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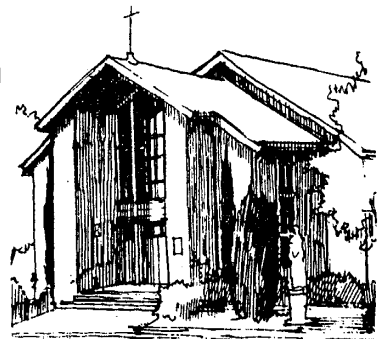
CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM
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



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

"Behold, God's dwelling is with
the human race."

Revelation 21:3



The word *love* has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to "love as I have loved you." The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art, and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness, and patience with each other.

Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or down-hearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to "kill" ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behavior from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behavior which is neither loving nor Christian.

Reflections on the Church, continued...I just finished reading a good book written by James Martin, S.J. entitled "My Life with the Saints." I recommend it. It's a pleasant read featuring Martin's favorite saints and Church heroes in relationship to his life as a Jesuit priest. Toward the end of his book he makes the following statement: "For those struggling with their church, Catholic or otherwise, it's good to remember that some of the saints did the same. Dorothy Day, the devoted apostle of the church, liked to quote Romano Guardini's trenchant saying, 'The church is the cross on which Christ is crucified today.' Thomas Merton, when silenced by his religious superiors, wrote to a friend with undisguised anger that a monk would not be allowed to speak against war: 'Man, I would think that it might possibly salvage a last shred of repute for an institution that many consider dead on its feet...'

St. Catherine of Siena, during a time of church scandals in the fourteenth century, wrote to a group of cardinals in Rome, saying, 'You are flowers that shed no perfume, but a stench that makes the whole world reek.' Even the saints – or perhaps, *especially* the saints – faced disappointment, frustration, and anger with organized religion." I think that's the nature of belonging to a faith tradition that goes deeper than just an intellectual concept. To be Catholic is to have it "in your blood." Sometimes we Catholics have a love/hate relationship with our Church, just as we sometimes have in our families.

In order to meet our parish goal for the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**, we need to raise an additional **\$3,356**. I have been informed that if we may one last push some of our parishioners will contribute some additional funds to help retire this goal. So here's the one last push. If you have not made a contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you may still do so. Let's meet our goal and keep our record going. Our contributions fund so many worthwhile projects in this diocese including Catholic education for inner-city schools, diocesan clergy retirement fund, CYO, and Youth Ministry.

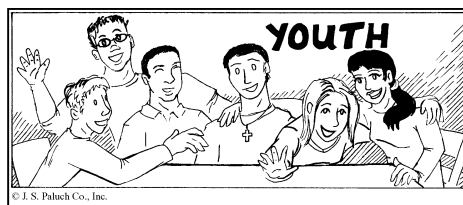
Congratulations to the Children who are making their **First Eucharist** this weekend.

Breannah Gould
Hunter Thompson
Katherine Castro
Sadie Rose
Quiana Arre
Mollie Quiroz
Jose Luis Davila Jr.
Benjamin Rutkowski
Brendan O'Keefe
Rees Beresford-Howe
Antonio Paez
Alec Jackman
Joey Grell
Amanda Contreras
Aaron Bautista
Carson Naas
Francisco Ortiz
Sheyla Rodriguez

Sidney Wu
Steven Antonio
Anne O'Leary
Paul Sweet
Brandon Ruggiero
Jessica Cornejo
Lauren Francis
Jacoby Henning
Aleah Wasserbauer
Bob Cushing
Shea Larsen
Alyssa Daniels
Hayden Wulff
Julia McElroy
Virginia Ortiz
Jedrick Alegado
Michelle Munoz
Michelle Ohwobete



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 Can you continue to help us?
 We need some items for the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. The manager there is looking to obtain new **Men's and Women's** underwear for those that come into the center. If you can help us help the Center, please place your items in the basket in the vestibule. Please continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079**.



Haven: We will meet on Monday, May 3, at 7:30p.m.

Join us for **Youth Mass** on Saturday May 8th at 5p.m. We will have music and prayer led by our own Haven Youth Group. All are welcome!



Cathedral Bus Tour

We are taking a trip to the Cathedral on May 4th. We will meet in front of church at 9:30a.m. and will leave at 10:00a.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person and it includes transportation and a gourmet lunch. We ask that you wear comfortable shoes, you will have an opportunity to visit the gift shop.

