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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  
Dolores Hurtado, Bookkeeper  
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**

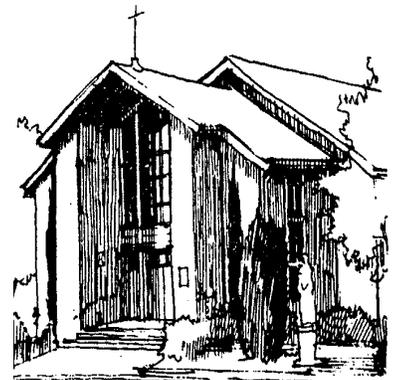
**Saturdays:** 3:30 to 4:00 PM

**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



**Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**February 3, 2019**

Faith, hope, and love  
remain, these three;  
but the greatest of  
these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13



**Pastor's Corner**

It saddens me when I hear a penitent in the confessional say, "my prayer life is not very good". I understand what he or she is saying and often times I try letting them know that my prayer life goes through the same thing they are experiencing. I try to assure them and you that praying is an organic thing that sometimes is good, when the spirit is with us, and sometimes we're not in the "mood" to pray. Is that a bad thing? I don't think it is. The reason is this; like everything in our lives we need to set aside time to accomplish something that is important to each of us. We spend time in the gym; or we spend hours reading our favorite book; or we spend time with our families.

These all can be a good thing... to a point. Sometimes as spiritual people we need to have some quiet time alone where we can be in communication with our thoughts. My morning routine, for example, is to brew a pot of coffee and then sit in my chapel to have a "conversation" with God. Yes, a conversation. And why not? Prayer, after all, is just that, a conversation. And we should feel that intimate and relaxed in the presence of the Father. Don't get me wrong, formulaic prayers are wonderful to have and to know. They are essential in getting us started, but they should not be the only way of communicating with the All Mighty.

Hans Urs von Balthasar, a Swiss Catholic theologian, wrote one of the best books on this subject titled "Prayer". *"Prayer is something more than an exterior act performed out of a sense of duty, an act in which we tell God various things he already knows; a kind of daily attendance in the presence of the Sovereign who awaits, morning and evening, the submission of his subjects. Even though Christians find, to their pain and sorrow, that their prayer never rises above this*

*level, they know well enough that it should be something more. Somewhere, here, there, is a hidden treasure, if only I could find it and dig it up—a seed that has the power to grow into a mighty tree bearing abundant flowers and fruits, if only I had the will to plant and cultivate it."*

I highly recommend to everyone to read his book as it has brought me an abundance of grace knowing that a small, intimate conversation with God elevates my soul to a higher understanding of my relationship with him. It is by way of re-thinking our approach to prayer that will give us satisfaction of communicating in a way that places us square in the middle of experiencing a type of intimacy that we have never known before. Prayer needn't be a burden, but should be a joy, a release of our inner self, exposing our weaknesses to God in a way that we know He hears us and wants to help us in our journey. As Balthasar writes, "Prayer is first an act in which we learn, in his words, that "our halting utterance to God is but an answer to God's speech to us." Have a cup of coffee and talk with God. He's listening. Next week I'll write about the four types of Catholic prayer. God bless.

**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 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.

## Bible Study

Our Bible Study/Lectio Divina will resume on Wednesday morning, February 13 at 10:00. We will meet in the Rectory Conference Room and will study the letters of St. Paul. Please feel free to join us whenever you can. You are always welcome.

## Pasta and Crab Feed Let's Get Crackin'! FUN- RAISER

Please join us on **Saturday, February 9th** in the Gym for our Annual Church of the Assumption Crab Feed. Ticket prices are as follows:

\$45. ~ for crab eaters, includes dinner of crab, pasta, salad, bread and yummy dessert

\$20. ~ for non crab eaters, includes dinner of pasta, salad, bread and yummy dessert

\$10. ~ for kids aged 6-12 years Kids 5 and under are free!

There will be a no-host bar, raffle, and music. A good time for all is included in the ticket price!

