

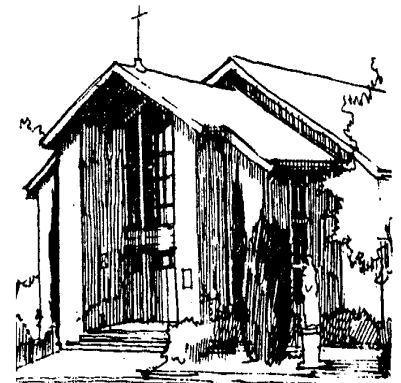
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CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM
Weekdays: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

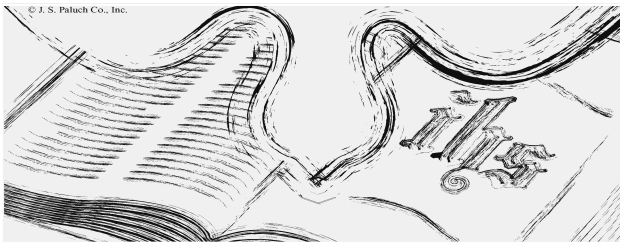
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:00 PM
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy
Rosary:
Recited every weekday morning before Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

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 of Easter **May 29, 2011**

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth.” — *John 14:16–17*



This weekend is hard on those of us who have the responsibility for getting together some reflections on the Scripture. There are just not enough visible images to talk about...so I had to go looking. I came upon something by an unknown author that might give us a few ideas.

“A sailboat got caught in heavy seas. A rogue wave flipped the boat over. The heavy keel righted the boat, but there was heavy damage. An SOS brought the Coast Guard. The seas were so rough the Coast Guard ship could not rescue the crew. So, it placed itself as close as it could to the sailboat. The Coast Guard protected the sailboat from the brunt of the 10 foot waves. Finally they made port.

The Holy Spirit plays the same relation to us and takes the brunt of our troubles. The Spirit not only lives inside us but also walks beside us and brings us into port.” (Author Unknown)

Jesus in the Gospel for this weekend told the apostles the extraordinary statement that He would not leave them orphans. The setting was the Last Supper. He had announced his impending departure, and you can be sure that the twelve were wiped out by this. Jesus had to emotionally lift his people off the floor and put them back on their soft cushions. As he did so, he promised to continue his presence with them through a Helper who would be the Holy Spirit.

He had to do this, so that they would eventually be strong enough to spread the Gospel themselves. Jesus was no co-dependent. He didn't promise to do all the work for them or for us so that we would become lazy Christians. He had faith in the 12 and now has faith in us. So Jesus promises to send us an Advocate.

The Advocate is one who will be right next to us on our journey as a companion, even a buddy. He will support us so that when we fall on our faces, the Spirit will be our Protector. It is the Spirit who will lead the rescuing cavalry when we find ourselves surrounded by the bad guys. Waiting patiently for us in the moment is the Holy Spirit.

In my 36 years of priesthood I've heard more than once from people, "I just can't cope any longer." I've told them that I found myself in similar situations often. But beside me was always that special force which I will call the Holy Spirit to keep me going.

And, more often than not, what had been a stressful situation eased off and sometimes disappeared entirely. I tell people that I often fall back on that wonderful promise of Jesus, "I will not leave you orphans." In some areas, I am a Bible-thumper. I hold Jesus to all His promises. I expect the Holy Spirit to deliver. I have never been disappointed. It's the Holy Spirit who has been that small voice inside of me to help me keep on going.

But the special Helper is not a party crasher. The Holy Spirit. waits for an invitation. The Holy Spirit's hands will be filled with gifts. They are promised in the Scriptures. The Spirit leads us into truth (Jn 16:13.) The Spirit guarantees we are God's children (Rom 8:16). The Spirit helps us pray when we can't (Rom 8:26). The Spirit offers us hope (Rom 15:13). and empowers us to help other believers (1 Cor 12:4). The Spirit aids us to be another Christ (2 Cor 3:18) and gives us spiritual muscle (2 Cor 3:18). (Barclay)

However, the Holy Spirit expects that we will receive all of these gifts and use them in hope, to conquer despair and be alive with the fire that comes from really believing in Jesus' promises.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is given to you and me to help us see this world in a different light, even though things often seem bleak in our personal lives, the abiding presence of the Spirit is meant to give us hope. This may be a good opportunity this Sunday to ask where we stand in the great scheme of things. Are we so filled with Hope that we have the capacity to

change the lives of others simply by living as Easter people in our ordinary lives? Are we beacons of hope? Do people look at our lives and say, "I want what he or she has. I want that kind of faith, that kind of love, that kind of life, that kind of hope?" Or, do we find ourselves in need of hope? Are we paralyzed by the fear that God has abandoned us? Can we take Jesus at his word?

People of hope, People of despair: Where do we stand? And what do we need to do to keep hope, or to find hope? Remember the words of Jesus; I will not leave you orphans.

God bless you for your generosity to Fr. Jude's Seminary. \$4688.00 was collected and was sent along with him as he returned to India. We will miss his gentle presence in the rectory.

