

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**

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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

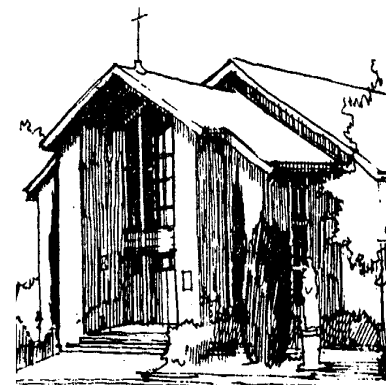
**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**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

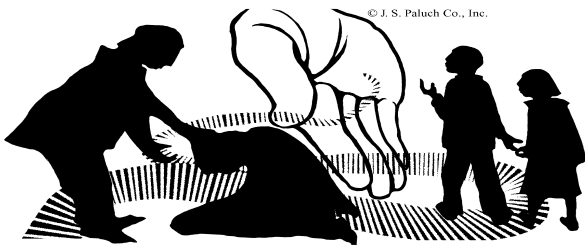
Office Hours:

8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM  
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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 14, 2011** Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. — *Isaiah 56:1*



Many thanks to Dennis Burigsay and Mike Tedeschi who have volunteered to be our Altar Server Coordinators.

I have decided to run this announcement a second time for those who may not have been here last weekend. If you look at the pavement in the parking lot, you can see that it needs replacing. We have an estimate of approximately \$170,000. This would greatly diminish our Parish Savings. Besides that I have become increasingly aware that our Sunday offerings are not up to expected budgeted income. Now I realize that there is a lot of uncertainty with our economy, but I have to speak frankly about this. I see a lot from my position at the altar. I don't purposely spy on people, but I notice people still reaching into their wallets and putting loose "change" in the offering basket. Unfortunately, this has become a "Catholic" practice that has been passed down from one generation to another. Statistics in the United States show that Roman Catholics are among the wealthiest Christians in our country; yet we give the least in support of parish ministry. It is one of the most disappointing and worrisome aspects of being a pastor. I know that I am not the only one who feels this way. We pastors do talk about this. When we give a couple of dollars in the collection automatically when the collection basket appears is giving God the "leftovers" and not a sacrifice. The word "sacrifice" means in Latin "to make something holy." Our gift back to God in support of our parish should never be the leftovers but should be a planned, prayed over, and a consistent return to God for what God has first given to us. It should hurt a little. It

should be a sacrifice. I cannot say that I practice everything that I preach. I am just as human as anyone else. However, when it comes to making a sacrifice to support our parish, I want you to know that I DO practice what I preach. I challenge anyone to phone our office and ask our Office Manager if I do so. You might be surprised to find that most priests I know return a portion of their income back to their parish as a "thank offering and sacrifice" back to God for the blessings God has bestowed on us.

Here is a reflection on this weekend's Scripture: Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns, and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone

is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at the Eucharist, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honor which everyone deserves.

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### **"Parish Picnic"**

**Join us for a day of fun and fellowship on Sunday August 28 (12pm -4pm) at Little Chabot Park. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and paper products ( bottled water and soda will be sold for a \$1.00 each). Please bring a dish to share and other items needed for a fun day at the park. We will also have games for kids and adults.**

**Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10.00 per family.**

**Annual Bake off , please bring your favorite baked goods for judging. It must be baked by you, not store bought.**

### **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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**Birthright of San Lorenzo** needs funds to help them to continue serving women in a crisis pregnancy by offering an alternative to abortion. Birthright has served women in crisis since 1996. Hundreds of mothers and babies have been helped. We need volunteers and funds to keep our doors open to continue to guide young women in finding workable solutions, so that they can give birth to their babies and face the future with dignity and hope.

For more information contact: Rosanne Maki, Director, Birthright of San Lorenzo 1048 Grant Ave, San Lorenzo 94580. (510) 481-9677 or HOT-LINE (800) 550-4900.

# St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today announces the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. **This week, with love for your neighbors, BEGIN to look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use ... and donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. NOTE: Bundle Sunday is Coming – October 15/16.** We will be collecting your donations of useable clothing and household items, as well as e-Waste, in **October.** **NOTE:** In addition, our **Food Pantry** can use these donations: **chili, soup, beans, tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, cereal, jelly, ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise.** If you know of someone that needs help, please have them call our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

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## 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.**

**Please submit application and fee at the Rectory office.**

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

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## Receive Sacraments?

Yes, you can receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist by beginning to explore the Church through a process called the RCIA (Rite of Christine Initiation of Adults). Join us.

Already **Baptized in another faith and would like to become a member** Roman Catholic Church? Join us.

## Catholic but Not Confirmed?

Yes, you can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation if you are over 18 yrs of age. Join us.

RCIA meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.. in the Church office. Beginning Sept 11th. Confirmation registration begins on Sept 11th.

Phone the Parish office to reach Toni Durden, RCIA Coordinator

## WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST

### Weekly Mass Intentions

August 13 - August 21

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Steve Woodson +</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Frank Smith +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Aleixo Fernandez +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Fernandon Cardoso Sr. +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>David Rogers +</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Folan Family +</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Vaughn Donahue +</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Laura Barros +</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Maria Bugna +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Lee Riordan +</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Alberta Barrows +</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Betty Rezente +</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Dan Bradley +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Fidel &amp; Gregoria David +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Audrey O'Brien (Living) +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Bert &amp; Vivian Fraga +</b>

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as *berakah*, which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called *anaphora*) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was for many centuries just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I). Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an *epiclesis*, as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us—this is the *anamnesis*, or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Altar Server Coordinators:	
Dennis Burigsay.....	
Mike Tedeschi.....	
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.