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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**

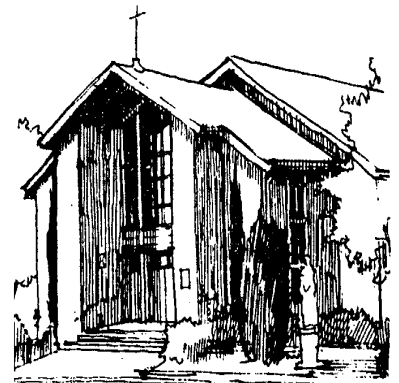
**Saturdays:** 3:30 to 4:00 PM

**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



**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 24, 2019**

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the  
oppressed.

— *Psalm 103:6*



**A Word from the Pastor**

Erin Go bragh! Last Sunday the parish community celebrated St. Patrick's day and had the most marvelous time. Paul Carney and his wife Giovanna did a great job preparing and cooking the traditional foods we associate with this special feast for Ireland's patron saint. I would like to take this time to also thank the following people who spent many hours decorating and cleaning up. Thank you to Kelli Jackman and Jacqui Diaz for chairing and making this a successful dinner. I would like to thank Leo and the dads for setting up and tending bar; all the children who served dinner and Paul Jackman for providing the music and visuals. You guys ROCK!

Who was St. Patrick? Maewyn Succat, the man who was to become St. Patrick, is believed to have been born around 385 AD. His exact birth place is unknown, though it was likely in England, Wales or Scotland. In his teens, Succat was captured by Celtic pirates and taken to Ireland where he worked as a herdsman. After escaping, he went on to become a Catholic priest, taking the name Patrick. Inspired by a series of dreams, he decided to return to Ireland as a missionary in the mid fifth century. It was in Ireland that his legend was born. Patrick became well known for establishing schools, churches and monasteries and later was appointed Bishop of Ireland. It's said he converted more than 135,000 people to Christianity while establishing 300 churches and consecrating 350 bishops.

History says St. Patrick became associated with the shamrock after he used its three leaves to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity. And while the holiday named for him is now associated with the color green, St. Patrick's was originally associated with a blue that was used on Ireland's Presidential Standard. The emphasis on green didn't occur until the 18th century when it became associated with the Irish independence movement. Legend holds that St. Patrick

banished all the snakes from Ireland, forcing them into the ocean where they drowned. Ireland is one of the places in the world where there are no wild snakes. Experts say this has more to do with its geography hundreds of millions of years ago - the island was completely underwater - than the actions of a man. St. Patrick is believed to have died on March 17 in the year 461. The first U.S. St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York on March 17, 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the military marched through the city. One of the most-often repeated phrases on St. Patrick's Day is "Erin go Bragh!" The Gaelic phrase "Erin go Bragh" is most often translated as "Ireland Forever" as an expression of support for the Emerald Isle. While long said in Ireland, the phrase came into wider usage in 1847 when a group of Irish volunteers joined the Mexicans in the Mexican-American war. The soldiers, known as St. Patrick's Battalion, flew a green banner emblazoned with the phrase "Erin go Bragh." Today, the phrase is most often seen emblazoned on shirts or in Irish pubs as people join in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Let us go forward and remember that on St. Patrick's day all of us, no matter our color, religion or no religion, or race, are a little bit Irish. Again thanks to everyone who participated in the making of our wonderful time together. May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. God bless.

**In Memorium**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner, Helen Meyer, who died recently. Please pray for her family and may God hold them all in the palm of His hand.

**Taize Prayer Service**

Our Lenten **Taize Prayer Service** continues on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:45p.m. in the church. If you are not familiar with this type of prayer style, please come and join us to better understand and appreciate this wonderful form of prayer, meditation and beautiful music.

## 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.

### Vacation Bible School ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good!

Church of the Assumption is excited to announce the return of our Vacation Bible School! The VBS session will be held here on June 17 through the 21st, 2019 from 9:00a.m. to 12p.m. All ages are welcome...preschool and older! We need campers, counselors and counselors-in-training. More information is on the way.

### At the School

A BIG THANK YOU to Assumption's Seventh Grade for your enthusiastic help at our St. Patrick's Day celebration dinner. Your hard work is very much appreciated and made for a much more smoothly running event!

