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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

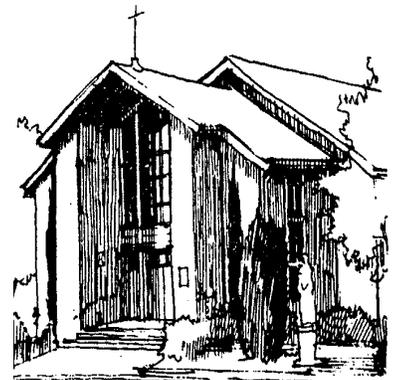
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



**Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019**

Merciful and gracious is
the LORD, slow to anger
and abounding in kindness.

— *Psalm 103:8*



A Word from the Pastor

In his RULE FOR MONKS, St. Benedict advises the novice master to determine if a prospective monk has joined the monastery for the purpose of seeking God. The task of seeking God is not limited to the beginner monk; it is a life-long commitment to prayer, both personal and communal. St. Benedict intended holy reading (or *lectio divina*) to be his monks' primary form of personal prayer. In fact, in his day, the monastic schedule set aside up to four hours for this purpose. The purpose of this intense activity was to impress the Word of God on the monk's mind and heart. Monks often read aloud, since the reading of Scripture was meant to engage the whole person in the act of reading so that a monk's interior life had enough nourishment to grow and develop. Although most people of contemporary times are not given to memorization quite like the ancients, a monk's practice of *lectio* will imprint the Word of God on his mind and heart.

To practice *lectio*, a monk places himself in the presence of God in whatever environment seems most appropriate to him: a favorite chair, an out of the way place where he can concentrate, etc. After a period of quieting and gathering of thoughts in silence, he reads the passage, which can be short or long depending on the monk's inclination. Other times, monks will practice *lectio* with an entire book of the Bible prayerfully reading it over the course of a year or longer. At still other times, monks will focus their *lectio* on a particular portion of a chosen book. In any case, the passage is read several times, usually about three to four times. After reading the chosen passage a monk should ask himself what word, phrase, or image was particularly striking for him. Entering into the prayerful dialogue with God, a monk interacts with the God who knows him and loves him. After the prayerful encounter, a monk rests with God sometimes returning to

the written word, but always thanking God for his presence. Morning Prayer and breakfast is set aside for *lectio divina*, while other monks are encouraged to spend other times in prayer as well. Every monk also has people on his personal intercessory prayer list: family, friends, former students, even strangers who have written to the monastic community asking for prayers. The early desert hermits took very seriously Paul's injunction to "pray without ceasing" and would literally pray in every waking hour and would even arise in the middle of the night for prayer. As monasticism evolved into more communal forms, specific times were established for common prayer in order to fulfill Paul's mandate. When St. Benedict considers the divine office, he usually does so under the title of *Opus Dei*, meaning work of God. The content of the office is the Psalms, but there are also readings from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The monk is invited to respond to this goodness of God with quiet meditation and prayer. Therefore, there is a sense of a continual dialogue between the Scriptures and the monk who hears the Word of God and wishes to respond.

Although the Divine Office is of vital importance in the life of a monastic community, the real focal point of common prayer is the daily celebration of the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the life of a Christian." All personal prayer and every activity of monastic life should be oriented toward the community's Eucharistic liturgy, and all the graces of the monastic vocation flow from it. Monks, like other Christians, are called to esteem the Eucharist and participate in the sanctification and glorification of God by joining all the People of God in this central act of worship.

By prayerfully listening to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass and reverently receiving the Body of Christ, a monk will grow day-by-day into the image of Christ. I hope this gives you a better understanding of the monastic prayer life and how its applied to an individual as well as to a community. God bless.

(Source: St. Bede's Monastery 2018)

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. Please contact the Parish Office with your interest.

Assumption School Auction Dinner

COME PARTY LIKE IT'S 1989! Assumption School celebrates its 30th annual Auction, Dinner and Dance fundraiser. Please join us this 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.



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Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings, at 10:00. We 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 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 today, 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 17, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 6,281.50
EFT Collection.....	\$ 290.00
Total.....	\$ 6,571.50
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (2,928.50)

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged."

Each day the Society of St. Vincent de Paul strives to live out these Gospel values through person-to-person service to the poor. Through your gifts we are able to provide assistance to our neighbors in need. This past rainy week we provided shelter in the form of a motel room to a homeless gentleman.

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:

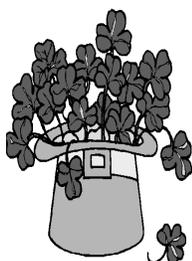
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We will always print your article if we have room in the bulletin. Thanks for your help.



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

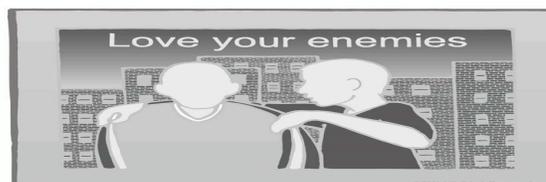
We answer Jesus' call to serve! Our team of students and their parents have been active in service and want to thank our parishioners for their ongoing support. Our projects thus far include a bake sale for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, assisting in a pancake breakfast with Santa for victims of the 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.

In the Light of the Gospel

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2267: Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which insure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches in the light of the Gospel that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." God does not hold back forgiveness from those who have previously not been friends with God. Nor does God treat harshly those who have not previously loved God. Our norm is God ~ not society. Therefore, the Church works with determination for the abolition of the death penalty worldwide.



WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

**Weekly Mass Intentions
February 23—March 2, 2019**

Saturday 23 5:00	Thomas & Helen Walsh +
Sunday 24 7:30	Shaw Family (L)
9:00	Mike Kane +
10:30	Sue Dickinson (L)
12:00	Carolina de Guzman (L)
Monday 8:15	Manuel G. Rodrigues +
Tuesday 8:15	Mary O'Malley +
Wednesday 8:15	Pat Gilmore +
Thursday 8:15	Charles & Irene Guest +
Friday 8:15	Pat Gilmore +
Saturday 2 8:15	Bill Vonnegut +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 24	MC	Faith Formation 9:00-11:30a.m.
	H	Confirmation 12-3:00p.m.
	GYM	CYO 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.
Monday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Tuesday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00
Wednesday	RCR	Bible Study 10:00a.m.
	H	GS 6:00p.m.
	H	BS 7:00p.m.
	GYM	Auction Set up
	CH	Adult Choir 7:00p.m.
Thursday	RCR	Knit/Crochet 10:00a.m.
	GYM	Auction Set up
Friday	GYM	Auction Set up
Saturday 2	GYM	Auction
	MC	SVdP 9:00a.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.