

Church of the Ascension

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor
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call 408-931-4131

Catechetical Ministry

Ann Liebmann, Youth Cate-
chetical and Program Director

RCIA Rev. Joe Galang, Pastor

Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.; 5:00
p.m.

Weekday

M, F: 6:30 a.m.
W: 6:30 Communion Svc.
T, Th, S: 9:00 a.m.

First Friday

6:30, 9:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 9:30 a.m.
Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day

7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m., and
by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX
MONTHS in advance. Please
telephone the parish office to
make an appointment with the
pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First
Sunday of each month at 12
noon. (Preparation seminar is
required). Please contact the
parish office at least one month
in advance.

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed.: 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thurs, Fri: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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PARISH MISSION

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Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone
Send Envelopes weekly, monthly envelopes, Not Required/Automatic
Payment, Moving/remove from mailing list

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Mon.	Finance Council	7:00 p.m.
Tues.	The Tues. Morning Stitchers	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	The Handcrafters	9:30 a.m.
Wed.	Prayer Group	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	Parish Council	7:00 p.m.
Thur.	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Men's Club	6:00 p.m.



Religious Education

All classes continue this week as scheduled:

Sun., Feb. 5

Elementary Grades 1, 3, 4 to 8 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.
 NO High School meeting - come help with **SOUPER**
 Bowl of Caring.

Tues., Feb. 7

Elementary Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 4 to 5:15 p.m.
 First Eucharist 4 to 5:15 p.m.
 (gym opens at 3:30 p.m.)

Wed., Feb. 8

Junior High Grades 6, 7, 8 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
 (gym opens at 7:00 p.m.)

Sun., Feb. 12

Elementary Grades 1, 3, 4 to 8 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.
NO High School meeting - Come help with the Valentine
 lunch!

Please call Ann Liebmann, 725-3939 if your family is new to Ascension and you wish to register for Religious Education classes.



Valentine Party

Next **Sunday, February 12th**, beginning at 12 Noon is the annual Valentine lunch for Ascension's senior citizens and their senior friends.

Come enjoy a delicious lunch and lots of fun, including BINGO games with lots of prizes to be won. Please RSVP to the Parish Office, 725-3939, by **12 Noon** this **Tuesday, February 7th** if you plan to attend.

Men's Club Fantastic St Patrick's Day Dinner

The Ascension Men's Club is holding its annual St Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday, March 17 starting at 6:00pm in Worner Hall. Fine food and entertainment will be provided. Advance tickets prices are \$15 for adults, and \$7 for children ages 5-12. Ticket prices sold at the door the night of the event are: \$18 for adults and \$9 for children ages 5-12. As usual, children under 5 get in free. Tickets can be purchased after all weekend masses or at the Church office. We anticipate a sellout for this event so be sure to



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2012

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4



WELCOMING COFFEE

Coffee and donuts will be hosted after the 9 a.m. mass today by The Finance Council.

ADA 2012

It is that time each year when all Catholics of the Diocese are invited to actively participate and join hands with one another in our Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). This is the yearly fund-raising drive of all parishes to support the programs and offices of the Diocese of San Jose of which we are part and from which we received many supportive services. The Theme of our Annual Diocesan Appeal for 2012 is, "Our Parish, Our Diocese, together in Christ".

Our parish assessment this year is \$84,405. To achieve our 2012 assessment we ask each family in the parish to make a pledge. If you have not participated in the past, we encourage you to join our ADA appeal now. We hope to increase the number of parishioners joining our ADA appeal in order to reach our goal. With the current recession, high unemployment, and the downturn in our economy, we ask you to do what you can. Thank you so very much for the sacrifice which your pledge represents.

Please bring your completed pledge card and turn it in at Mass. We thank you for your generosity and support in the many liturgies, programs, activities, and ministries of our parish. We look forward to your continued help for our parish and the Diocese. May our Lord reward you a hundredfold.

Young Adult Activities

Many Hands, One Spirit Muchas Manos, Un Espiritu

Calling all young adults to come together and make a difference at the first ever diocesan young adult day of service: **Saturday, February 18 from 9:30am-6pm**

Join other young adults in preparing for the Lenten season by dedicating a day to serve the needs of our community through various local immersion projects. Our day of service will also include praise and worship, keynote presentation, group reflections and closing liturgy.

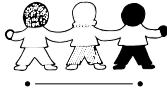
A strong advocate for social justice will be our keynote presenter. Save the date and invite other young adults to this special event.

Disciples Sports Softball

2012 Spring Season Sign-up is on...

For any of the above Young Adult Events in our diocese, please contact Doris Atkinson at ascensionya@sbcglobal.net for more information.

FEBRUARY 5, 2012



The CONNECT Group thanks the Ascension community for generously donating over 400 gifts for Loaves & Fishes, Help-One-Child, and Catholic Charities.

We also thank you for providing food, toiletries, blankets, sleeping bags, jackets, coats, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, and more for In Vision, Loaves & Fishes and West Valley Community Services. The CONNECT Group is always amazed by your overwhelming support.

CONNECT wants to use the months of January and February to collect the following items:

Prescription Eye glasses, Reading glasses, Sun glasses, and Hearing aids (for donation to the Lion's Club, etc.)

