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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:

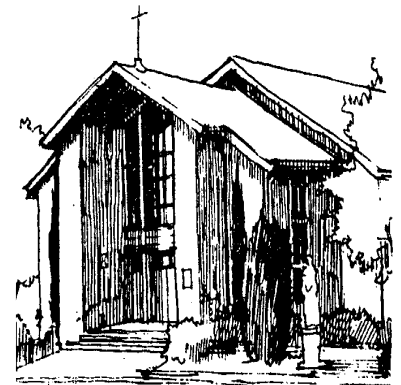
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

Office Hours:

8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM

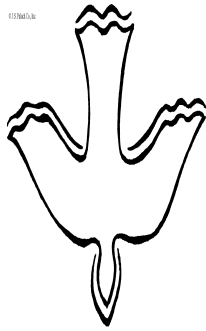
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School Office Hours: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2012 Your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit within you. -- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

I am very happy to announce that I have hired Mr. Bill Vaughan as Director of Music for Church of the Assumption. I had immediately put an ad for resumes on the National Pastoral Musicians job search site, and I was inundated with resumes from all over the country. Here were my considerations: Music Training (proficiency in organ and piano), choral conducting training, dedication to our Catholic faith and tradition, and last but not least, a good pastoral personality! There was one other consideration. I did not want to interview people from out of state, since protocol would require that we pay for airfare, lodging, etc. Bill found out that we were looking for a new Music Director. He is known by the clergy of this diocese, especially since he was the accompanist for our recent Clergy Convocation. Not only can Bill play the organ, but he is also familiar with all of the other things our organ can do, especially the use of MIDI voices that we have been used to.



Here is some biographical information about Bill. He was born and raised in San Francisco and was raised in Mary, Star of the Sea in the Richmond District of San Francisco. Bill did his undergraduate studies, majoring in music at San Francisco State University and graduate studies at Southern Methodist University, majoring in organ and choral performance. Bill has given concerts throughout the United States and in Europe, most notably at St. Mary's Cathedral (Miami Florida), Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral (Los Angeles), St. Mary's and Grace Cathedrals (San Francisco), St. Paul's Cathedral (London, England) and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Bill was Director of Music at St. Paschal Baylon Parish in Oakland. Bill will still continue to be Assistant Organist at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Just a note: Bill has an organ concert planned at the Cathedral for March 18th at 5:00 P.M. All are invited.

On a personal level, I remember meeting Bill when he was a teenager. A friend of mine was Parochial Vicar at Star of the Sea in San Francisco at the time. Bill was the organist there. Bill will begin playing here on the weekend of January 28-29 at 5:00 P.M., 7:30, and 9:00 A.M. (Catholic Schools Week Liturgy). He will return to his former parish for a farewell party during the time of our last two Liturgies.

On behalf of our school, we are also happy to announce the hiring of a Music Teacher, Tim Silva, who will teach music to our school children. Tim is a California credentialed music teacher. He did his undergraduate work at the Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA, earning a BA in Music Education and Music Composition (dual degree). He has also a graduate degree from the UCLA School of Education and Information Studies with his California K-12 teaching credential. The list could go on and on! He also teaches music at St. Leander School. Incidentally, a number of years ago Tim, while being a member of the Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers, sang and played at my cousin's wedding.

I am very happy to welcome both Bill and Tim to our Parish! May God bless them in their ministry to our parish and school.

With this Sunday we begin what we call "Ordinary Time." There's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. The name is used as a counting device. This is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Christmas season is past. We will be in Ordinary Time until the beginning of Lent.

In recent years we have all had to learn to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. Sometimes it can be hard to get a human being on the other end of the telephone. The endless repetition of options and reassurances can be frustrating. But let's think about what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail in Heaven. Imagine praying and hearing this: "Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options: 1 for Requests; 2 for Thanksgiving; 3 for Complaints; 4 for All Other Inquiries."

And, what if God used the familiar excuse, "I'm sorry, we're busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, so please stay on the line and we will attend to you as soon as possible."

Worse still, imagine if we heard, "Our computers show that you have already prayed THREE times today; Please hang up and try again tomorrow," or, "This office is closed for the Sabbath, please pray again on Monday at 12.01am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local Priest, Rabbi or Imam."

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like—a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation. What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful, and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew, and Peter could have no idea where their response to

God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

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PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY JANUARY 29, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. MASS WILL BE 7:30A.M. 9:00AM 11:00A.M. 12:30P.M.

Parish Crab Feed

Join us on Saturday, February 11 for the Annual Parish Crab Feed. Cost is:

- \$40 Adults (\$45 after 2/1/12)
- \$35 Seniors 65yrs and over (\$40 starting 2/1/12)
- Children \$10 (6-12 yrs)

Door opens at 5:30 for a no host bar, dinner of crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Seating is reserved. Tickets sold at the door or sold on February 2, 2012 will be \$45. You may call and purchase tickets at the office.

