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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM

Weekdays: 7:00 AM

Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy

Rosary:

Recited every weekday morning before Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

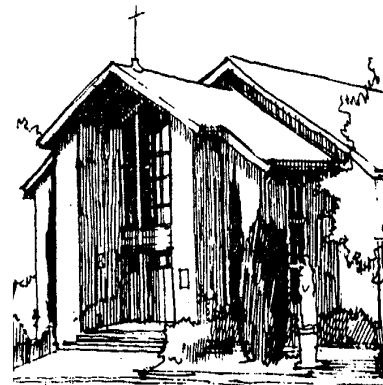
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

Office Hours:

8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

School Office 357-8772

School Office Hours: 7:00 AM-3:30 PM



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012 Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. — *Psalm 95:6*

We've all had to put up with boring speeches or sermons from time to time, whether it be from politicians or preachers, at school speech nights or the local service or sports club. Every now and then though we come across someone who really arrests our attention. It might only be that he or she puts words together well; it's often a combination of that and something in the content that strikes a chord. Maybe we are even envious of the obvious gift that person has. This is surely how Jesus came across to those people in the synagogue. This was someone quite different; they had had their share of run of the mill scribes with their tired old platitudes. Here was someone who really meant what he said and was able to back it up with fearless engagement with a power from which they shrank in ignorance and doubt.



It is not without importance that this is the first public appearance of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Over the next few weeks we will witness the popular acceptance of Jesus as he battles with a force that takes various forms—physical sickness, opposition from entrenched mindsets, the accusation of collusion with the enemy itself. This is the “gospel”, the good news that Jesus invites the people to accept readily by changing their lives.

The same “gospel” is offered to us for we are dealing with a power that can change our lives, not merely a set of nice, pious sayings. Too often we reduce the gospels to that and so remain relatively unmoved by the dynamic challenge they contain.

As we know, in that society possession by “unclean spirits” was a general term that covered all kinds of conditions for which we today have medical or social explanations and sophisticated labels. We can therefore approach these stories with a type of superiority as if they either

don't occur anymore or are best left to experts to deal with. Yet isn't it true that all of us are “possessed” in different ways by forces over which we have to admit to having little or no control? Some people are enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling, and so on. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions so that we don't even want to admit to ourselves, let alone to anyone else, that we are virtually powerless to control them. All of us know deep down that many of our habits and ways of dealing with others are so much a part of our make up that we can do little to change them. The people who acclaimed Jesus realized that he had something special that could influence them to change their lives. The authority and healing power of Jesus is present today in his body, the Church, through the Sacraments, but also in the love, care, and compassion of every community of faith. We only have to look around us when we are gathered for the Eucharist to name it and accept it. It is when the Church is able to back up teaching and doctrine with the same concern for the troubled lives of ordinary people that it is most effective in continuing the mission of Jesus. That is why in the Gospels he is always accompanied by followers learning how to be genuine “fishers of men.”

I would like to announce that it is time for the Bishop's Appeal in our parish and in our Diocese. This is a yearly appeal that assists our Diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. It reaches out in larger ministry to help those most in need.

THIS IS NOT A SECOND COLLECTION. This is a vital, annual commitment that can be spread out over a full year. Last year, our parish raised \$27,375 for the appeal. This year, our overall parish goal is \$20,113. I know we can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds back to address some of our own needs. A gift to the appeal truly extends to both local and larger ministry.

I have invited Mike Canizzaro, the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of Oakland, to speak to our parish family next weekend about the

various ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Most of us have been especially blessed by God – in health, with family, and our resources. With one gift to the appeal, we can help so many. That is truly a miracle.

We realize that everyone's financial situation is different. The decision you make is between you and God. Discuss your pledge to the Bishop's Appeal with your family and prayerfully reflect upon the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. I know that through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response. We will ask you to make your commitment on or by the weekend of **February 11-12.**

In closing, please take these thoughts home with you: While this is our parish, our spiritual home, we are part of a much larger, universal family. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can realize and accomplish great things.

After many years of training and coordinating our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Joe and Mina Riccio have stepped down from that ministry. On behalf of our Parish Family, I am deeply grateful for their loving and faithful service. God bless both of you. Faye Caruso has generously responded to my "asking" her to assume this responsibility!

We welcome to our Pastoral Staff Bill Vaughan, our new Music Director. We pray that he will have a fruitful ministry here at Assumption.

