

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH 510-352-1537**  
1100 Fulton Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577 Fax 510-352-2094  
Website: [assumptionsanleandro.org](http://assumptionsanleandro.org)  
e-mail: [SLASSUMPTION@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:SLASSUMPTION@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

Office Hours:

8:30 AM-12:00 PM  
1:30 PM-5:00PM  
School Office 357-8772  
School Office Hours:  
7:30 AM-3:30 PM

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**

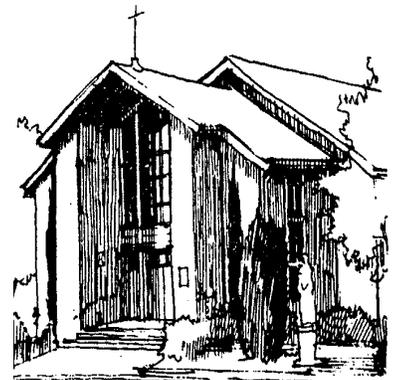
**Saturdays:** 3:30 to 4:00 PM

**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



## First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your  
heart.*

— *Romans 10:8*



### A Word from the Pastor

Today is the First Sunday of Lent and as Catholic Christians we start our Lenten journey with Christ and His Church together. The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, penitence and almsgiving beginning at Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. The official liturgical color for the season of Lent is violet or purple. The observance of Lent is related to the celebration of Easter.

In the first three centuries of the Christian era, most Christians prepared for Easter by fasting and praying for three days. In some places this extended to the entire week before Easter (also known as “Holy Week”). There is evidence that in Rome, the length of preparation was three weeks. The word *Lent* derives from the Middle English word *lenten*, meaning springtime – the time of the lengthening days. There is biblical support for doing penance, in both the Old and New Testaments. The season of Lent builds on this biblical support, but like all Catholic liturgical seasons, it developed over time. In its early three-week form, Lent was the period of intense spiritual and liturgical preparation for catechumens before they were baptized at Easter. Many members of the community imitated this time of preparation with the catechumens. Once Christianity became widespread and most people were baptized as infants, Lent lost the connection to the preparation of catechumens. Instead, the themes of repentance and fasting became dominant. Vatican II restored the order of catechumens. Since then, most adult converts to Catholicism are baptized at the Easter Vigil, which takes place after sundown on Holy Saturday. As a result, the ancient baptismal meaning of Lent is once again becoming important.

Traditionally, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Since

this is more than forty days, some contend that Sundays are not counted in Lent. Instead, they argue, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are counted as one day. Others say that Lent begins on the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday. No one is exactly sure how Ash Wednesday became the first day of Lent. During the next few weeks the church asks us to forgo the niceties of our modern day civilization; reduce the intake of our red meats; and increase our daily prayer routine. If you do not have a daily prayer routine, then it's not too late to begin one anew. Be aware of those around you who go without; especially be mindful of the poor that are still with us by giving to your favorite charity. Make a special effort to attend the Sunday liturgies and special days of obligation. And as good stewards remember to provide for your parish community's needs, especially your financial assistance in order for us to meet our financial and human obligations. I also ask you to pray for our church during this time of preparation, sacrifice, in anticipation of our risen Lord on Easter Sunday. God bless.

### Our Connection

The Lenten season has begun and it is a time to follow Moses' advice and remember what God has done for us. Isn't that what Eucharist is, an “anamnesis” -- a remembering, a memorial? Each time we celebrate Eucharist we recall the great deeds God has done for us in Christ -- and more. We will hear Jesus' words at this celebration, “Do this in remembrance of me.” It is not merely a looking backward so as not to forget what God did for us in the past. Rather, when we recall Christ's self offering for us, when we “remember” him, he is made present to us. We are connected to his life, death and resurrection. It's good to remember the past as it gives us courage and vision for the present and hope for the future.

~Jude Siciliano, O.P.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## 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 Men's Group

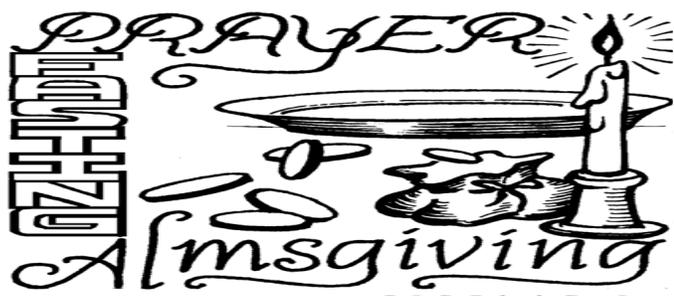
Tim Karlstrand is spearheading the development of the new Assumption Men's Group, "Empowering Men". The group is for men who want to transform their lives and get more out of life, using a widely employed and successful structure. It is open to Assumption men and men from the greater community. If you would like more information, then reach out to Tim Karlstrand at: [tkarlstrand@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Rice Bowls/Lenten Booklets

Both Catholic Charities' Rice Bowls and the Lenten Booklets are on the tables at the back of the church. The Lenten Booklets sell for \$2.00 each and the rice bowls are free. Please use them both during this season of Lent.

