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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

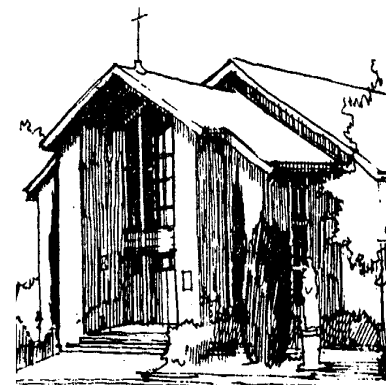
**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**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



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2011**

All things work for good for those who love God. *Romans 8:28a*



Jesus preached that the kingdom of God is here. It is here because God is everywhere. No matter how many ideas of God there are, it is the same God. Whether people worship stones, spirits or a concept, the one God remains. Some people attempt to disbelieve, but there is no escaping God because God encompasses all reality.

The kingdom is now. The kingdom is a much-discussed image. It is conceived of as a place, a situation, a state of mind; it can have political, social or religious ramifications. Even Jesus seemed uncertain about whether it came with him or will come time in the future.

One compromise solution is to think that the kingdom was inaugurated with Jesus, but will gradually come to its completion in some unknown future. We don't need to choose any option. Whatever the kingdom is, whenever it started and wherever it ends, it most certainly is now. Otherwise the whole preaching of Jesus was a lie.

Now, what makes it the kingdom is the experience of God. Without God, human organization is simply a social structure. Without God, natural processes are just the crush of physical forces and the explosion of chemical reactions. Without God, events are meaningless, arbitrary occurrences. The kingdom is the kingdom only insofar as God is present there. That is why we can say that God is everywhere. And we think: yes, in order to be God, God has to be everywhere in some vague, general sense.

But let's get specific. If I tell you that God has dinner with you, you might think it a pious platitude, since you don't see God at the table. But do you expect God to pull up a chair and say, "Pass the potatoes?" Yet, the disciples fondly recall the time when Jesus sat with them, ate too much lamb, sipped wine, belched and said, "Did I ever tell you this one ...?"

If I say that God is in the act of love, you might blush, since most religious people are shy about sex. But God is not. You might expect God to be involved in the virginal bridal suite, but surely not on a patched mattress in a seedy hotel. No doubt God prefers sacramental married sex to the commercial grade, but I suspect that God never misses a chance to get involved with love on any level.

When we see the immense suffering of the world, the unimaginable pain of starvation, disease, mutilation, degradation, we wonder what kind of God would be involved in genocide, war, torture and rape. The only God there is: the God of love. Love does not control or coerce — it simply pleads for free response. Love creates things and then lets things be what they choose. Sometimes love hurts. No one more than God.

And when in our private misery we complain that God does not help us, does not care, does not even listen to us, when we demand with Jesus, "Why have you abandoned me?!" God remains silent. God would not deprive his Son of his greatest act of faith: the ultimate opportunity of blind trust in handing his un-fixable life over to the Father.

What difference do God and the kingdom make if we cannot see them? The difference between being a piece of flotsam floating in a roiling sea of nothingness or a piece of providence; the difference between being alone in a trackless universe or being embraced in loving arms. Blessed be God. May the kingdom come.

As you may have read or heard, beginning the First Sunday of Advent (11/27) a revised Roman Missal will go into effect in the United States. While we will have a series of presentations at homily time in the two months leading up to this, I want to get a head start at Assumption with some reading material for you. During the rest of this summer, I will be including bulletin inserts for your reading. I want to make clear that ALL language groups of the world have been asked to retranslate their altar missals to make them more accurate translations of the Latin. I've been a priest long enough to know

that some of you will welcome these changes and some will not. We have to remember that no matter what, Jesus will always be present at our Altar Tables and in our assemblies. Change is always hard, even for younger people. I have been using the current translation of our Altar Missal since I was ordained 36 years ago. I recognize its deficiencies. Some of the (collects) the prayers the priest recites in the name of the assembly don't say much. They are poorly written. On the other hand, I wish that the Congregation for Divine Worship had left the assembly responses alone. This would have made it easier to implement this Third Edition of the Roman Missal. In any event, I hope you read the inserts in preparation for our formal presentations which will begin in the early fall.

I will be away for vacation, returning to the Parish Office on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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On the weekend of July 30-31, a priest of the Missionaries of Faith will be at Assumption to speak of the work of his community. The Missionaries of Faith were founded in Italy and canonically erected in 1982. We have a number of Missionaries of Faith serving in our own diocese, most notably at St. Philip Neri in Alameda. A special collection will be taken up for the work of this missionary community. Each year every parish in the diocese hosts a missionary community as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan. Now, this particular weekend is also the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and our normal St. Vincent de Paul collection. The most practical way to handle this is the fact that we will have our normal offering; and in the second collection you will be able to place any contributions to either the Missionaries of Faith or St. Vincent de Paul using the respective envelopes provided. Thank you for your patience!