Parish Crab Feed

Join us on Saturday, February 11 for the Annual Parish Crab Feed. Cost is:

- \$40 Adults (\$45 after 2/1/12)
- \$35 Seniors 65yrs and over (\$40 after 2/1/12)
- Children \$10 (6-12 yrs)

Doors open at 5:30 for a no host bar, dinner of crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Seating is reserved. Tickets sold at the door or sold after February 1, 2012 will be \$45. You may call and purchase tickets at the office.

Kindred Ministry

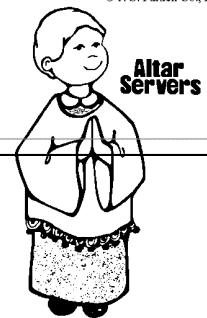
Eucharist Ministers take Communion to Kindred Hospital patients on Saturday mornings. **Volunteers are needed to partake in this Ministry.**



You will be accompanied by another person for three months or until you feel comfortable enough to take your own Saturday. Please call: Al Frates 510-351-2852

Training for those who have signed up to be Altar Servers will take place on the following Saturdays: February 4th, 11th, and 18th beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the church. The children need to have at least two training sessions before they will be assigned to "shadow" more experienced servers.

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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are in need of a few more people willing to serve this ministry. This is a privilege that is truly rewarding for both the minister as well as the recipient. For further information please contact the rectory office at 352-1537.

Volunteers Needed

If you are able to help us set up for the crab feed, please come to the gym on Friday, February 10 at 7:00pm. We really need your help!!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The need is great! This winter, the phone calls on our Outreach number continue to increase. **The second collection this weekend will be used to support the work of the Assumption Conference of SVdP.** Your contributions enable the Conference to continue the work of assisting the poor and needy. **Please be as generous as possible.** Continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**



Weekly Offering Including EFT

Weekly Goal\$8,254

Weekly Offering 1/15.....\$6858.50

Weekly Offering 1/22.....\$7433.00



SAVE THE DATE

Parent Ed Night at PTG

Who: Fr. Leo Edgerly, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish

What: "Providing the Foundation for Your Child (ren)'s Happy, Healthy Life in Today's Unpredictable World".

When: Thursday, February 9, 7 PM

Where: Assumption's Small Hall

Why: Parent Ed night at PTG.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat

Fri. Feb. 24, 6pm –Sat. Feb. 25, 7pm, 2012

Men/Women (21—40)

"The BE-Attitudes...Our Life GPS"

PRESENTERS: REBECCA SHINAS OP

FR. MARK GAZZINGON, & MARCIA

KRAUSE OP

Dominican Sisters of MSJ Motherhouse

43326 Mission Blvd. (Entrance on Mission

Tierra Pl.) Fremont, CA 94539

FREE WILL OFFERING RSVP DEADLINE:

MON. FEB. 20 Questions/RSVP: S. Frances

Mary Pierson, OP bless-

Blood Drive

Our December Blood drive collected 57 pints of blood—that will save over 170 lives! Thank you to all who participated. That drive was such a success that we're having another one on Saturday, February 4th. Hours are 7 am to 1 pm in the Small Hall. Please contact Jan Kehoe at jkehoe.blood@yahoo.com or 352-2624 for an appointment.

Scout Liturgy on Feb. 12 at 9am

On February 12 at the 9am Liturgy there will be a special blessing given to all cub, boy, sea and girl scouts and scout leaders. Cub, boy, sea and girl scouts and scout leaders should wear their full uniforms to this special Scout Liturgy. Scout groups are invited to process into the church as the Liturgy begins and must arrive by 8:45am to do so. Please pass on this information to others in your troop/pack. Contact Simonne at 351-6447 or [si-monnedansereau@earthlink.net](mailto:simonnedansereau@earthlink.net) if you have any questions.

KNITTING AND CROCHET MINIS-

TRIES: Happy New Year, 2012 from our Ministry to you! We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10:00 am in the Rectory Common Room and you are all welcomed. Not only do we knit or crochet but we do a lot of chatting (that is, solving the world problems of today). Our new project for the next months is Baby Blankets that we are making for Children's Hospital in Oakland and Eden Hospital in Castro Valley. We were given pastel yarn from a grandmother who is a yarn stash-er and that is a good thing. We are excited about this new project and hope that we can excite you, too. We will continue to make our beautiful one - of- a- kind warm scarves. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to receive a scarf. See you on Feb. 3rd. We supply the yarn and knitting needles, too.

