

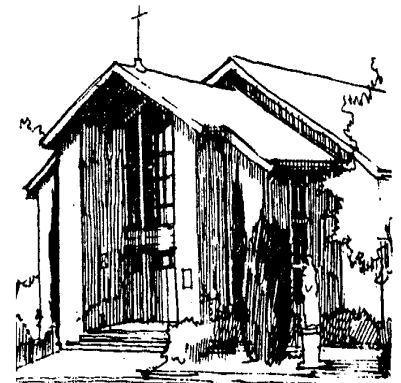
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**CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

**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



## Third Sunday of Easter      May 8, 2011

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

— Acts 2:28



With very good reason, the story of the road to Emmaus is thought to be the best parallel we have in the New Testament to our weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This idea could be a little surprising for some who might think the Last Supper would hold more similarities. Luke, however, reminds his community, who are like us, that even though they, like us, are prevented from seeing Jesus, they can still have a life-changing experience of his presence.

The disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are, as they are. This is a critical detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation, does Christ open the scriptures to them. In doing so he takes their disillusionment and enables them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads them to hope. Even then, they do not recognize who Jesus is until he breaks the bread and in that action he is revealed as the one in whom they had been hoping. This experience drives them back to Jerusalem to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

Every Sunday as part of our journey of faith we embark on our road to Emmaus. There is never any point in us coming here pretending to be different from how we actually feel and who we are. God sees our hearts and minds and wants to meet us in the midst of our lives, whatever they may be like. The Emmaus story teaches us that Jesus firstly wants to listen to us before he wants us to listen to Him.

Emmaus, however, was not just about the disciples and their lives, in the same way that the Eucharist is not just about our lives either. Christ opens the scriptures to us each week so that we can make sense of our experience, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognize our own foolishness. As with the Emmaus disciples, we are welcomed to the table of the Lord where we recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. This meal enables us to go out from here and proclaim to all we meet that Christ is risen. One of the things the Church values most deeply is its connection to the experience of the earliest Church. And rightly so. It's a great privilege for us to recall that what we do here each Sunday is built upon the faith and weekly celebration of countless generations.

And though, appropriately, many things can be different in various cultural settings for the Eucharist throughout the world, several elements always stay the same. It is the Risen Christ who accompanies us, listens to us, opens our minds to the scriptures, hosts us at his table, and sends us out to tell the world that He has been raised from the dead.

This is the best way to understand ourselves as "traditional Catholics." We share with thousands of generations the same fire of God's faithful love burning in our hearts as we are welcomed here each week, are listened to, taught, nourished, and sent out to do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom.

May is the month dedicated to Mary. The world is resplendent with Spring's increased light and new growth. It is Mary's month in the Easter season and all of nature rejoices with the Queen of heaven at the Resurrection of the Son she was worthy to bear. During the remainder of Easter time, let us endeavor through the prayers of the Holy Liturgy and the Holy Rosary to deepen our gratitude for the mystery of our Baptismal rebirth in Christ.

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality...With its origins in

Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books-Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

"In the medieval period, the rose was adopted as the flower symbol of the Virgin Birth, as expressed in Dante's phrase, 'The Rose wherein the Divine Word was made flesh,' and depicted in the central rose windows of the great gothic cathedrals—from which came the Christmas carol, 'Lo, How a Rose 'ere Blooming.' Also, in the medieval period, when monasteries were the centers of horticultural and agricultural knowledge, and with the spread of the Franciscan love of nature, the actual flowers themselves, of the fields, waysides and gardens, came to be seen as symbols of Mary..." — John S. Stokes

We welcome to our family of faith Stacy Saccheri, Carolyn Vasquez, and Tony Sue who celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. May the Risen Christ continue to guide the paths of your lives!

Next weekend throughout the Diocese of Oakland, the annual Catholic Charities collection will be taken up. Catholic Charities of the East Bay is a diverse, multi-service nonprofit Human Services agency. Since 1935, it has played a central role in providing social services and advocacy to those most in need in Contra Costa and Alameda counties regardless of their religious faith.

On behalf of our Pastoral Staff, I would like to wish all of our mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day!



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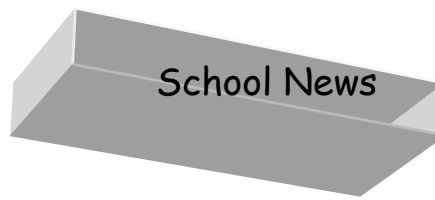


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## GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



This has been such a busy week for our students. We began the week celebrating Mary as the 8th graders led us in the May Crowning. Andrew Levy and Hannah Wulff were chosen by their classmates to crown Mary at the beginning of the liturgy. This is such an honor and both students were humbled by the decision. The 8th graders were treated to a brunch after mass, marking the start of their final days at Assumption. On Thursday the students were led by Mr. Piontek in the annual Spring Concert. Mr. Piontek does an amazing job inspiring our students and makes music so enjoyable! Our 6th graders have begun their final preparations for Caritas. Ms. Dawson will take them for an exciting week of outdoor education that not only brings science to life, but students are able to create deeper connections to their faith lives. May is such a whirlwind as we begin to wind down this year and prepare for the next. Love and blessings to all.....



**ASSUMPTION SCHOOL BOARD CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE AND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE**

Invite you to join us for our first Book Club.  
April's book choice is:

"Where the Hell is God?" by Richard Leonard, SJ

Join us for a small group discussion on this book Tuesday, May 24th 7:00 pm in the small hall: This book is available Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Borders.com



**Make your mother proud--sign up to donate blood** — you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother, or a sister another chance at life. In fact, you may help save up to three lives with just one donation. **It's something you can spare** — most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough to go around. Our next drive is on **Saturday, May 14th** from 7 am to 1 pm. Please contact **Jan.Kehoe@yahoo.com** for an appointment.

Goal .....7300.00

May 1.....5535.50

Easter Goal.....20000.00

Easter Sunday.....20402.00

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 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The women's is the following weekend, May 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. 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** In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. **Your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will show that you are indeed walking with Jesus and recognizing him in the poor and suffering.** If you know of anyone that can use our help please have them call our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

May 8 – May 15

Sun	YC	Faith Formation
	Gym	CYO
Mon	Gym	CYO
	<b>YC</b>	<b>Haven 7:30</b>
Tue	GYM	CYO
	CR	Parish Council 7:30
Wed	GYM	CYO
	H	Children Choir 3:30
	Ch	Adult Choir 7:30
Thu	GYM	Women's Social
Fri	Gym	CYO
	Ch	First Eucharist Rehearsal 5:30-8:30
Sat	GYM	CYO
	H	Blood Drive
		First Eucharist
Sun	GYM	CYO

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST  
Weekly Mass Intentions**

May 7 - May 15



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Jose Brum +</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Laura Moniz +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Candelaria Bantay +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Theresa &amp; Simon Nisperos +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Natalia &amp; Marcelino Herico +</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Anne Rago +</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>John Savage +</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Anne Rago +</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Rodney &amp; Elvira O'Hare +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Rodney &amp; Elvira O'Hare +</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Rodney &amp; Elvira O'Hare +</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Bert &amp; Vivienne Fraga +</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Domenic Boschetto +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Ruth Pestana +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Fernandon Cardoso Sr.+</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>David Rogers +</b>

**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.