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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

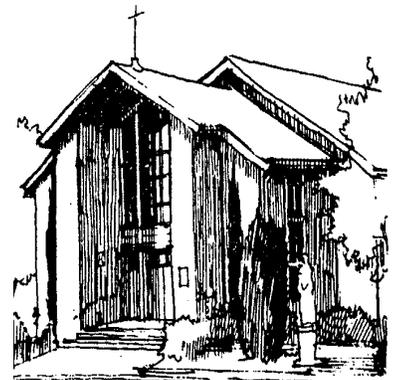
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*



A Word from the Pastor

This week as we get closer to our Pascal Feast, I would like to explain what the Scrutinies are and when they are used. The Scrutinies are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). At the beginning of Lent, Catechumens are elected by the bishop for the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. These Elect, as they are now called, begin their final period of “purification and enlightenment” before Easter. On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate these special rites for them. Let me repeat: we celebrate this rite for the Elect — those catechumens who have been called to the Easter sacraments. Catechumens who have not been elected do not celebrate the Scrutinies, and neither do candidates (those already baptized who are coming into full communion with the Church). In fact, to celebrate the Scrutinies with someone already baptized (or even to have them sign the Book of the Elect) is to denigrate their baptism, to say it made no difference; that is quite an insult. Instead, candidates may celebrate a special penitential rite on the second Sunday of Lent.

The Scrutinies are meant to help the Elect in two ways. First, the Elect are reminded that they are sinners (as we all are) — but that is not a cause for despair or discouragement. The reality that we celebrate at the Triduum is that we have salvation in Christ. By knowing the truth about ourselves we come to know our need for God — and thirst more and more for life-giving waters. Second, the Scrutinies are meant to help heal what is sinful and strengthen what is good in the Elect (RCIA #141). Part of the rite is a prayer for freedom and protection from the effects of sin and from any influence of the devil (RCIA #144) — what we call a “minor exorcism.” That may sound a little scary or conjure up some bad Hollywood images, but no one is saying that the Elect are possessed! Rather, for the Elect, this final season of preparation can be a time of

fatigue and temptation. They need our prayers. The Scrutinies, then, are a way for us — the Church — to help support the Elect on this final leg of their journey to the font and table. The readings from Cycle A of the Lectionary are used when the Scrutinies are celebrated because the Gospel selections for those days have been traditionally associated with Baptism: the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. By recounting these stories, we not only help the Elect understand where they are going — we remind ourselves where we’ve come from. We are reminded that in Baptism we are given to drink of life-giving waters, we are given new eyes of faith, and we are given new life. We are reminded that Christ is the living water, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life. The special Mass prayers used on these days reinforce those powerful images.

As we observe these Sundays of Lent, let us keep our Elect — and our candidates — in prayer. Let us remember, too, the truth of the Scrutinies: we are all sinners in need of healing and forgiveness; we all need the salvation offered by Christ Jesus. God Bless.

Bishop’s Appeal 2019 Rebuild My Church

Bishop Barber personally chose the theme for this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. “**Rebuild My Church**” was the message Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis. With time, Francis came to understand his mission in a spiritual sense: to return the church to the radical simplicity of the gospel, the spirit of poverty, and the image of Christ in the poor. Other people joined Francis in his life of poverty, dedicating their lives to the teachings of Christ and by doing so, “Rebuilding Christ’s Church”.

The Bishop calls on us today to assist him in strengthening three pillars of our faith: experiencing Sunday Mass; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and forming ourselves into missionary disciples. We can do this by contributing to the Bishop’s Appeal to work together to Rebuild Christ’s Church here in the Dioceses of Oakland.

What's Happening?

Many thanks to our Middle School Social Action Team lead by Nancy Pretto and Gorett Allenbach for hosting a fabulous breakfast and Bingo for our 7:30a.m. Mass community. A good time was had by all as they munched on home-made breakfast casseroles and baked goods. Bingo was led by the youth, with winners walking away with potted succulents.

Faith Formation is in full swing and our sacrament class is getting ready to receive First Eucharist on May 18. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of preparation. Faith Formation meets on various Sundays in the Ministry Center from 10:15-11:30a.m.

On Sundays from 3:30-5:00p.m. kids aged 7-17 years meet in the small hall and come together for games, snacks and activities. No prior sign up is necessary and all are welcome to join our Youth Group.

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

Thank you 1st Grade for hosting today's 9:00a.m. Mass!