Seniors Please join us on January 18 for a dinner and a movie at 4pm in the gym.

The Office will be closed on Monday January 16.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks: "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find it is when we look for ways to make others happy that we truly become happy. **As you place your donation in the collection or food bin, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.** You can continue to assist those in need by helping us reach out to those who call our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**



Weekly Offering Including EFT

Weekly Goal\$8,200

Weekly offering 1/8.....\$8263

Christmas Goal.....\$21,500

Christmas as of 1/8..\$27769.91



Birthright

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, Executive Director

Birthright of San Lorenzo

1048 Grant Ave, San Lorenzo 94580.

(510) 481-9677 or HOTLINE (800) 550-4900.

Kindred Ministry

Eucharist Ministers take Communion to Kindred Hospital patients on Saturday mornings. Volunteers are needed to partake in this Ministry.

You will be accompanied by another person for three months or until you feel comfortable enough to take your own Saturday.

Please call: Al Frates 510-351-2852

Blood Drive

Our December Blood drive collected 57 pints of blood—that will save over 170 lives! Thank you to all that participated. That drive was such a success that we're having another one on Saturday, February 4th. Hours are 7 am to 1 pm in the Small Hall. Please contact Jan Kehoe at jkehoe.blood@yahoo.com or 352-2624 for an appointment.



Assumption School resumed classes following Christmas Break on Tuesday, January 3rd. On Wednesday, January 4th, the cookie dough sale began that runs through January 13th. Friday, January 6th was the Feast of the Epiphany and on Saturday, January 7th, the 8th Graders took their High School Placement Tests.

Just a reminder that Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th with a 9 am liturgy, followed by an Open House at Assumption School at 10am.

Men's Crab Feed Jan. 24

The Assumption Dad's Club is having their annual Men's Crab Feed with pesto pasta on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the school gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner is served at 7:00pm. There will be a Poker Table and 50/50 Raffle. Donation price is \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door. Make checks payable to Assumption Dad's Club. For tickets and information, contact Norbert Castro at 510-352-0950 or Art Galicia 510-914-4205. Proceeds support Assumption School.

Week at a glance.....
Sunday 15.....GYM CYO
Monday.....GYM CYO
Tuesday.....YC Dad's Club 7:30p.m.
Gym CYO
Wednesday.....H Cub Scout 7p.m.
Ch Adult choir practice 7:30
GYM Senior Movie
Thursday.....Gym CYO
CR Lit Committee 7pm
Friday.....CR Knitters 10a.m.
GYM CYO 3:30-9p.m.
Saturday.....CYO 9-9
Sunday..... Gym CYO
H Confirmation 10:00a.m.
YC Faith Formation
RCIA Dismissal Inquiry and
Catechumens
Rite of Acceptance

WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST
Weekly Mass Intentions
December 14 - January 8

Saturday

5:00 Carmelita Cinco +

Sunday

7:30 Dominic Boschetto +

9:00 Mary Bailey +

10:30 Ira Cooper +

12:00 Louis Rodrigues +

Monday

7:00 Jaime Duarte (L)

Tuesday

7:00 Charles & Irene Guest +

Wednesday

7:00 Robert Herrick +

Thursday

7:00 Linda Lucas +

Friday

7:00 Vieira Family (L)

Saturday

8:00

5:00 Walter & Anna Szymanski +

Sunday

7:30 Reidy Family +

9:00 Theresa Scott +

10:30 Laura Nyfield +

12:00 Michael Frazier +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....352-9656

Altar Server Coordinators:

Dennis Burigsay.....895-1628

Mike Tedeschi.....357-9447

Head Communion Ministers:

Joe and Mina Riccio352-3506

Head Usher: Al Weinberger.....895-9900

Head Greeter: Susan McCue.....638-7434

Ministry Schedulers: Barbara Buckley352-9656

Susan Hupp.....483-5652

Teen Confirmation:

Mary Schirmer352-1537

St. Vincent de Paul

Joe Riccio.....352-6079

Pastoral Council:

Paul Carney635-9473

School Board:

Giovanna Giuliani.....777-1426

Liturgy Committee Finance Committee:

Loretta Fernandes.....352-1537

Pat Durgin632-4032

All Saints Skilled Nursing

Merlie Macasieb.....895-5162

Bishop's Appeal:.....352-1537

Tuesdays with Larry:

Larry Graves352-4777

Rosary Makers:

Irene Haines483-7975

CYO:

Lisa Brue.....351-6860

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.