

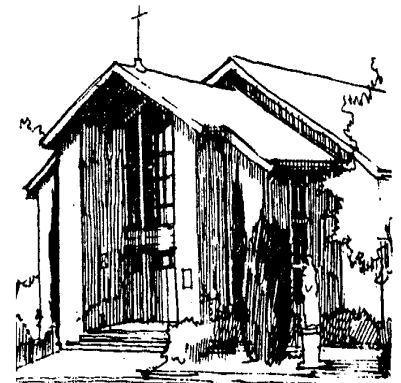
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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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

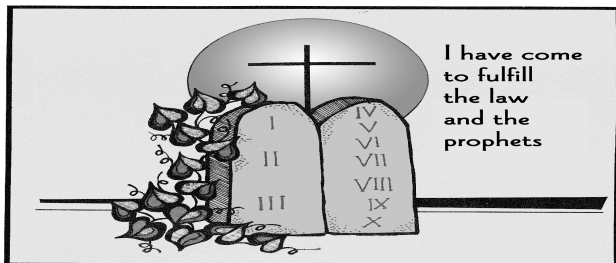
Office Hours:
8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM
School Office 357-8772
School Office Hours: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2011 What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love [God], this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



Paul wrote that if people had known God's mystery, they would not have crucified Christ. So why was Jesus killed? He was killed for different reasons. He was a popular speaker who was gathering a large following. That was enough to weary the Roman army in a military outpost famous for popular uprisings. Jesus was also a charismatic preacher who gave a new twist to traditional religion. That was enough to worry the Pharisees in a region festering with wannabe messiahs.

But no one should be judged too harshly. If Jesus had lived in another century on another continent, whoever was in charge would have done away with him because it would have been expedient. Jesus was ultimately killed because he was too human. To be human is to become more than we started out to be. That urge for fulfillment is curbed by fear of failure. To be human is to reach out to others in love. That stretch is thwarted by fear of rejection.

Only Jesus became all he could be. As he got to know God better and realized how much God loved him, he was determined to do absolutely everything that his Father wanted. Jesus knew that talking about another kingdom was bound to upset King Herod, but he would not reduce his Father's realm to a mere colony of Rome. Jesus must have known that interpreting God's will in a way different from the Pharisees would arouse their anxiety, fear and fierce piety. But he would not restrict the Spirit of God in rigid structures. He knew that the new wine of freedom called for new wineskins.

But why would God allow such a horrible thing to happen? Maybe for the same reasons we let awful things happen — because they are worth the pain. Even though we know that children will suffer many things in life and finally die, we still bear children because we deem the pain worth it. So, maybe the Father allowed Jesus to become human because he deemed it was worth the pain.

There were so many crucifixions in Judea — the historian Josephus reports seeing 300 in one day. Why is this one so different from the rest? What does it mean? Since it has to do with the connection between the mystery of God and the mystery of humans, the answer is bound to be mysterious. But some answers simply cannot be. Jesus was not killed because he offended God. God is nothing like us, and cannot be offended by anything, especially by our feeble efforts at sin.

Nor was Jesus killed by paying our debt for sin. That sounds like a criminal paying his debt to society. But he really doesn't; keeping him in prison costs more than letting him run free. We kill criminals out of vengeance, but we dare not think of a vengeful God. We also kill people as a warning against similar behavior. But who would try to imitate Jesus? No — Jesus was killed for being too human.

To be human is to take the risk of freedom, to reach beyond the limits of humanity and dare to God "Father." To be human is to open yourself to criticism, hatred and rejection for the sake of being a friend of humankind, deserving or unworthy. Jesus made himself vulnerable to everyone's emotions; he became totally vulnerable by exposing his simple self to the convoluted whims of humanity. He was killed because humankind can stand only so much goodness.

Here is the story of Jesus. God sent his son as an envoy to establish God's plan for the world. The plan was rejected. God offered his personal love, his very self. It was destroyed. Pity poor humankind!



Bishop's Annual Appeal...As I said last weekend, Assumption was one of thirteen parishes which attained its expected goal. That's thirteen parishes out of 85. The funds collected from the Annual Appeal support many charitable and valuable programs in our diocese: Catholic Education and Formation; Clergy Formation and Retirement; Pastoral, Youth and Family Ministries; and Support for Parishes in Need. Our parish goal is **\$20,830**. I would like to see more participation. Last year there were 333 individual/family contributions out of approximately 1,200 households. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is NOT just a 2nd collection. The success of the Appeal rests on parishioners making a pledge. Give back to God the first fruits of our labors and just the leftovers. Remember, whatever is collected over our goal is returned directly to our parish. If you were not prepared to make a pledge this weekend, you may do so in the following weeks. Just fill out the Appeal envelope which you find in the church. You may place it in the collection basket next weekend or drop it by the Parish Office.

CHOICE

If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

School News

Kindergarten Screenings have begun! We are so happy to have 52 applicants showing interest in our program and so proud to show off our school. On the other end of the continuum, our Eighth Graders attended a special school performance of the San Francisco Symphony last Monday. The musical selections centered on fairy tales and elicited flights of imagination from the audience. The class was delighted to have none other than Mr. Piontek as a special guest chaperone. After the performance, it was on to Bucca di Beppo for lunch, a little social skills practice, and a lot of fun

GYM KITCHEN REMODELING

Pardon our dust! The good news from Dave Chapman is that the kitchen upgrade has started. The trenching has been completed which is the first step in running the gas that will be needed for this project. In addition to replacing the range, the fire system and water heater will be brought up to date and we will be adding a pasta cooker as well! We're on our way!

