

Church of the Ascension

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Loy Oppus-Moe,
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Coordinator
RCIA Rev. Hao Dinh, Pastor

Masses

Saturday

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

Sunday

7:00 a.m. (as of Nov. 27
9:00 a.m. all Masses
11:00 a.m. are inside
5:00 p.m. the Church)

Weekday

*M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm—4:45 pm
In Room A (facing synagogue).
Enter through exterior door.

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 has opened to the public, with Covid restrictions.*

Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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In case of an emergency please call 408-725-3939, then press 9



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022 IS HERE

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, Not Required/Automatic
Payment, Moving/remove from mailing list

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 06, 2022**

ADA 2022**“Growing Together in Faith”**

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an annual campaign of the Diocese of San José that supports ministries and services that serve all parishes and the local community. It also gives parishes the opportunity to raise significant funds by earning rebates over their own individual parish goal.

Ascension’s Parish Goal: \$73,571.

Your gift combined with the gifts of others throughout the Diocese makes its work of Evangelization and outreach programs possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 06, 2022



Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

—Luke 5:1-11

RECEIVING THE CALL

All three readings today feature what are known as the “call” stories of famous figures of our faith: Isaiah, Paul, and Simon Peter. Each story shares features common to scriptural “call” stories: First, an encounter with God or a messenger of God. Second, there is some sort of resistance, usually framed as a claim of unworthiness. Third, the one who has been called receives an assurance that they are, indeed, fit for the mission.

In this way God has continued to call prophets, apostles, saints, and everyday women and men throughout time

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MEN’S CLUB IN-PERSON MEETING

Friday, February 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Worner Hall/Lounge Room

World Day of the Sick



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This special day of recognizing the sick was initiated in 1992 by Pope John Paul II to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson’s a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness inspired his designation of the day.

Pope Benedict XVI also declared his decision to resign from his post as the Pope on this day in 2013. He cited his failing health as the reason behind his decision.

The theme chosen for this Thirtieth World Day of the Sick, **“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”** (Lk 6:36), makes us first turn our gaze towards God, who is “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4); he always watches over his children with a father’s love, even when they turn away from him.

Consistent with a day remembering the suffering and their caretakers, is the designation of the same day as “shut-in visitation day.” Thus the day brings to light not only the physical suffering of shuts-ins and the homebound but also their isolation and loneliness; visitation is a gift of friendship and companionship.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION

You are invited to reflect on the questions below. Beginning in late February, the Diocese will sponsor a series of listening sessions, allowing all of us to share our insights. The outcomes of those sharing sessions will be collated and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by June. The USCCB will incorporate the reports of all the dioceses into a final report which will go to the Vatican.

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION

Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptized from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting? How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)? How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way? How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

Liturgy Notes

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Prayer

So very often we read in the Gospel that Jesus went off by himself to pray. He needed to connect with the Father to restore and replenish himself. So do we, especially during those times of stress of business. St. Francis de Sales once said, "Every one of us needs half an hour of *prayer* a day, except *when we are busy* – then we need an hour."

Praying can be difficult, especially when prayers are said mechanically or with mental distractions. We also wonder whether our prayers are effective—are they being heard? This is especially important when we feel that prayers are not being answered. Prayers are heard but the answers are not always what we desire; God's response to our prayers is what, from God's perspective, is best for the individual or the situation. Our prayers always make a difference.

The important take-away is to pray—to dialogue with Our Lord. He himself said, "Ask, and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks, receives. The one who seeks, finds. The one who knocks, enters." (Mt. 7:7-8)

| THANK YOU | | |
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| Jan. 30, 2022 | Our Weekly Offering | Fiscal Year to Date |
| NEEDED | \$5,400 | N/A |
| COLLECTED WESHARE | \$5,335 \$ 855 | N/A |
| TOTAL | \$6,190 | N/A |



In the sight of the angels,
I will sing your praises,
Lord.
—Psalm 138

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday** **Scouting Sunday**
- Tuesday** **St. Jerome Emiliani** (16th cent. Italian priest & religious founder; patron of orphans)
St. Josephine Bakhita (20th cent. Sudanese slave & religious; patroness of human trafficking survivors)
International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Traffickin
- Thursday** **St. Scholastica** (6th cent. Italian religious founder, Benedictine Order, sister of St. Benedict; patroness of Benedictine nuns, education, convulsive children)
- Friday** **Our Lady of Lourdes** (a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honor of her appearances in Lourdes, France. The first apparition occurred on February 11, 1858 to 14-yr. old Bernadette Soubirous. After 17 more apparitions, Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception.)
World Day of the Sick
National Shut-in Visitation Day