### Taize Prayer Service

Our first Lenten Taize Prayer Service will start on Wednesday, March 13th. If you are not familiar with this type of prayer style, please come and join us to better understand and appreciate this wonderful style of prayer, meditation and beautiful music. This event will take place in the church on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7:00p.m.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Save the Date Cursillo Weekends

The next scheduled Cursillo Weekends will be at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland;

Men's: May 2~5, 2019  
Women's May 16~19, 2019

If you have any questions, please contact your local Cursillo parish representative, Jennie Gisslow at (510) 875-9170 or email at: [jennie@designsrc.com](mailto:jennie@designsrc.com) or visit the website at: [www.oakdiocesecursilo.org](http://www.oakdiocesecursilo.org). Thank you.

### Our Lenten Journey

Our parish community remembers where we have come from and where we are going -- with Christ and because of him. It is, as we address God in the preface today, "Truly right and just to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your Son." Want a different way to begin Lent? We can begin this holy season, not so much by beating our breasts, but by remembering what God has done for us and, in this Eucharist and in our daily lives, giving thanks. Let's try that -- all through Lent.  
~Jude Siciliano, O.P.

### Faith Book Gospel Reflection

Jesus not only shared our human nature but, like us, was subject to temptations. In the course of our daily lives we also face temptations to put comfort and material possessions over the Sacrifices involved in being a disciple. We get sidetracked and lose sight of what and who are important in our daily lives. What are our priorities and how do we express those priorities by the choices we make each day?

~Jude Siciliano, O.P.

### Financial Update for March 3, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 7,371.00
EFT Collection.....	\$ 950.00
Total.....	\$ 8,321.00
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (1,179.00)

Thank you for your continued giving!

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a day of reflection with Fr. Tom Bonacci C.P. on Saturday March 16th. As host the Assumption Conference wishes to extend an invitation to all parishioners to join us. Our day will begin with Mass at 8:15a.m. followed by the presentation in the Parish Hall until 2:30 pm. Continental breakfast & lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jackie at (510) 638-7600.

Through your gifts this past week our members were able to assist a widow on a fixed income with food and helped a family dependent on their car with repairs.

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.

### Lenten Spirituality Presentation

Dr. Ruth Ohm, Professor of Theology, will present the second part of her talk on Lenten Spirituality in the Small Hall on Sunday, March 10th at 7:00p.m. Dr. Ruth is an amazing presenter. Please join us.

### Sunday Soup Nights

Beginning Sunday, March 24th at 5:30p.m. our community will share in Lenten Soup Nights. We encourage you to bring a pot of your favorite soup and come to share a simple meal and fellowship. You do not need to bring soup to participate in this event. All are welcomed at this table! Please join us!

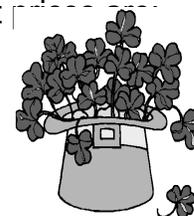
## Annual St. Patrick's Dinner

The community is invited to our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 17, 2019. The celebration will be held in our school gym. Doors open at 4:30 in the afternoon. A no host bar is available. Dinner begins at 5:15p.m. and includes a traditional Irish feast with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert and coffee. The evening includes entertainment, a 50/50 Lucky Raffle, kids' crafts, a fun photo booth, a dessert contest, and a no-host Irish Coffee Bar!

### NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Dinner ticket

**\$18 per person for adults**  
**\$12 for seniors over 60**  
**\$10 for the "wee ones"**  
**ages 12 and under.**



Feel free to bring a dessert to share with others. This fun Irish dinner and party is an annual celebration here at Assumption. So don't miss out on this fun tradition!

For more information and to **purchase tickets**, please contact the Parish Office at (510) 352-1537. Hope to see you there!

### 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



Fast &  
Abstinence

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

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

**Saturday 9 5:00 Edward Gacerez +**

**Sunday 10 7:30 Pat Gilmore +  
9:00 Brigida Fernandes +  
10:30 John & Margaret Galego +  
12:00 Jose Rodrigues Oliviera +**

**Monday 8:15 Mark Macguidwin +**

**Tuesday 8:15 John & Irene Jorge +**

**Wednesday 8:15 Walter Bielaski & Polly Smith +**

**Thursday 8:15 George & Elizabeth Westrick +**

**Friday 8:15 Samuel Gonzalez (L)**

**Saturday 16 8:15 Ben Leal +**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday 10 MC Faith Formation 9-11:30a.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 3:30-9:00p.m.**

**Wednesday RCR Bible Study 10:00a.m.  
GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.  
H GS 6:00p.m.  
H BS 7:00p.m.  
CH Adult Choir 7:00p.m.**

**Thursday RCR Knit/Crochet 10:00a.m.  
GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.**

**Friday H SVdP 3:30p.m.  
GYM CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.**

**Saturday 16 H SVdP Retreat 8:00a.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.