

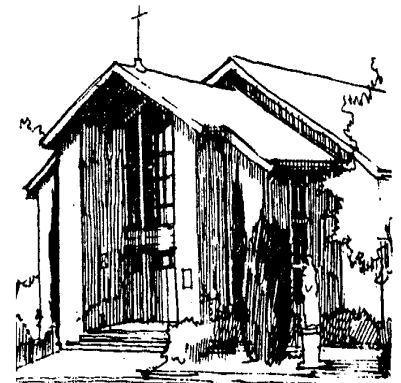
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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

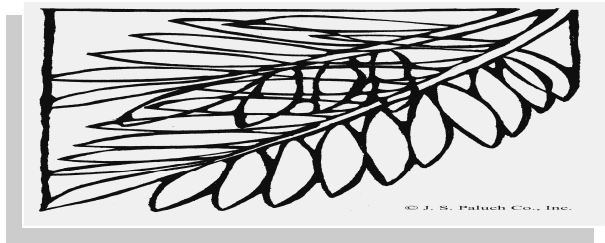
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy
Rosary:
Recited every weekday morning before Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

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



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 17, 2011 God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
— *Philippians 2:9*



As a child I can remember our parish having processions for the feasts of Christ the King, Palm Sunday and one for the Crowning of Mary. They were called “public demonstrations of Catholic faith.” For children they were sometimes long and boring, but they did give us a sense that we belonged to something big, and someone bigger, and that our faith had a “stand up and be counted” dimension to it. For many Catholics today large-scale religious processions are quickly becoming a thing of the past.

The point of religious processions is not just to get us from one location to the next. It is also to mark a rite of passage. Think of the smaller processions most Christians undertake in their lives: to the baptismal font; down the aisle to take their marriage vows, or to graduate from a school or college and to be farewelled. In each case we recess out of the Church differently from how we entered it: as a newly initiated member of the Christian community; as a husband or wife; as a graduate; and to be buried.

The Palm Sunday Procession is the last congregational one mandated by the Missal to be observed throughout the entire Church. Recalling Jesus' procession into Jerusalem this procession is not meant to be an historical pageant. Like all liturgical moments it's meant to intersect with our own lives and speak to our journey of faith. What makes this procession so powerful is that it starts with hysteria and ends in death. And that tells us something we need to hear.

Matthew's account of the Passion is very tough on the Jewish leaders. His entire Gospel has been preparing the hearer for this.

Matthew shows that even though the Jews had the New Moses right in front of them, they were unable to recognize him because he didn't fit their expectations of the Messiah. The crowd in Jerusalem receive him like a pop star, acclaiming him as their own. By week's end the Chief Priests and elders manipulate the crowd's enthusiasm to force Pilate to execute Jesus. And throughout it all, during the adulation of the crowd, their change of allegiance to Barabbas and at his trial, Jesus hardly says a word. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus' silence is deafening.

In the journey of faith we should always be on our guard against being part of a manipulated crowd. The unchecked enthusiasms of a crowd can carry us away to places, people or things we would not ordinarily choose and should not embrace. If we are vulnerable, a gifted guru through his or her version of eternal life can whip us up into a frenzy. We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how susceptible we are to becoming a slave to fashionable ideologies, dress codes and what and who is in or out. Every time we buy something because someone else has it or because we convince ourselves that our wants are really our needs, the crowd has won. The story of Passion Sunday is that manipulation of a crowd, even by legitimate authorities, can be the beginning of spiritual death. Hype often distorts priorities, blurs good judgment and can choose expediency over integrity.

So what's the remedy to being manipulated, to regaining a sense of what really matters, to standing up against the crowd for the values we know are right? Jesus shows us in Matthew's Gospel. It starts with silence. It's being a contemplative in a manic world and praying for the courage to dissent from the crowd's hyped-up madness.

As we process into Holy Week, this annual rite of passage for our faith, may we model our lives on Jesus in every way by creating the silence we need in our lives to sort out our priorities, by using silence powerfully in a world that loves words but has very little to say about our meaning and destiny and allowing our sacrificial love, even to the point of death, to do all the talking.

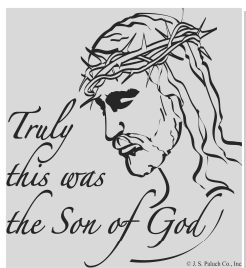
The Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday

While we no longer trod dirt paths and roads as we travel anymore, the act of foot washing for Christians is still as meaningful today as it was on the first Holy Thursday.

