Rebuild My Church* and participated in our annual Bishop’s Appeal. While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals. Please consider thoughtfully before you make your pledge.

**Parish Lenten Mission**

Our Parish Mission will begin on the weekend of February 22/23 and continue through Tuesday, February 25. It will be given by Fr. John Ettensohn, OMI. Father Ettensohn will speak at all the weekend Masses and also after the 8:15 morning Masses on Monday and Tuesday. Talks are also scheduled for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00p.m. in the Small Hall. Please mark your calendars and join us as we grow our faith together during the upcoming Lenten season.

**Friendship/Donut Sunday**

We are looking for groups or families to host our Friendship/Donut Sundays. The church provides everything you need. Please contact Katherine Greenberg at katheringgreenberg@gmail.com

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St. Vincent de Paul

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

**RICE BOWL**

Lenten Alms Change Lives CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly $300 million.

What is a CRS Rice Bowl?

The iconic CRS Rice Bowl is a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country during Lent. This simple cardboard box is a tool for collecting Lenten alms—and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories. Please pick up a box in the back of the church and you may return them to the parish office or in the back of the church.

**Birthright**

If you picked up a baby bottle from birthright, you may return them in to the parish office.

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**Financial Update for February 16, 2020**

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School News

Our online application process is still open for any families with prospective students to our school. Current families with incoming new kindergartners or TK students must apply asap as we are growing our current programs and filling up fast. We have openings in all grades.

We are happy to make this announcement to our community and friends with school-aged children in San Leandro and the surrounding areas: Our 2020 - 2021 online application is now available to you. [https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=295693&type=d&pREC_ID=682309](https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=295693&type=d&pREC_ID=682309)

CYO Registrations

CYO registration for girls basketball, track and field, and sand volleyball. All San Leandro youth are welcomed. For more information contact Nathaniel Fripp: mrfripp13@gmail.com. Or call the parish office at 510-352-1537. Please find registration forms at assumptionsanleandro.org

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season on February 26 with Masses at 8:15a.m. and at 7:00 in the evening.

Lenten Soup Nights will begin on Sunday, March 1 at 5:30p.m. Please come join us for soup, good fellowship and evening prayer.

Taize Prayer Services will begin on Wednesday, March 4 and will run through April 1. This service will be held in the parish church starting at 7:00p.m.

Please join us as we journey through Lent together.

Assumption School Auction

“Assumption School’s 31st Annual Auction - Bootleggers Ball Speakeasy will take place on Saturday, March 7th at the Colombo Club. This is the school’s largest fundraiser of the year and registration is now open. 50/50 raffle tickets can also be found in the back of the church and returned to the school office. Any and all support is greatly appreciated!”

ATTEND! Grab your friends and neighbors and come to this fun and beautiful event. Tickets will be on sale soon. Can you provide donations? Do you have tickets to a sporting event, theatre, symphony? Wine or wine club tasting passes? Is there a favorite kids' class/camp, fitness club/class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home to share for a weekend? Do you like to cook or bake? Dinner-a-week for a month, cookies-of-the-month, tamales, winter soups, holiday cookies, jams & holiday pies. Are you crafty? Handmade jewelry, knitted-ware, blankets & quilts, note cards, photography. Have a service or skill that you can offer? Design consulting, family portrait session, party treats, handy-person, financial planning, first-aid training? For more info, please visit this url: [https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149395](https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149395)

SPONSOR OR SUPPORT: For more info, please visit this url: [https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149397](https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149397)

BAKE FOR THE DESSERT AUCTION: For more info, please visit this url: [https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149399](https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149399)

BUY 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS: For more info, please visit this url: [https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149398](https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/apps/news/article/1149398)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS ON FEBRUARY 26
8:15 AM & 7:00 PM
WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions
February 22—February 29, 2020

Saturday 22
5:00 Catalina Juntilla +

Sunday 23
7:30 Ruth Kretz McDonnell +
9:00 Jim Vonnegut +
10:30 Richard Palia +
12:00 Italo DiTano +

Monday 8:15 Shaw Family +

Tuesday 8:15

Wednesday 8:15 John Gomes, Jr. +
7:00

Thursday 8:15 Richard Palia +

Friday 8:15

Saturday 29
8:15 George & Elizabeth Westrick +
5:00 Clement Fernandes +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 23
MC FF 9:00a.m.
GYM CYO 1:00p.m.
SH Parish Mission 7:00p.m.

Monday
GYM CYO 3:30p.m.
SH Drama 3:00p.m.
SH Parish Mission 7:00p.m.

Tuesday
GYM CYO 3:30p.m.
SH Parish Mission 7:00p.m.

Wednesday
MC Bible Study 10:00a.m.
SH Girl Scouts 6:00p.m.
SH Boy Scouts 7p.m.
GYM CYO 3:30 p.m.
CH Child. Choir 2:00 p.m.
CH Ash Wed. Mass 7:00p.m.

Thursday
Friday
Saturday 29
SH Blood Drive 6:00a.m.
MC SVdP 9:00a.m.

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 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 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:
Joan Tonsberg……………………..510 357-1985

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.