And now for a matter of concern: I must apologize for all of these second collections, even though they have been for good causes. After having been a pastor for 26 years, I realize that there is only so much money to go around. These second collections have cost us money for our Operating Expenses, and our normal income has taken a hit. I'm not going to wait until we are in a crisis situation to say something about this. Instead I bring this concern to you now. In the name of your sisters and brothers I am asking for your generosity, to dig down a little deeper to help make up for this drop in normal income.

Vacation Bible Camp We are now accepting registrations for Vacation Bible Camp. The camp will start on August 1-5 from 9 to 12 noon. If you would like to volunteer please call the rectory office or check out the registration form to see in what area you can volunteer in. Registrations are now available in the back of the church. This years theme is PANDAMANIA, and opened to kids ages 3+(must be potty trained) to 11yrs (5th grade). If your child is in 6th grade or older, they may sign up to be crew leaders.

FEAST OF FAITH **The Collection: A Privilege**

As the altar is prepared for the celebration of the Eucharist, the collection is taken up. In the early church, this part of the Mass must have been something to behold, as the people suddenly began to move, bringing forward to the deacons and priests freshly-baked bread and fine wine. Then, after the Eucharistic Prayer, that same community came forward again in the Communion procession, and they received back the very gifts they had given, now transformed into something infinitely more precious than bread and wine: the very Body and Blood of Christ.

Beginning around the eleventh century, it became the custom for people to present money instead of bread and wine, and the procession of the faithful gradually disappeared (it survives in the liturgy of Holy Thursday). But the meaning is the same. We continue to bring the fruit of our labors and to offer them freely to God. And God continues to transform them into Christ. It is through our generous sharing of time, talent, and treasure that our parishes can preach the gospel, reach out to the sick and the imprisoned, and celebrate the sacraments.

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Rosary Session

We will meet on June 7 in the Rectory from 9-11 a.m. Rosary Makers gave rosaries to Fr. Jude to take to India. We also gave Rosaries to St. Vincent de Paul in Livermore. Thanks to the many donations we receive to make our Rosary mission possible.

The office will be closed on Monday May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Mass time on Monday has been changed to 9A.M.

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Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

School News

This has been a busy week for our students. Mrs. Simpson and Ms. Dawson led the Junior High students in a poetry reading on Tuesday. This was a unique and special opportunity for our students to share the amazing poetry they have been creating in their classes, and then come together as a larger group. Our MUSE band also preformed on Tuesday for the entire student body. They were able to showcase their skills and recruit new members for next year. The eighth graders have been busy preparing for graduation. They went on their annual 8th grade retreat led by Paula Pardini with Mrs. Lomando and Ms. Lyons on Wednesday. This provided them an opportunity to mentally and spiritually prepare for the changes ahead. Our beloved first graders participated in the Motor Skills Circus on Thursday led by Mrs. Dawson. They were able to showcase the skills they have been learning all year, and as usual, the event was full of energy and smiles. Friday was our final spirit day and the classes dressed and/or decorated their rooms according to a desired theme. This rounded out the year's spirit competition and was a perfect way to send our students off on a long weekend. We hope all are enjoying the long weekend and wish you love and blessings.....

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Thank you for your generosity!!



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 martin-francoacevedo@yahoo.com**
- Jennie Gisslow 510-635-4143 or jennie@designsrc.com**
- Greg and Michelle Gomez 510-276-6330 or gomezgrp@pacbell.net**

We hope you'll say YES and join us for the weekend that will change your life!

St. Vincent de Paul

The need is great! The phone calls on our Outreach number continue to increase and we continue to assist the poor. **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 its work providing food, clothing, furniture and other assistance to the poor and needy. **Please be as generous as possible.** Continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

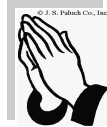
May 29 – June 5

Sun	GYM	CYO
Mon	Gym	YC
Tue	GYM	
Wed	GYM	CYO
	H	Children Choir 3:30
	Ch	Adult Choir 7:30
Thu	GYM	Dinner Dance
Fri	Gym	School
Sat	YC	St Vincent de Paul
	H	School
Sun	GYM	CYO

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

Weekly Mass Intentions

May 28 - June 5



Saturday	5:00	Michael O'Malley +
Sunday	7:30	Carlo Pardini +
	9:00	Anne Rago +
	10:30	Jim & Marvyn Fauria +
	12:00	Calixto Zamora +
Monday	9:00	Patricia Geiger +
Tuesday	7:00	+
Wednesday	7:00	John & Margaret Galego +
Thursday	7:00	Charles Seebeger +
Friday	7:00	Carmen Skipworth +
Saturday	8:00	+
	5:00	Ruth Pestana +
Sunday	7:30	Laura Moniz +
	9:00	Jose Brum +
	10:30	Katrina Spinardi-Moore +
	12:00	Clarence Romero +

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:.....	352-1537
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
Cursillo	
Jennie Gisslow.....	635-4143

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.