On Monday, March 25, the 8th Graders presented their many hours of research and discovery from their "Genius Projects" (their chosen topics of passion and interest) by hosting a museum of learning stations attended by the school community. "I Spent a Month Trying to Live without Plastic" and "Are Animal Friendships Beneficial?" are just a sampling of many topics.

Tomorrow our students will travel around the world celebrating International Day in the Gym. Enjoy and learn!

And blessings to our 8th Graders as they go on retreat on Tuesday, April 9, to help prepare for the next chapter in their educational careers ~high school.

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. Email Mr. D at: mrdszone@gmail.com. More on this and other school events may be found in the Trojan News: www.assumptionschool-sl.org.

Sunday Soup Nights

Each Sunday at 5:30p.m. our community shares 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 for Spring

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10. Let us help you renew your relationship with God and others at a Cursillo Weekend. The Oakland Diocese is sponsoring the upcoming Cursillo Weekends 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 or visit the website at: www.oak-cursillo.org.

There are flyers on the table in the back of the church with more information.

Financial Update for March 31, 2019

Plate Collection.....	\$ 5,515.35
EFT Collection.....	\$ 300.00
Total.....	\$ 5,815.35
Goal.....	\$ 9,500.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (3,684.65)

Thank you for your continued giving!

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel Jesus provides us an example of compassion. His model of forgiveness and mercy frees our hearts from the often unkind judgments of others. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul strives to serve the poor without any judgment.

This past month our members visited 16 individuals and families. We provided assistance such as food, help with rent, past due utility bills, simple furniture such as beds, and gas cards and bus passes for transportation. All of this is made possible through your generous support.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks the parishioners of the Church of Assumption for all their gifts collected during our Lenten Food Drive and last Sunday's second collection.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call our Help-Line at (510) 352-6079.

Our Journey

Lent is drawing to a close. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and then we enter Holy Week. We may feel discouraged that we have been less than successful these past weeks in the resolutions for reform and prayer we made the first days of Lent. We made resolutions because we wanted to grow spiritually; to express our sorrow for sin; to be in solidarity with suffering people in other parts of the world; to simplify our lives so that we would be more open to neighbor and God. Are we stuck in our old selves, fated to repeat old patterns of living? Are we, like the Israelites in exile, a long way from our true selves, our true homes? How do we get "home"? Journeys can be scary and hazardous as they take us into unknown places we haven't been before. What sacrifice will we have to make to get there? Is it too late to begin, are we stuck forever in our exile?

~Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P.

Taize Prayer Service

Our final Lenten Taize Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:45p.m. in the church. Please join us!

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.

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

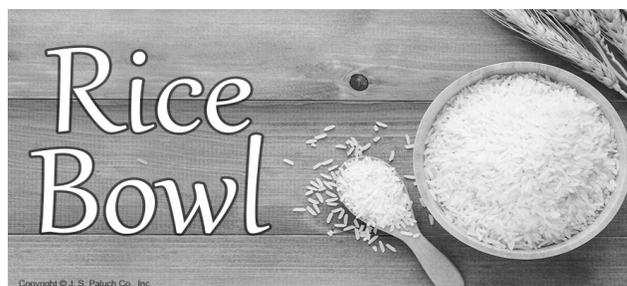
Good Information

Our judgments are only as good as our information.

—Anonymous

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
April 6—April 13, 2019**

Saturday 6	5:00	Robert Chabre +
Sunday 7	7:30	Ken Cordoza +
	9:00	Aleixo Fernandes +
	10:30	Jerry Kugel +
	12:00	Italo Di Tano +
Monday	8:15	John Gomes, Jr. +
Tuesday	8:15	Patricia Gilmore +
Wednesday	8:15	Eleanor Constantino +
Thursday	8:15	Wayne & Kathy Guest +
Friday	8:15	Fr. Paul Minnihan
Saturday 13	8:15	Thomas Haines +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 7	H	Confirmation 12-3:00p.m.
	MC	Faith Form. 9-11:30a.m.
	GYM	International Day
Monday	GYM	International Day
Tuesday	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Wednesday	CR	Bible Study 10:00a.m.
	CH	Children's Choir 2p.m.
	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
	H	GS 6:00p.m.
	H	BS 7:00p.m.
	CH	Taize Prayer Service 7:00p.m.
	CH	Adult Choir 7:30p.m.
Thursday	CR	Knit/Crochet 10:00a.m
	GYM	CYO 3:30-9:00p.m.
Friday	GYM	Dad's Club Set Up
Saturday 13	GYM	Dad's Club Father/ Daughter Dance

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:	
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.