

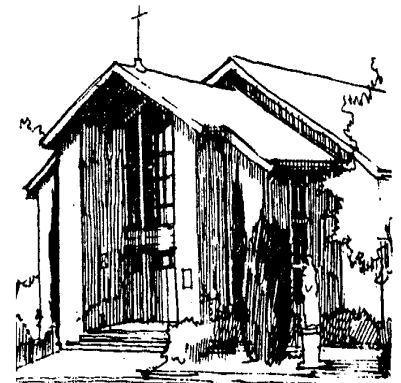
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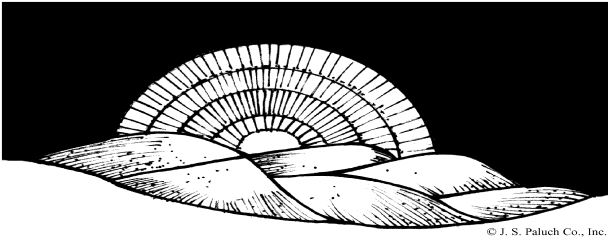
CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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



February 6, 2011 Light shines through the darkness for the upright. — Psalm 112:4



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Doctors and dietitians would have some difficulty with the first part of today's Gospel. Jesus does not seem to know that salt is bad for hypertension and cholesterol! Just as health professionals are encouraging us to be careful in using salt, Jesus is telling us to keep it up. Salt in Jesus' day, and for centuries before and after, was the primary preserving agent for food. That day-to-day usage gives us a clue as to the challenge being laid before us.

We are told that if salt has lost its taste it's good for nothing. So the challenge is to keep it fresh so it can keep doing its job. Jesus suggests that, in the same way, we have to be on guard to make sure that our faith remains fresh so it's able to do its job as well.

The fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew's Gospel are devoted to describing the elements of Christian faith. At the start of the fifth chapter we have the Beatitudes that tell us that the presence of God can be discovered in all of life's situations. It reminds us that as Christians we can find God wherever we want to. The rest of these two chapters go on to give us specific directions about the dangers and aides to faith.

Jesus tells us that a hollow attachment to the letter of the law, unbridled anger, an inability to forgive, being unfaithful in marriage, seeking revenge on our enemies, not being true to our word, and being enslaved by money are all examples of bad faith. Think for a moment of people you know who are trapped by any of these vicious forces. It's sad to see the energy it takes them to remain angry, greedy, legalistic, fraudulent, and unforgiving.

More positively Jesus tells us in these chapters that prayer, being generous to the poor, being discerning about whom we spend time with and what we see and hear, and going without things we often consider essential are helpful to living a faith-filled life. Think for a moment of people you know who live lives like this. Their detachment, sense of generosity, and ease with others stands out in our stress-ridden world.

A professor of liturgy used to say that, "Good liturgy enlivens faith and bad liturgy deadens it." This is the same message Jesus gives us today about faith in general. It's crazy for us to keep spending time with people and doing things that deaden our faith. We know the impact of these people or activities by the bad taste they leave in our mouths. After an encounter with them or it we usually tell ourselves that we must not go back for more, but the bad spirit seduces us into repeating the entire episode with frightening frequency. St Ignatius Loyola tells us that in these situations we have to deal with the bad spirit quickly and consistently and learn a new pattern of behavior that will lead us away from darkness into the light.

The job of faith is to enable us to live out and build Christ's reign of justice and love in this world as a foretaste of what awaits us in heaven. May this Eucharist enable us to seek out the people and places that will see the saltiness of our faith remain fresh and interesting so that we will have every chance of preserving our faith in the dryer times, and of our faith in Jesus preserving us in the face of the trials and tests that come our way.

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New Webpage design: One of the goals or suggestions that came from our Pastoral Council was the updating and better use of our webpage. Well, it has finally been accomplished! Among the new features are the Ministry Schedule and up to date Sunday bulletins. More and more information will be added in the future. Please see the front of the bulletin for the web address.

Bishop's Annual Appeal...It's that time again! First of all, let me congratulate all of you who contributed to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last year. Assumption was one of thirteen parishes which attained our expected goal. That's thirteen parishes out of 85. I am particularly concerned about the fact that our diocese has not met its expected goal of \$2.1 million for the last few years. While we are always concerned about our own parish community, the wider needs of the Church in Oakland also should be a part of our minds. 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.

