

# Church of the Ascension

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## Masses

### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m. (in the church)  
5:00 p.m. (drive-in)

### **Sunday**

7:00 a.m. (all Sunday  
9:00 a.m. Masses are  
11:00 a.m. inside the  
5:00 p.m. church)

### **Weekday**

\*M—F 8:00 a.m. (in the church)

### **Holy Days**

Mass times as announced

## Reconciliation

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:** *Our office is currently not open to the public, yet we monitor phone calls and voice messages, especially Mon.—Thur. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

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## **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS NEXT SUNDAY**

**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.

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 18, 2021**

### FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Please join us in celebrating the **First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly next Sunday, July 25**. We will pray for God's blessing on all grandparents and the elderly at Masses next weekend. Invite all living generations of your family to the Church of the Ascension for this occasion!

The United Nations, which has 190 international days, does not have one for grandparents. That's why it's highly significant that Pope Francis has established this day to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July. He was moved to establish it not just because of the importance of grandparents and the elderly, but especially because of the neglect and isolation so many grandparents and seniors experienced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for all those who participate in liturgical celebrations observing it, those who unite themselves spiritually to those celebrations if they are unable to leave their homes, and those who visit, in person or virtually, their grandparents or elderly brothers and sisters in need.

The choice of the fourth Sunday of July is transparently to connect it, as closely as possible, to the July 26 feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. This link to Jesus' family tree and to salvation history suggests that everyone's genealogy and personal prehistory is part of the providential plan of God.

Together with Pope Francis and the whole Church, we celebrate grandparents, thank them, commit to spend time with them, recommit to the covenant of love with them, and pray for them.

Fr. Hao

*(Source: Vatican News and National Catholic Register).*

### 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 18, 2021



**(Jesus) said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."**

—Mark 6:30-34

### THE DAYS ARE COMING

If we were to use one word to describe the scriptures for today, it would be "compassion." The prophet Jeremiah describes world conditions as if the people of his time were sheep who had been scattered by poor leadership and corrupt shepherds. We also hear the prophecy about the coming Messiah. But "the days are coming," he assures us (Jeremiah 23:5), when a new shepherd, a just king, will come.

We meet that king in the second reading and the Gospel. Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Ephesians that all divisions can now cease in Christ Jesus, who has brought us together through His blood; Christ is breaking down the walls of division between peoples and drawing them to be reconciled with God in peace.

In Mark, Jesus calls the tired disciples away to rest and have some "me time," but even then the crowds persisted. We see Jesus himself, looking with pity on those searching for him as if they were sheep without a shepherd.

All three situations involve looking beyond one's own agenda to see the needs of others and respond. God models how to empathize with others. May we continue to learn to be kinder, gentler, and more caring for each other.

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### MEANING OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*Statement of Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

"Last week, my brother bishops and I voted overwhelmingly to issue a teaching document on the beauty and power of the Eucharist. The doctrine committee of the bishops' conference will now begin drafting this document and, in the months ahead, the bishops will continue our prayer and discernment through a series of regional meetings and consultations. In November, the bishops will gather to discuss the document draft.

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the heart of our lives as Catholics. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ himself draws near to each one of us personally and gathers us together as one family of God and one Body of Christ.

"As bishops, our desire is to deepen our people's awareness of this great mystery of faith, and to awaken their amazement at this divine gift, in which we have communion with the living God. That is our pastoral purpose in writing this document.

"I invite everyone in the Church to pray for the bishops as we continue our dialogues and reflections. I pray that this will be a time for all of us in the Church to reflect on our own faith and readiness to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist."

# Liturgy Notes

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## Keeping Holy the Lord's Day

In Genesis, the acts of creation are God's work. Once He was satisfied with His work we read, "So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work He had done in creation." In response, the Jewish tradition called for minimal work on their Sabbath in respect of God's holy day, thus emulating God's "rest" day.

Our own Catholic tradition calls for observance of the Lord's Day (Sunday is the day of resurrection) by attending Mass and resting from work. This practice dates back to the earliest centuries. Since the Church is legislating for a global community with differing circumstances, it does not give specifics for honoring the Lord's Day but offers general principles for Catholics to consider.

The *Code of Canon Law (canon 1247)* states: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to assist at Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body."

In his apostolic letter *Dies Domini*, St. John Paul II urged Catholics to arrange their Sunday rest in a way that allowed them to go to Mass and to refrain from unnecessary work which is "incompatible with the sanctification of the Lord's Day, with its characteristic joy and necessary rest for spirit and body (67)."

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Tuesday**      **St. Apollinaris** (2nd cent. Syrian bishop & martyr; patron of those suffering epilepsy or gout)
- Wednesday**      **St. Lawrence of Brindisi** (17th cent. Italian priest, theologian, Capuchin friar; patron of Brindisi)
- Thursday**      **St. Mary Magdalene** (a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers, sometimes referred to as "the apostle to the apostles;" patroness of apothecaries, hairdressers, women)
- Friday**      **St. Bridget** (14th cent. Swedish wife, mother, mystic & religious founder; patroness of Sweden)
- Saturday:**      **St. Sharbel Makluf** (19th cent. Lebanese monk & hermit; known for his miraculous healing in response to prayers)

## THANK YOU

July 11, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,572 \$2,210	N/A
TOTAL	\$6,782	N/A



**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
— Psalm 23

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Jul 17 Sat 9 a.m. Angie Datu & Family  
5 p.m. David Braddi +
- Jul 18 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. All Parishioners  
5 p.m. All Parishioners
- Jul 19 Mon 8 a.m. Nieves Cuison Orogo +
- Jul 20 Tue 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Jul 21 Wed 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Jul 22 Thu 8 a.m. Angela Pava (L)
- Jul 23 Fri 8 a.m. Elaine Montoya Cereno +
- Jul 24 Sat 9 a.m. The Diem Family  
5 p.m. All Parishioners
- Jul 25 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners  
9 a.m. All Parishioners  
11 a.m. The Nora Family  
5 p.m. Oscar & Gaudiosa Beltran +

## EVENTS

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." Mk 6:30-31

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**God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.**

—John Henry Newman

**Here's a simple test to find out whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't.**

—Anonymous

## JUBILEE GAMES

July 17th: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Diocese of San José is hosting the **Jubilee Games for Vocations** on July 17<sup>th</sup> at Archbishop Mitty High School in San José.

**Sisters and Postulants** will compete in a soccer game for the **St. Clare Cup**, with high school girls filling out both teams.

**Priests and Seminarians** will compete in a second soccer game for the **St. Joseph Cup**, with high school boys filling out both teams as well. This outstanding community event of family entertainment will follow all the Covid-19 regulations.

## PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

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Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Musicians - 9 a.m.	Cheryl Snyder	408 674 4361
Musicians - 11 a.m.	Barbara Mandal	408-921-7319
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sun	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Rosary Group	Evelyn Tanner	408-867-1600

### Catechetical Ministries

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Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939

### Community and Service

Men's Club	Chuck Schoppe	408-867-9229
Handcrafters	Ruby Hauffe	408-725-3939
Couples Bridge	David Tong	415-606-1476
Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak Harry Stice	408-857-1075 408-996-7842
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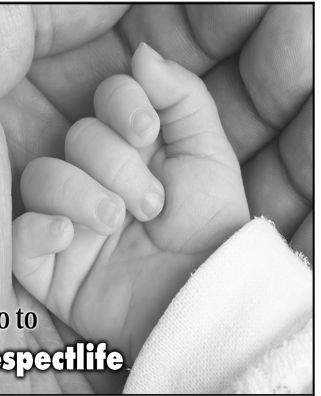
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