CACHE CREEK CASINO BUS TRIP

Come and join us On Wednesday February 23 at Cache Creek Casino. The cost is 30.00 per person. We still have 8 spot left, so call the Parish office to reserve your seat. The Bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. and we will arrive at 11:00a.m. at the resort. We will arrive back at 5:00p.m. at the Church of the Assumption.



**Bus
Trip**

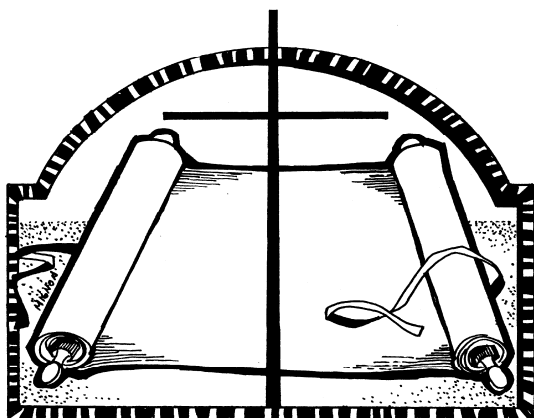


Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 In the Gospel Jesus says:
 "Whoever fulfills and teaches
 these commands shall be great
 in the kingdom of God." We
 would like to say **Thanks to all**
 who donated to the **Fifth Sun-**
day Collection held the last
 weekend of January. **By your**
gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you
indeed continue to put your faith into action
as you fulfill the commands of Jesus. Help
 us help others by referring those in need to our
HELP-LINE at 352-6079.

**St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County
 Guest Chef Series**

You're invited to the **St. Vincent de Paul Ala-**
ameda County Guest Chef Series featuring
Chef Anh & Chef Hoang of Vo's Restaurant
 and the **2010 Kitchen of the Champions** stu-
 dents on **Wednesday March 2, 2011,**
6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. Tickets are **\$72.00** per
 person, two people for **\$125,** or eight people
 (one table) for **\$475.00.**
Location: Society of St. Vincent de Paul of
Alameda County-Free Dining Room, 675
23rd Street Oakland, Ca 94612.
Please RSVP to 510-636-4261
****All proceeds are directed to the Kitchen of**
Champions Culinary Program.

***Obey and teach
 God's commandments***



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February 66905.51
January EFT.....2262.00
Thank you for your generosity!!



**The Church of the Assumption
 Saint Patrick's Dinner**

Please save the date of **March 20th** for the par-
 ish **St. Patrick's dinner.** The doors will open at
4:30PM and dinner at **6PM.** If you would like to
 help out with the fund-raiser please contact rec-
 tory. If you would like to be part of the entertain-
 ment along with the parish choir where singing
 or dancing please also contact the rectory. This
 is a great parish event so please plan to attend.

Senior Movie

Please join us for dinner and movie on
Wednesday February 16 at 4pm in the gym.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

February 13—February 20

Sun	Gym	CYO
	RCIA	Dismissal 9a.m.
Mon	H	Haven 7:30
	Gym	CYO
Tue	GYM	CYO
	YC	Dad's Club 7:30p.m.
Wed	H	Children's choir practice 3:30p.m.
	Ch	Adult Choir 7p.m.
	GYM	Senior Movie 4p.m.
Thu	Gym	CYO
	CR	Liturgy Committee 7p.m.
Fri	Gym	CYO
	CR	Knitters 10a.m.
Sat	Gym	CYO
Sun	Gym	CYO
	YC	Faith Formation 10:15a.m.

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions

February 12-February 20



Saturday	5:00	George & Dora Bilaski	+
Sunday	7:30	Joe Doherty	+
	9:00	Mary Anne Sullivan	+
	10:30	Marvyn & Jim Fauria	+
	12:00	David Rogers	+
Monday	7:00	Romulo Reynosa	+
Tuesday	7:00	Wayne Guest	+
Wednesday	7:00	Manuel Marques Jr	+
Thursday	7:00	Bat Hanafin	+
Friday	7:00	Tim Scannell (Living)	
Saturday	8:00	Bat Hanafin	+
	5:00	Betty Rezente	+
Sunday	7:30	Anne Leal	+
	9:00	Bernie Ratto	+
	10:30	Robert Crivello	+
	12:00	Bill Formisano	+

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Altar Server Coord. Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
Head Communion Ministers:	
Joe and Mina Riccio	352-3506
Head Usher: Al Weinberger.....	895-9900
Head Greeter: Gloria Calegari	357-0943
Ministry Scheduler: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Susan Hupp.....	352-1537
Teen Confirmation:	
Deacon Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
St. Vincent de Paul	
Joe Riccio.....	352-6079
Pastoral Council:	
Paul Carney	635-9473
School Board:	
Leila Towne.....	632-0594
Liturgy Committee	
Loretta Fernandes.....	352-1537
Finance Committee:	
Pat Durgin.....	632-4032
All Saints Skilled Nursing	
Merlie Macasieb.....	895-5162
Bishop's Appeal:.....	352-1537
Tuesdays with Larry:	
Larry Graves	352-4777
Rosary Makers:	
Irene Haines	483-7975
CYO:	
Don Ratto.....	614-2773
Communion to the Homebound:	
Mary Croak.....	352-1537
Communion to Kindred Hospital:	
Al Frates.....	351-2852
Prayer Chain:	
JoMarie Stavosky.....	483-3366
Knit/Crochet Group	
Mary Croak.....	357-7562
Linens:	
Anita De Marais.....	357-9172

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 inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.