GOD'S CALL

The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

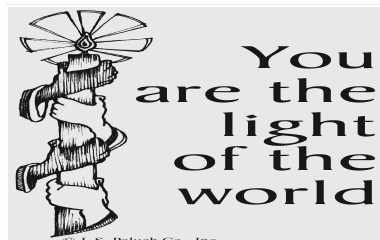
The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

In order for the Diocese of Oakland to better inform parishioners about upcoming diocesan events and the needs of the various communities and ministries throughout the Diocese in the East Bay, the Diocese has asked the parishes to release the mailing addresses of all registered parishioners. While this information will be used to inform parishioners about the Annual Bishop's Appeal, it will not be limited to that purpose alone. Moreover, all communications will come either directly from the Bishop's Office or from another department only with the bishop's authorization, and this information will not be shared with anyone else. Therefore, please be advised that this information from our parish register will be sent to the Diocese on February 11, 2011. Any parishioners who wish to have their addresses withheld should inform the parish office before that date.

School News

Where can you find 96 children, 3 teachers, 4 assistants and 1 principal all reading for a half an hour in silence together? In the parish Hall! DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) was one of many activities the school enjoyed this past week to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The week began with a beautiful liturgy and Open House. Monday's activity was the ever popular Buddy Bingo, this year with a sing along between games. Tuesday was DEAR and Wednesday was Teacher Switch Day where students get to go down memory lane or fast-forward to the future and spend some time in another classroom. Thursday was our incredible Science Fair. Friday found us celebrating Special Friends Day. We're so proud of our school and loved having the chance to share it with someone special in our lives. Assumption School is A+





Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. **Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St.**

Vincent de Paul. Continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

Here's a report about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Assumption for year 2010:

- Collections from Fifth Sunday Collections and fund raising: \$23,769
- Expenses: \$22,625
- Donations of food to clients: Equivalent of \$11,200 to 601 people served
- Home visits made by our Vincentians to clients, including Hospital and Eldercare visits: 499, to over 1,080 individuals
- Total Hours of Service by our Vincentians: 2,508; 6,192 miles

Assumption Conference was one of the winners awarded the 2010 Rice Bowl Grant of \$700 from Catholic Services/Catholic Charities to be used for food

We are ever grateful for the continued support that we receive from our parish.

With the increasing numbers of those clients in need calling our Help Line, we can only predict that the year 2011 will be just as great. Thank you.

CACHE CREEK CASINO BUS TRIP

Come and join us On Wednesday February 23 at Cache Creek Casino. The cost is 30.00 per person. Limited seating, 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



Bus Trip

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Goal.....7300.00

January 306969.00

December EFT.....4151.20



Thank you for your generosity!!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE BLOOD?

It's something you can do on equal footing with the rich and famous — blood is something money can't buy. Only something one person can give to another. **You will get free juice and cookies. Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting** as long as you have the bandage on--You can wear it for as long as you like. It's

your badge of honor. Our next drive is on **Saturday, February 12th** from 7 am to 1 pm. Please contact Jan.Kehoe@yahoo.com for an appointment.



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Church of the Assumption Annual Crab Feed!

Saturday, February 12th. Door will open at 5:30, no host bar, Dinner of crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Dinner will be served at 7p.m. in the school gym.

- Adults \$35.00**
- Seniors \$30.00**
- Kids (6-12) \$10.00 5 and younger free**

You may call or stop by the rectory office **NOW** to buy your tickets (Reserved Seating). Proceeds will go towards the renovation of the Gym kitchen. It's not too late to buy your ticket!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

February 6—February 13

Sun	Gym	CYO
	YC	Faith Formation 10:15
	RCIA	Dismissal 12noon
Mon	H	Haven 7:30
	Gym	CYO
Tue	GYM	CYO
	CR	Parish Council 7;30
Wed	H	Children's choir practice 3:30p.m.
	Ch	Adult Choir 7p.m.
	GYM	CYO
Thu	Gym	CYO
	H	PTG 7:30
Fri	Gym	CYO
Sat	Gym	CRAB FEED
	H	Blood Drive
Sun	Gym	CYO
	RCIA	Dismissal 9a.m.

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions

February 5-February 13



Saturday	5:00	Robert & Lisa Bielaski +
Sunday	7:30	Laura Moniz +
	9:00	Guillermo Ben +
	10:00	Fernando Carodoso Sr. +
	12:00	Ignatius Uzoma +
Monday	7:00	Diane Padilla +
Tuesday	7:00	Don Thayer +
Wednesday	7:00	Tim Scannell +
Thursday	7:00	Carlo Pardini +
Friday	7:00	Kevin Uzoma (Living)
Saturday	8:00	Melicia&Gliceria Orpiano +
	5:00	George & Dora Bielaski +
Sunday	7:30	Joe Doherty +
	9:00	Mary Anne Sullivan +
	10:30	Marvyn & Jim Fauria +
	12:00	David Rogers +

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.