

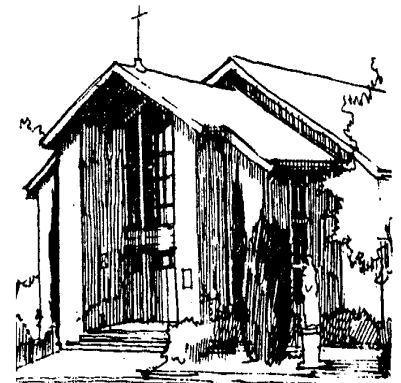
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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2011

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1



On reflection the Gospel of the man born blind is a joyful story. Imagine this man's elation at having his sight restored. As the story develops the all-seeing Pharisees move to spiritual blindness by putting on the blinkers of the law. They cannot recognize Jesus or his works of mercy because of their tunnel vision. Jesus doesn't fit their worldview. Meanwhile the blind beggar, who has sight restored, goes on to gain insight about who Jesus is and the way that God works in the world; he begins to see how shallow and pathetic the Pharisees really are.

This Gospel also contains a critical theological lesson: disability and illness do not come from personal sinfulness. It's surprising that we need to keep saying this, but too readily we hear otherwise intelligent and good Christians, for example, telling us that some illnesses have been "sent" by God as punishment for sins or they wonder what their families have "done" to deserve disabled children. It's true that God permits us to live in an imperfect world where we are prone to illness and disability. But that same world gives us the freedom to be creative in the face of adversity, to be compassionate with those who are sick or disabled and free to believe that there is a purpose for each human life. God, the source of all love, does not actively send bad things to us, instead, he is our constant companion in dealing with them; giving us the courage and strength to cope with, and sometimes overcome, them.

The task of this joyful season is to bring our good humor and compassion to bear on the blind spots in our own lives and be on our guard for the times when we are too confident about who God is, how he works or what he can or cannot do. May it never be said of us that we were so consumed by our own religious vision that we missed God's woods for the trees.

"O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a redeemer." Where does that statement come from? Is that what we really believe?" Come to our gathering this Thursday for the rest of the story. We will have two sessions, one in the morning and one in the evening. The morning session begins with an informal gathering at the church at 8:30 A.M. We will begin our discussion at 9:00 A.M. In the evening we will have our informal gathering at 6:30 P.M. with the discussion beginning at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Vince will be the presenter. Child care will be provided at the Parish Office. Individual Reconciliation will be available after both sessions. For more information on the other Thursdays, please consult our Lenten booklet entitled "Mythbusters: What's the Scoop.) Additional booklets may be found on the tables at the back of the church.

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.

I 
came
so that those who
do not see might see

What makes our **Easter Triduum** celebration such a special time at Assumption is the invitation for so many of you to take part in the various roles that are a part of the Liturgy. On the table in the back of the church, there are sign-up sheets offering you the opportunity to make the Liturgy truly “the work of the people.” In the 25th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel we have the familiar story of the end of time with the words: “When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat; when I was thirsty, you gave me drink; when I was naked you clothed me, ill and in prison and you visited me.” Jesus assures us that when we do these things we do it for him. With this in mind, I wish to announce that the amount of the collection for the people of Japan amounted to **\$6,234.00**. God bless you for your generosity.

LIGHT “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The students have been enjoying some sunshine! While we all appreciate the rain, it is nice to have some sunny days for our students to get outside and enjoy. It is hard to believe that we are in April, and we are hoping that the April showers just came early this year.

Our 5th graders set sail on Thursday March 31st on the Balcutha. Mrs. Walsh led her fearless crew on her annual overnight excursion.

The Assumption School 22nd Annual Live and Silent Auction is less than two weeks away on Saturday, April 9. This year's theme is The Oscars Thru the Years and promises to be an evening to remember. We hope you have your tickets and are planning on spending a special evening with us at Willow Park, Castro Valley. Tickets can be purchased at assumption-school.sl.maestroweb.com. The 50/50 raffle is also underway with a \$10,000.00 goal. Don't be left out!

As always, the school truly appreciates the prayers, love, and financial support our wonderful parishioners so generously give us.

Assumption School 22nd Annual Live & Silent Auction Saturday, April 9, 2011

Willow Park Event Center, Castro Valley, CA Preparations are underway for Assumption School's annual auction. The auction is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year and your help would be greatly appreciated!

If you want to donate something but don't know what, we have set up registries at William Sonoma, Pottery Barn and Target for your convenience. The registries are under Assumption School Auction. You may contact Mary Schirmer with any questions at mtschrimer2@yahoo.com.

PURCHASE 50/50 Raffle Tickets. Tickets will be sold after Mass as the auction approaches. Help us celebrate OUR Stars, the faculty and staff of Assumption School, by making a cash donation to help off-set the cost of hosting the teachers at the auction. You can do this by going to our web-site <http://assumptionschool-sl.maestroweb.com> and clicking on Support a Star or making a donation payable to Assumption Auction and sending it to the school office.