Mr. D's Sport's Zone will be open again this summer for K-7th graders. Sessions start June 17 and run through August 9. Credit cards and Venmo are now being accepted. Please email Mr. D at: [mrdszone@gmail.com](mailto:mrdszone@gmail.com) for more information.

More on this and other school news and fun fundraisers may be found in the Trojan News at: [www.assumption-sl.org](http://www.assumption-sl.org)

### Sunday Soup Nights

Beginning this evening, 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 welcome at this table! Please join us!

## 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.

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Recycling Drive

Boy Scout Troop 556 will hold its next monthly recycling drive to earn money to help scouts pay for summer camp on Saturday, April 20 from 10-11:00a.m. at Assumption School across from the Ministry Center. The troop is collecting plastic and glass beverage bottles and aluminum cans. Please contact Jason Beito at (510) 439-7050 or [jbeito@gmail.com](mailto:jbeito@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Financial Update for March 17, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 6,453.00
EFT Collection.....	\$ 960.00
Total.....	\$ 7,413.00
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (2,087.00)

Thank you for your continued giving!

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding a special Lenten Food Drive through March 31st. Food collected during this period will be used in our food pantry and distributed during home visits to our neighbors who call our help line. Any non perishable food item may be donated. Among the items we need most are cereal, tuna, pasta and pasta sauces, crackers, condiments, peanut butter and jam. Donated food items may be left in the SVdP basket located in the vestibule of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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.

### Mid Lent Check-In

God says to Moses, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great "I AM." Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God's ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today's Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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## 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, please follow your doctor's guidelines.



Fast & Abstinence

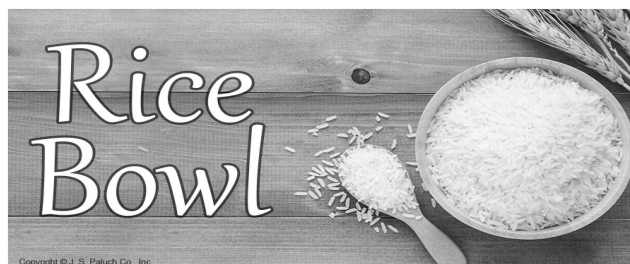
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### Assumption Men's Group

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 on Sunday. You can transform your life and live the life you want.

### 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 as we journey together toward Easter.



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**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions  
March 23—March 30, 2019**

<b>Saturday 23 5:00</b>	<b>Andonio Espinosa +</b>
<b>Sunday 24 7:30</b>	<b>Claire Canning +</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Carl Schoenweiler +</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Jose Rodrigues Oliveira +</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Prudencia Pavo +</b>
<b>Monday 8:15</b>	<b>Manuel G. Rodrigues +</b>
<b>Tuesday 8:15</b>	<b>Helen Meyer +</b>
<b>Wednesday 8:15</b>	<b>Betti Lagomarsino +</b>
<b>Thursday 8:15</b>	<b>Omar &amp; Loretta Helmkamp +</b>
<b>Friday 8:15</b>	<b>Wilson &amp; Trixie MacLay +</b>
<b>Saturday 30 8:15</b>	<b>Ben Leal +</b>

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>MC</b>	<b>Faith Formation 9-11:30a.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>Confirmation Noon-3:00p.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>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>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>RCR</b>	<b>Bible Study 10:00a.m.</b>
	<b>CH</b>	<b>Children's Choir 2p.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>GS 6:00p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>BS 7:00p.m.</b>
	<b>CH</b>	<b>Taize Prayer Service 7:00p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>RCR</b>	<b>Knit/Crochet 10:00a.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
	<b>H</b>	<b>PTG 7:00p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Office is closed.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday 30</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Strategic Planning 9-11:00a.m.</b>
	<b>GYM</b>	<b>CYO 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m.</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

Head Lector:	
Cathy Ralph.....	895-0420
Altar Server Coordinators:	
Dennis Burigay.....	895-1628
Mike Tedeschi.....	357-9447
Head Communion Minister:	
Faye Caruso.....	882-5002
Head Usher: Ed Hernandez.....	351-7025
Head Greeter:	
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.