Box Tops 4 Education (www.boxtops4education.com) and Campbell's Labels for Education

(www.labelsforeducation.com) (for donation to one or more schools in the Diocese of San Jose)

Toiletries, especially sample and hotel size (for donation to Loaves & Fishes)

Donations can be placed in one of the CONNECT baskets in the rear of the church. Please contact Donald Van Buren at (408) 996-2619 or at donalddvanburen@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

February 5, 2012, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

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Spotlight Night!

Ballroom dance lessons on Fridays at Ascension! Dance Instructors, David Serrano & Tessie Lamigo teach mostly American style Ballroom Dances.



Schedule: February 10, 17, & 24 - Salsa
March 9, 23, & 30 - Hustle
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Instruction
8:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Open Dance

Suggested Donation (per class)

\$5 per person \$8 per couple

Donations raised will go to support various Church of the Ascension programs & medical supplies to the Philippines.

Questions? Contact Marie Maraschin at 408-218-2704 or mmaraschin@yahoo.com

THANK YOU

Jan. 29, 2012	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$7,000	\$210,000
COLLECTED	\$4,981	\$213,016
VARIANCE	-\$2,019	\$3,016

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;
 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Parish Mission - Save the Date

February 13 - 16, 2012

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore

Theme: Trying to cope with letting go in order to find peace and Freedom in our own lives.



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Living Stewardship Now

Make a conscious effort to stop negative comments and verbal "put-downs." Refuse to join in conversations that scorn or belittle other people.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 4, 2011

Sat. Feb. 4 9:00 a.m. Wood Family
 5:00 p.m. Bob Bittner +
 Sun. Feb. 5 7:00 a.m. Michelle Regul
 9:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Betty Reickerd +
 5:00 p.m. William Estes +
 Mon. Feb. 6 6:30 a.m. Frances Kulm
 Tues. Feb. 7 9:00 a.m. Beverly Woodward
 Wed. Feb. 8 6:30 a.m. Communion Service
 Thur. Feb. 9 9:00 a.m. Louis Pushpa Raj +
 Fri. Feb. 10 6:30 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
 Sat. Feb. 11 9:00 a.m. Arturo & Alfredo Zabala +
 5:00 p.m. Hung & Nhai Tran +
 Sun. Feb. 12 7:00 a.m. Rector Family
 9:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. William Hawkes
 5:00 p.m. Catrina Salazar

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?

- A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.
- Stewardship then is a way of life; a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. It is a way of thanking God for all his blessings by returning a portion of time, talent, and treasure allotted to us.
- Stewardship is about living our Christ's instruction to "love one another as I have loved you." It enhances our relationship with one another and with God and in so doing builds strong, happy and caring communities of families.
- Christian Stewardship then applies to every aspect of our lives—all our personal talents, abilities, our limited time on earth, our wealth, our faith; our very selves, our everything!
- Stewardship expresses a basic attitude of gratitude to God for the many gifts to us and trust we have in God as the ultimate source of our security. We are called to use these gift to further God's creative and redemptive purpose. As stewards, we use God's gifts for God's purposes.
- Jesus Christ is the exemplar of stewardship. He gave for the sake of others and we too are called to give for the sake of others, and in giving we will find our lives more fully realized for ourselves and for those to whom we give:
- The church is a gathering of disciples who encourage one another in discipleship. The practice of discipleship in and through the Church is one of the primary ways we are called to follow Jesus' example. As members of that Body of Christ we are invited to carry on his work of giving for the sake of others.

Once again we appeal to all parishioners to use their Sunday envelope. This is our primary source of funds for the parish. If you have not received your Sunday envelope please kindly call the Parish Office. My sincerest gratitude to all parishioners for your continued support and generosity of your time, talents and treasures to the parish.

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

Pastoral Council	Gary Auclair	408-255-6319
Finance Council	Jeff Moe	408-253-6403
Sunday Bulletin	Lynda Marcum	408-725-3939
Webmaster	Eleazar Manalo	408-418-6646
Wedding Coordinator	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Newsletter	Lynda Marcum	408-725-3939

Liturgy

Liturgy Committee	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Eucharistic Ministers	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Lector Training	Joe & Joyce Nunes	408-377-1022
Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
Altar Servers	Ray Schmidt	408-246-2270
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Doris McCune-Mouton	408-252-0281
Musicians - 9 a.m.	Carol Swift	831-335-3706
Musicians - 11 a.m.	Barbara Mandal	408-257-5549
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sun	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Rosary Group	Evelyn Tanner	408-867-1600

Catechetical Ministries

Baptism Preparation	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939
Marriage Preparation	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Joe Galang	408-725-3939

Community and Service

Women's Club	TBA	408-725-3939
Men's Club	Tab Morales	408-866-8067
Membership	Doug Snyder	408-568-8828
Handcrafters	Betty Rinaldi	408-378-2830
Tues. Morn Stitchers	Jackie McBirney	408-253-9350
Couples Bridge	Don Muse	408-246-7726
Young Adults	Doris & Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Betty Hutz	408-252-4475
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Chip & Weedgie Maloney	408-741-1946
Cursillo	Harry Stice	408-996-7842
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
Serra Club	Greg Lynch	408-725-1898
Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014

Web Site

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