If you have any questions or any other ideas on ways that you can help support the Auction please contact Susan McCue @ 638-7434 or susan@mccuefamily.com

KNITTING MINISTRY: Our new project called "Scarves and Hats for the Seamen" arriving at the Port of Oakland is underway. The Scarves are a simple knit and purl and the Hats, too (not complicated for a beginner). The Seamen group is requesting that the scarves & hats be knitted in solid matching colors and specific solid colors. We are asking for **monetary donations** from you at this time to cover the expenses of purchasing the requested colors. The skeins are \$2.99 (\$2.49 on sale) per skein and the hat and scarf takes 3 skeins of yarn per set. You have been most generous in the past when we requested yarn stashes from your closets or from your friends and relatives but this project is more specific of color and texture. Father Joseph, who resides in our Rectory, is their chaplain. Your **monetary donation** can be placed in an envelope, with KNITTING MINISTRY written on the front of the envelope and dropped in the weekend collection or dropped off at the Rectory.

Upon requests we can hand deliver a scarf and or a hat to our parishioners who are going through or have gone through radiation/chemo treatments or other illnesses. Our hand-made creations are knitted with all of our love, graced with peace, kept in joy and cradled with hope. Thank you and if you have any questions or requests, please call Mary Croak (510)-357-7562.

You are all welcomed to be a part of our wonderful ministry on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 10:00am in the Common Room at the Rectory and for those who work, we maybe starting an evening get together at my home once a month. Let me know if you are interested in the evening get together. Gloria Calegari (510-357-0943).

1970 Class reunion

**Assumption Class of 1970 Reunion
Saturday, May 7, 2010**

**For further details, please contact:
Barbara Sorce (510) 247-9500 or Liz Pristia
(Haines) at (925) 449-5758**

Goal.....7300.00

March 275428.50

February EFT.....3929.35



Thank you for your generosity!!

**Filipino Catholics celebrate Tanglaw 2011
with Flores the Mayo**

Tanglaw, a group of Filipino priests, deacons, religious and lay people, has reconvened to hold a second diocesan-wide celebration of Filipino catholic traditions and culture. The theme for this year's celebration is ***Flores de Mayo***, the offering of our devotion to Mary through the flowers of May. This is a time-honored tradition that bears witness to the Filipino's love for Mary whom Jesus gave to us as our Mother. The festivities include a procession of young Filipino women representing the many titles of the Blessed Mother, a concelebrated Mass of Fiesta and Filipino Food and entertainment, book sales, and exhibit. May 21, 2011 at 9:30a.m. Bishop O'Dowd High School Gym 9500 Stearn Ave Oakland.

Assumption Rosary Makers meet April 5th in the rectory from 9:30 to 11:00a.m. We sent rosaries to The Servents of the Father Mercy in Venture, Ca they help the Homeless which keeps getting larger. The rosaries gives them some kind of hope. Our rosaries go all over the world.

THE LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION is being held the first four Sundays of Lent.



This is the **last weekend** to bring your food donations of non-perishable goods to the baskets in the back of the church. **We are in particular need of tuna, soup, cereal, jam, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Chili beans, and canned meat.** It is with your generous donations that we are able to keep our food pantry stocked each year. If you know of anyone that can use our help please have them call our

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 3– April 10

Sun	Gym	CYO 9-8
	YC	Faith Formation 10:15
	H	Prep Classes 10a.m.
Mon	Gym	CYO
	YC	Haven 7:30pm
Tue	GYM	CYO
	CR	Rosary Makers 10a.m.
	H	School Board 7p.m.
Wed	GYM	CYO
	H	Children's Choir 3:30
	Ch	Adult Choir 7pm
Thu	Gym	CYO
Fri	Gym	CYO
	CR	Knitters 10a.m.
Sat	Gym	CYO
		AUCTION
Sun	Gym	CYO
	H	Prep Classes 10:00
	YC	Faith Formation 10:15
	H	Confirmation 5:30

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions

April 2- April 10



Saturday	5:00	Bette Rezente +
Sunday	7:30	Laura Moniz +
	9:00	Aleixo Fernandez +
	10:30	Jim & Marvyn Fauria +
	12:00	Maria Romero +
Monday	7:00	Antonio & Adelina Brum +
Tuesday	7:00	Minnie Christensen (L)
Wednesday	7:00	Theresa Kennedy +
Thursday	7:00	Anne Rago +
Friday	7:00	Anne Rago +
Saturday	8:00	Cielito Landinico +
	5:00	Freitas Family (L)
Sunday	7:30	Marilyn Stavosky +
	9:00	Jose Brum +
	10:30	Fernando Cardoso +
	12:00	

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.