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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

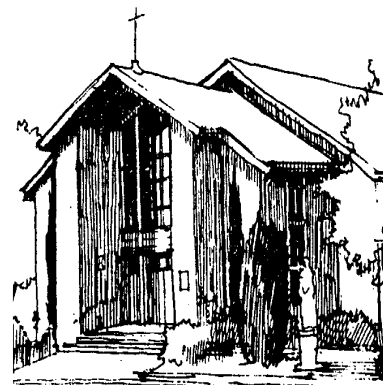
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2011 Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12



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...I'm back from two weeks vacation by the seashore. Even though the weather was mostly overcast, my time spent with friends was the most important part of being away....and not having anything scheduled! Now it's back to "business."

There are a couple of issues that are pressing upon me....and you. I am now looking for a person or even two people who could take over being our Altar Server coordinator. This does not involve scheduling. That is done by Barbara Buckley and Susan Hupp (Thanks be to God!) The duty of the Altar Server coordinator(s) is primarily one of training new Altar Servers both Adult and Youth. This is not an ongoing, as in week to week, service ministry. Periodically we have recruitments for both Youth and Adult Altar Servers....perhaps twice a year or as the need arises for new servers. The Coordinator(s) contact the new recruits by a letter and enclosing an Altar Server manual. Then training sessions are scheduled. I like to have two sessions before Youth Altar Servers are placed on the schedule. The Youth Servers first "shadow" more seasoned servers a few times before they go on the regular schedule. If you are interested in this ministry of service, please phone the parish office, and arrange a time to talk with me about this.

The second issue is the fact that our parking lot needs to be resurfaced. 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 story that I found online that I feel is a great reflection on the Scripture readings for this weekend.

Handling the Storms of Life

How great a God we serve that he would show such gentleness and kindness on his creation. In the first reading there is talk of heaving winds and earthquakes and fires, but the Lord is not in any of those. But how easily could the Lord show his power so greatly surpasses all of that.

And sometimes, I think I expect God to show his power in some marvelous, earth shaking way, the whisper in my heart. His whisper is for me to hear, for my world to be shaken for love of him.

The power of God's whisper in my heart is almost more fearsome than the crushing rocks. It is expected for God to come in this typical expression of power. But as in the Gospel, God is not the storm, but Jesus is the calm voice in the storm.

As member of the human race, I partake in suffering and pains and storms that are a part of life.

And I forget too that God is not the storm, he is the voice telling me to not be afraid, to come. How simple a command Jesus gives us: come.

For clearly I cannot walk on water, I cannot hand the storms of my life on my own. When I finally get over myself and realize I cannot do it on my own, I like Peter, call out for the Lord to save me. And the Lord will immediately reach out to catch me and help me come to him.

Written by *Anusia Dickow: Saint Louis University*

"Parish Picnic"

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and paper products (bottle 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.

Bake Off

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 pan-cake breakfast on the 18th! 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 4th 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!!!

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!

We are so blessed to have a wonderful Parish. Thank you so much for all the Bible camp donations. The children had the best time ever. Special thank you to Monique Wasserbauer, Betty Lago-marsino, Steve Munoz, Stacy Piontek, Karen Barberea, Beth and Julia Chapman, Katherine Greenberg, Jeff & Kelly Hodgins, Lonnie Ilmberger and all who made Bible Camp a fun event!

St. Vincent de Paul

We should no longer doubt our faith – we have been blessed by an outpouring of generosity. We would like to say **Thanks to all** who donated to the **Fifth Sunday Collection** held the last weekend of July. **By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed continue to put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.** Help us help others by referring those in need to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**

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Thank you for your generosity!!



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, house-wares, 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!”.

Spaghetti Feed and Ice Cream Social

sponsored by the San Leandro Sports Foundation

Thursday, August 11, 5 to 8pm Ryan O’Connell Hall Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 under 12. You may purchase your tickets online at www.slsfi.org or call 510-895-1980 and ask for Mary.

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 11th 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...

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** but want to become a member of the 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 begin on Sept 11th.

Phone the Parish office to reach Toni Durden, RCIA Coordinator

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions

August 6 - August 14

Saturday 5:00 George & Dora Bielaski +

Sunday 7:30 Laura Moniz +
9:00 David Walsh +
10:30 James O'Brien +
12:00 Helen Fauria (Living)

Monday 7:00 James O'Brien +

Tuesday 7:00 Minnie Christensen (L)

Wednesday 7:00 Erik & Romulo Reynosa +

Thursday 7:00 Lori Guest

Friday 7:00 James O'Brien +

Saturday 8:00 Gustavo Cordova +
5:00 Steve Woodson +

Sunday 7:30 Frank Smith +
9:00 Aleixo Fernandez +
10:30 Fernando Cardoso Sr. +
12:00 David Rogers +

Feast of Faith

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus: Song of Heaven

The words of the Sanctus are rooted in the scriptures. They recall the song of the seraphim in the prophet Isaiah's vision of God in majesty: "Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!' they cried one to the other. 'All the earth is filled with his glory!' " (Isaiah 6:2-3). They recall the Gospel accounts of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). Yet the liturgy adds something new to these ancient texts. The seraphim sang, "the earth is filled with his glory." But the liturgy proclaims, "heaven and earth are full of your glory." In the Eucharist, earth and heaven meet. For a moment in time, we join in the song that the angels sing for all time. The Sanctus raises us to heaven, but does not remove us from the earth. It is the song of the King who took on our human flesh so that we might share in his divine life. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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.