Grab a group of old friends or come and make some new ones! If you are interested in decorating your table in our Valentine's theme, doors will open to all decorators at 4:00p.m. Doors will open to reserved ticket holders at 5:30p.m.. All decorated tables will be entered in a contest with the winner receiving \$20 in raffle tickets!

**Reserved seating only!** Please call the parish office to reserve your tickets at (510) 352-1537. **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**

## Gift Cards Needed

We are looking for gift cards of any denomination for places like movie theaters, restaurants, and local stores to use as raffle prizes at the parish crab feed. Just drop the cards off at the Parish Office this week. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## Time to Join the Choir?

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

If you would like to join our choir here at Assumption, please stop by the organ after Mass and speak with our Minister of Music, Bill Vaughan. The Adult Choir meets most Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We would love to hear your voice in our choir.

## 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. Our next gathering will be on February 10th.

## 2018 Tax Statements

End of Year tax statements have been sent out. If you have not received one, please call the Parish Office and we will mail it to you.

### Financial Update for January 28, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 6,051.50
EFT Collection.....	\$ 290.00
Total.....	\$ 6,341.50
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (3,158.50)

Thank you for your continued giving!

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place Gospel values before any other values and be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, our members were able to take care of a few needs of the poor. This past week we provided a motel room for a homeless veteran and his spouse. We provided food to two families and also helped a single woman with a delinquent water bill get her service restored.

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](mailto:slassumption@sbcglobal.net)

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

### **Rosary Makers**

We made and sent out 6,650 rosaries in 2018 with Our Lady's help, as she sees to all of our needs like supplies to make rosaries and for postage. Making rosaries is called a labor of love.

### **CYO**

**If your child would like to play CYO, we are still accepting applications for Girls Basketball 2nd-8th grades, boys Sand volleyball and Track and Field. You may get the forms from [Assumptionsanleandro.org](http://Assumptionsanleandro.org) go to ministries and find CYO. Download forms and bring your completed forms to the parish office by February the 8th. You may call us at 510-352-1537**

## **Attention Married Couples**

Will you be celebrating a special anniversary this year such as your 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or longer? Then save next Sunday, February 10th at 9:00a.m.

On that date our Assumption community will honor you with a special blessing at the 9:00 Mass. All couples celebrating a special anniversary will process into the church with the celebrant. During Mass each couple's name will be read and a special blessing will be conferred on them. What a lovely way to allow our community to come together and recognize the love and honor that marriage represents! After Mass all are invited to join the anniversary couples and their families for coffee and donuts.

We ask that those couples who want to participate call Nick or Judi Venuto at (512) 517-0317 or call the Parish Office if you would like to be included and tell us which anniversary year you will be celebrating.

### **World Day of the Sick**

This Saturday, February 9, 2019, 11:00a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, World Day of the Sick will be observed. Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, their families and caregivers to observe this day with him. Please join us for Mass, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, a special blessing and distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France and distribution of rosaries and holy cards. Please bring family, friends and neighbors to share in this blessed opportunity. For more information visit our website at [oakdiocese.org/WDS](http://oakdiocese.org/WDS) Thank you.

### **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.

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions  
February 2—February 9, 2019**

<b>Saturday 2</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Candelaria Bantay +</b>
<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Emelia Henriques +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Jorge Arias Ruiz +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Jose Rodrigues Oliveira +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Celestino Camara +</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>Tom Rousseau (L)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>Patricia Villata (L)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>Michael Smith +</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Irene Guest +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>John Gomes, Jr. +</b>
<b>Saturday 9</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>Jaime Raymundo Salazar +</b>

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>Faith Form. 9-11:30a.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>Confirmation 12-3p.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>Rosary Makers 9:00a.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>School Bd. 7:00p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Children's Choir 2p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>GS 6:00p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>BS 7:00p.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
	<b>CH</b>	<b>Adult Choir 7:00p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday 9</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>1st. Reconciliation 10:30</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>Parish Crab Feed 5:30p.m.</b>

**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.