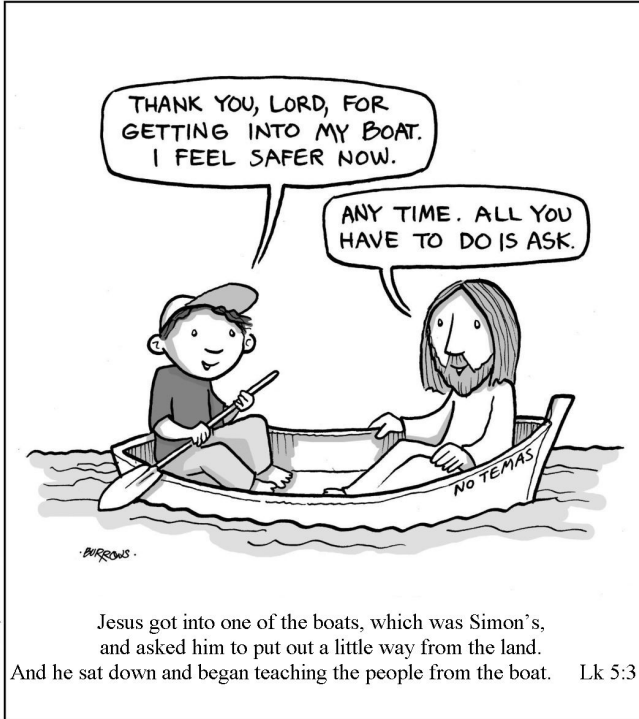
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Feb 05 Sat 9 a.m. Joan Braddi (L)
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- Feb 06 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. Joseph Stolz +
11 a.m. Evelyn Tanner +
5 p.m. Erin Braddi (L)
- Feb 07 Mon 8 a.m. The Bastholm Family
- Feb 08 Tue 8 a.m. Mark Anthony Baylon +
- Feb 09 Wed 8 a.m. All Parishioners
- Feb 10 Thu 8 a.m. Natividad P. Rios +
- Feb 11 Fri 8 a.m. Barbara Stopnick +
- Feb 12 Sat 9 a.m. Gaudencia Santiago +
5 p.m. Tricia Alfonso (L)
- Feb 13 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. The Austin Family
11 a.m. The Maldero Family
5 p.m. McKaela Braddi (L)

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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CATHOLIC YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Volunteers Needed

Our Faith Formation program has long been served by volunteers for many years. We would like to invite YOU to consider sharing your time and talent with our children. Do you like working with young parishioners? Are you excited about growing in your faith and sharing that with them?

Please pray about joining the Youth Faith Formation Team. All ages are welcome. We all have unique gifts to share. Working together leads to a stronger community!

Please regularly check our **CFF (Catholic Faith Formation) CALENDAR**, so your family doesn't miss anything!

For information, email Loy at: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org or call her at the parish office at (408) 725-3939.

PRAYER WALL

We invite you to share your needs in the Prayer Wall on our new parish website www.ascensionsaratoga.org.

Anyone can post a prayer request and thus more parishioners can pray for our intentions. We're limited to a total of 10 requests at a time. Older requests will drop off as new requests are added when that limit is reached.



PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

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| Pastoral Council | John Pozniak | 408-230-6006 |
| Finance Council | Doris Atkinson | 408-725-3939 |
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Liturgy

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| Altar Servers | Fr. Rey Sarmiento | 408-725-3939 |
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| Marriage Preparation | Fr. Hao Dinh | 408-725-3939 |
| Faith & Scriptures | Gene Plevyak | 408-257-3490 |
| RCIA | Fr. Hao Dinh | 408-725-3939 |
| Rosary Group | Virginia Anaya | 408-725-3939 |

Community and Service

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| 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 |
| Knights of Columbus | John Pozniak | 408-230-6006 |
| Serra Club | Bruce Newnan | 408-293-8004 |
| Pastoral Visit Team | Wilma Brisendine | 408-725-3939 |
| Ascension Cares | Peggy Schoppe | 408-867-9229 |
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