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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

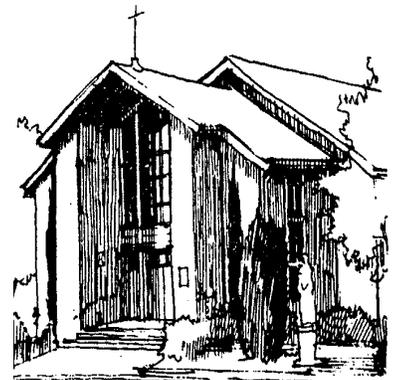
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



**Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019**

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

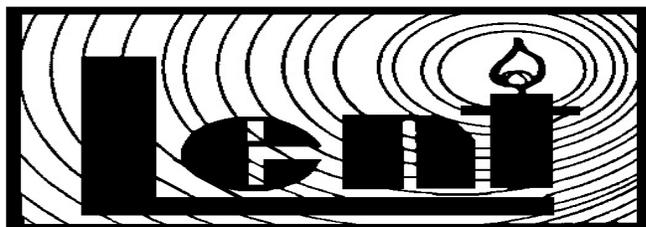
— Luke 6:44



A Word from the Pastor

Wow! Has time really gone by that quickly? Ash Wednesday is here again. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. This is the day that opens Lent, a season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe this time of year as well. Ash Wednesday comes out of the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the second century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Liturgy. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes on as a reminder until the evening. Recently, movements have developed that involve pastors distributing ashes to passersby in public places. This isn't considered taboo, but Catholics should know this practice is distinctly Protestant. Catholics should still receive ashes within the context of Mass. In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Why do we receive the ashes? Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told, "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his sin of disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer, penance and almsgiving. Remember to give generously to your parish. God bless.



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

Congratulations to Assumption School's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls volleyball teams who all advanced to the diocesan CYO Metro League Championships. While 7th and 8th grade teams were eliminated, the 6th grade team took the red ribbon medal for Second Place and advanced to the Oakland Diocesan Championship games.

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 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.

Liturgical Minister Sign Up

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, please sign up for the 7:00p.m. Ash Wednesday liturgy. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Thanks for your help.

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.



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Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is this week on March 6th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 in the morning and at 7:00 in the evening.

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 each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7:00p.m.

Organ Concert

You are invited to an organ concert by our own Minister of Music, Bill Vaughan today, Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Trinity/ St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Gough and Bush Streets in San Francisco. Choral Evensong is at 5:00p.m. followed by the Organ Concert. There will be a free-will donation. Hope you can attend.

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 and glass beverage bottles and aluminum cans. Please contact Jason Beito at (510) 439-7050 or jbeito@gmail.com.

Financial Update for February 24, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 5,063.00
EFT Collection.....	\$ 1,577.00
Total.....	\$ 6,640.00
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (2,860.00)
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 8:15 a.m. followed by the presentation in the Parish Hall until 2:30 p.m. Continental breakfast & lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jackie (510) 638-7600.

Also, a reminder to leave only nonperishable food items in the SVdP basket in the back of the church. Please do not leave clothing or household items.

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

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 a two part talk on Lenten Spirituality in the Small Hall on Monday, March 4th at 7:00p.m. and also on Sunday, March 10th.

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 prices are:

\$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 2—March 9, 2019**

Saturday 2	5:00	Phyllis Demos +
Sunday 3	7:30	Pat Gilmore +
	9:00	Lucille Danielsen +
	10:30	Isabel Luisotti +
	12:00	Tom Rousseau +
Monday	8:15	Mary O'Malley +
Tuesday	8:15	Patricia Gilmore +
Wednesday	8:15	Betti Lagomarsino +
	7:00	Robert Chabre +
Thursday	8:15	George & Elizabeth Westrick +
Friday	8:15	John Gomes, Jr. +
Saturday 9	8:15	Ben Leal +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 3	H	Auction Clean Up
	GYM	Auction Clean Up
Monday	H	Spirituality Talk 7p.m.
	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Tuesday	CR	Rosary Makers 9:00a.m.
	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00
	H	School Board 7:00p.m.
Wednesday	RCR	Bible Study 10:00a.m.
	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
	CH	Ash Wednesday Mass 8:15a.m. and 7:00p.m.
Thursday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Friday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Saturday 9	GYM	CYO 9:00a.m.-9:00p.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.