It is clear in St. John's gospel (13:1-20) that Jesus expected both his apostles and those who followed his teaching to exhibit the love, humility and attitude of service to others. He was demonstrating during his Last Supper that Holy Thursday evening. It was a special and singular act. Not the physical act of a lowly slave washing the feet of those of a higher station who were about to partake of a meal, rather it was, as a person of that day would view it, someone of the highest rank doing an unprecedented thing by washing the feet of those of lower rank. It is a moving experience to witness this once a year act as we begin our celebration of the Easter Triduum. As in years past, we will invite all those **who wish to do so** to have their feet washed at our Holy Thursday celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Someone asked me why Deacon John Darden's name isn't on the bulletin yet. The reason is simple. While his appointment to Assumption has been okayed by the Deacon Board, we are awaiting the letter of appointment by the bishop. Apparently the diocesan office has two speeds these days: slow and stop. Let's hope his letter of appointment arrives before Jesus comes again.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life. **Please continue to support our Assumption Conference so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.** If you know of anyone that can use our help please have them call our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**



HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Holy Week - 2011

Monday, April 18:

7:00 - 8:00 P.M.: Individual Reconciliation

(We will not celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Easter Triduum)

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 21

8:30 A.M.: Morning Prayer

7:30 P.M.: **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Adoration in the Small Hall until 11:00 P.M. followed by Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, April 22

8:30 A.M.: Morning Prayer

1:00 P.M.: **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

7:30 P.M.: Stations of the Cross and Veneration

HOLY SATURDAY, April 23

8:30 A.M.: Morning Prayer

No 5:00 P.M. Eucharist

8:15 P.M.: **THE GREAT VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER**

EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARISTS, April 24

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 A.M., and 12 Noon.

Knitting Ministry: Thank you for your generous donations amounting to \$200.00 designated for our "Seamen Scarf and Cap project". We were able to purchase yarn on sale last weekend at Michael's for only \$1.99 a skein. What a bargain. We will be busy for awhile. We gave Fr. Joseph 6 complete sets last week to hand out to the men and women arriving at the Port of Oakland. It's a start! We also gave 2 "pink caps" to two of our parishioners to wear with our love, prayers and friendship. Remember, without your generosity and prayers and our knitters, this would not be possible. Please join us either on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings at the Rectory or for your convenience, once a month, in the evening, at my home.

School News

Spring is in the air and so are field trips! Many of our students had the opportunity to travel to exciting locations that enhanced the curriculum. Mrs. McConnell and Mr. Davidson took 4th graders to Sacramento on Wed. They had a wonderful time and lots of supportive parents along for the ride. Mrs. Lomando and Mrs. Powell followed in their footsteps and took the 8th graders to our state's Capital on Thursday for their tour. Both classes lucked out with good weather and made great memories. This was the final field trip for our current 8th graders so there were a few tears. Mrs. Domin, Mrs. Puckett, and Mrs. Reimers took their students on the massive field trip to the Exploratorium on Friday. This is always such a fun day for our primary students. The rest of the school participated in Reconciliation services on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Walsh and the 5th graders hosted Mission Munchies this month. The funds raised went to Camp Kesem. As we continue our preparation for Holy Week, we are active participants on our Lenten Journey. Love and Blessings...

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March 275869.51

February EFT.....3929.35



Thank you for your generosity!!

Haven

Please join us on every Monday at the Youth Center at 7:30pm

Senior Movie

Join Us on Wednesday April 20 at 4pm in the Gym for a dinner and a movie. We will be watching a classic "The Keys of the Kingdom" starring Gregory Peck and special dinner made by Mary Schirmer.

An Encounter with Jesus

Are you ready for a FAITH BOOSTER SHOT? Do you ever get feedback that your PRIORITIES ARE CONFUSED?

Would you benefit from A WEEKEND AWAY from it all?

If you answered yes to any of the above, you are the perfect candidate for an Oakland Diocese sponsored Cursillo weekend.

The Oakland Diocese sponsors two Cursillo weekends each year. The upcoming Spring Cursillo for the men is May 12th-15th. The women's is the following weekend, May 19th-22nd. The retreats begin on Thursday evenings, and wrap up on Sunday afternoon.

You will encounter Christ in yourself and many others, and leave the weekend with a renewed focus on what's truly important.

Please call or email any of the following Assumption Parishioners for more information:

Martin Franco 510-614-5650 or martinfrancoacevedo@yahoo.com

Jennie Gisslow 510-635-4143 or jennie@designsrc.com

Greg and Michelle Gomez 510-276-6330 or gomezgrp@pacbell.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 17– April 24

Sun	Gym	CYO 9-8
	YC	Faith Formation 10:15
Mon	Gym	CYO
	YC	Haven 7:30pm
Tue	GYM	CYO
	YC	Baptismal Prep 7:00
	YC	Dad's Club 7:30
Wed	GYM	CYO
	H	Children's Choir 3:30
	Ch	Adult Choir 7pm
Thu	Holy Thursday	
Fri	Good Friday	
Sat	Holy Saturday	
Sun	Easter	

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions

April 16- April 24



Saturday	5:00	Bert & Viviene Fraga	+
Sunday	7:30	Domenic Boschetto	+
	9:00	Julian Solania	+
	10:30	Frank Campbell	+
	12:00	David Rogers	+
Monday	7:00	George Boschetto	+
Tuesday	7:00	Rosary Makers (L)	
Wednesday	7:00	Thomas Haines	+
Thursday	8:30	Morning Prayer	
	7:30 P.M.	Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper	
Friday	8:30	Morning Prayer	
	1:00	Liturgy of Lord's Passion	
	7:30	Station's of the Cross	
Saturday	8:30	Morning Prayer	
	8:15 P.M.	The Great Vigil of Easter	
Sunday	7:30	Dudley Gonsalves	+
	9:00	Loyola Pimenta	+
	10:30	Erik & Romulo Reynosa	+
	12:00	Candelaria Bantay	

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
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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.