## Assumption Festival

Hello everyone! The Assumption Festival is coming up in September and we would love your help and support. The theme this year is "**Celebrate the Red, White & Blue**" and it will take place on September 16 & 17 with a pancake breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Here is how you can help:

- Join us for the fun festivities
- Sponsor a booth – do you have a business that could make a financial donation to sponsor a booth? You will get advertising in the printed material and a signage on a booth!
- Purchase 50/50 Raffle Tickets (they will be mailed out in August)
- Purchase Big Board spaces (we will start selling spots in mid-august)
- Donate prizes for the prize booth – we need unused "kids" prizes for the prize booth
- Donate any left-over decorations from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that you think we could use to decorate the booth
- Donate prizes for the Big Board

Please contact Susan McCue at (510)638-7434/susan@mccuefamily.com or Karen Barbera at (510)569-4534/karenbarbera@sbcglobal.net with any questions!

As always thank you for your continued support of Assumption School!!!

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**BIG GARAGE SALE: Birthright** of San Lorenzo, a crisis pregnancy center, is participating in a San Lorenzo community-wide garage sale, Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8am to 4pm. Come by our office at 1048 Grant Ave. and check out all the great buys and "must haves" including clothes, housewares, furniture, toys, tools, and more. Something for everyone! The money from your purchase will support "Life". Call us for more information at 510-481-9677, or come by and say "Hi!".

**Next Book Club Meeting Scheduled for August 3 at 7pm in the Small Hall**

The Assumption School Board and Parish Pastoral Council want to thank all of those who participated in the May book club meeting - it was a great success. The group selected its next book, "Left to Tell", by Immaculee Ilibagiza, for the August meeting. Please see the flyer in this week's bulletin for more information about the book and join us for the August meeting – ANY-ONE is welcome to join!

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Know that as you give a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those living in poverty, you will find the kingdom of God. **NOTE:** The second collection **NEXT WEEKEND** is the Fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. The money collected will be used to support the work of the Assumption Conference of SVDP as we reach out to the poor and those-in-need. **Please be as generous as possible next week.** Continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

**Goal .....7300.00**

July 17 .....6717.00

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**Thank you for your generosity!!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This years theme is "Pandamania"! We are requesting for some supply donations, please find cards in back of the church. We are also asking for gift cards from Safeway, Target, Walmart and Starbucks for 20.00 each. You may drop it off at the rectory office by July 27th. If you are able to volunteer, please call the rectory office.

**CALLING ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES**

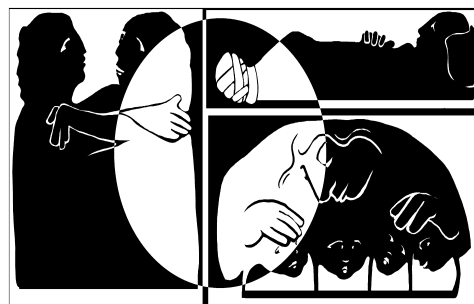
Fall is upon us, new school supplies and clothes have been purchased and school will soon be in session.

Doesn't your child's faith desire the same thoughtfulness?

Classes start on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM in the GYM for a back to Faith Formation meeting with Fr. Vince and Faith Formation Families.

Applications are on the back tables in Church.

Someone special will be missing if your child isn't sharing and growing with Faith Formation...



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

**July 23 - July 31**



- Saturday 5:00 Gloria Costello +**
- Sunday 7:30 Candelaria Bantay +  
9:00 Wallace & Judy McPhee +  
10:30 Marian & Walter Baker +  
12:00 Luis Costa +**
- Monday 7:00 Troops Overseas +**
- Tuesday 7:00 Folan Family +**
- Wednesday 7:00 Lope Pallen +**
- Thursday 7:00 Diego Damiani +**
- Friday 7:00 Troops Overseas +**
- Saturday 8:00 Manuel Marques Jr. +  
5:00 Walter & Anna Szymanski +**
- Sunday 7:30 Linda Payne +  
9:00 Rosario Orpiano +  
10:30 Harold Turpin +  
12:00 David Rogers +**

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**The Preface Dialogue**

“Lift up your hearts.” “We lift them up to the Lord.”  
“Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” “It is right to give him thanks and praise.” With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be “lifted up,” to ascend, to climb the Lord’s mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to “eucharist!” It is right and just that we do this.

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**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: Lisa Nesmith .....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.