Widows

We are in need of a reliable active widows to participate in the leadership of the organization, so that it may continue. We need someone to help us coordinate and organize meetings and luncheons. We meet once a month at 11a.m. for Mass and luncheon with a meeting afterwards.

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers will meet on Tuesday May 4th in the Rectory Common Room from 9:30-11a.m. May is the month of Mary, there are FREE Rosaries in the back of the church. Mary asked at Fatima to pray the rosary every day for World Peace.

Knitting & Crochet Ministry: Most recently we contacted, Marilyn Carter, of the Livermore Veterans Foundation, a local "Jefferson Award recipient", for her support, care and love of our men and women serving in the military. She believes no one serving in the military or their families should ever be forgotten. We will be partnering with her to include our helmet caps for our servicemen and women in her mailing of care boxes. Marilyn has contacts with chaplains who personally know of servicemen and women stationed in remote areas who can benefit from her care packages. Marilyn suggested that with each cap that we make, we will attach our prayer card and a personal note with our first names and Assumption Parish's address so that the recipient can, if they wish, connect with us on a personal note. We are all very excited! So, if you knit or crochet or want to learn how to, and wish to join us in our "helmet cap making", come on the first or third Fridays mornings at the Rectory common room. We have the instructions and the yarn. Any questions call Gloria at 357-0943

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If you would like to use EFT instead of envelopes, please fill this out and turn it into the rectory or put it in the collection basket.

Family Name: _____

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Weekly Gift \$ _____ Monthly Gift \$ _____

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School News

Assumption School has a new Mission Statement. Each morning at assembly the whole school recites the new Mission Statement led by our Student Leadership Team.

Assumption Catholic School, a ministry of the Church of the Assumption, is a diverse community that provides K- 8 academic excellence in a Christ-center environment where each individual is safe, nurtured, respected and treasured.

Assumption School will celebrate the Crowning of Mary on Monday, May 3rd at the 8:15 A.M. school liturgy. We crown Mary each year as a symbol of our devotion to the Mother of God. The tradition at Assumption has been to choose the most Christ-like girl and boy from our Eighth Grade class to crown Mary. The students themselves do the choosing. After a great deal of deliberation the students chose **Christopher Oberempt** and **Marissa Quinones**. We invite our parish community to join us for this special liturgy.

Parish Pastoral Council

This is the final weekend (May 1/2) to turn in your nomination form. Nominees must be a registered active parishioner. Please put your nomination form in the box in the back of the church.

Weekly Offering

Sunday Goal.....7300.00

Sunday 25.....5295.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

May 2 - May 9

Sun 2	Gym CR	CYO 12-7 RCIA 11am
Mon	YC	Haven 7:30
Tue	Gym CR	CYO 3-9 Rosary Makers
Wed	H Ch	Band 12-2 Adult Choir Practice 7:30p.m.
Thu	Gym	Spring Concert
Fri	Gym	CYO 3-9
Sat	Ch	Youth Mass
Sun	Gym	CYO

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

May 1 — May 9

Saturday	5:00	William Pico +
Sunday	7:30	Laura Moniz +
	9:00	Earl Sequeira +
	10:30	Fernando Cardoso Sr. +
	12:00	Luis Costa +
Monday	7:00	Catherine Nona Robino +
Tuesday	7:00	Charles & Irene Guest +
Wednesday	7:00	John & Margaret Gallego +
Thursday	7:00	Kathryn Moran +
Friday	7:00	Sunshine Brassey +
Saturday	8:00	Estelle Souza +
	5:00	Maura McClelland +
Sunday	7:30	Louis Cerro +
	9:00	Walter & Marian Baker +
	10:30	Marvyn Fauria +
	12:00	David Rogers +

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:	
Tomas Pineda.....	638-0497
School Board:	
Ben Barr.....	938-4241
Liturgy Committee	
Loretta Fernandes.....	352-1537
Finance Committee:	
Pat Durgin.....	632-4032
Bishop's Appeal:.....	352-1537
Tuesdays with Larry:	
Larry Graves	352-4777
Rosary Makers:	
Irene Haines	483-7975
Widows:	
Sunshine Brassey	357-3630
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.