

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

*8:30 a.m. (live-streamed)
3:00 p.m. (outdoors)
*5:00 p.m. (live-streamed)

Sunday

*8:30 a.m.
*9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (outdoors)
*not public liturgies

Weekday

*M—F 8:00 a.m. (live-streamed)

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



ADA 2021 KICKS OFF

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

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2021**

LATEST ON MASS SEATING RESERVATIONS

Since April last year, we have tried two Mass registration/reservation platforms: Eventbrite, then Flocknote.

Flocknote is definitely an improvement as it's more user-friendly and straightforward. However, as the number of users goes up, the fee increases.

Since Christmas and the following weeks, the number of Flocknote users in our parish has gone up, triggering an increase in the monthly fee. An increase in users is a good sign, though we have to pay a fee!

Fortunately, I just found a better alternative, already part of what we are using for our parish website since April 2020 - meaning we don't have to pay any extra money for Mass registration! It's called Wix, an online software, that we have utilized to create and maintain our website. Therefore we will switch to the Wix platform, which is also user-friendly, although it looks different.

There's one difference: It will ask for your email address (required), and you may give your phone number (optional). Flocknote allows users to give either an email address or phone number, but you only receive a registration confirmation if you give them your email address, as I understand. Email requirement is common these days. When you sign up for a Mass, you will receive a confirmation email (that's the main reason for your e-address).

If you don't want to give your email address, then please call Lea Hering at 408-499-0831 and give her your phone number for contact tracing in case there's an infection.

Now you can visit our parish website—ascensionsaratoga.org and try the new registration platform. Right after clicking the "Outdoor Mass Reservation" image, it will direct you to the Wix reservation page (without needing to make another click—an improvement). You will see a calendar with the dates and times when we have the outdoor Mass. Just click on that Mass and fill in the blanks!

I hope to see you there! Stay safe and healthy.

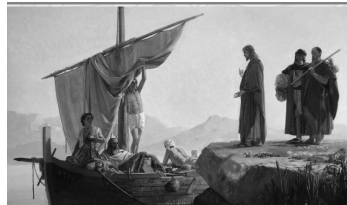
Fr. Hao

40TH ANNIVERSARY OPENING MASS Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 11 a.m.

On January 27, 1981, a papal decree was issued establishing the Diocese of San Jose which was canonically created on March 18, 1981 with Most Reverend Pierre DuMaine as the first bishop of the Diocese of San Jose.

The opening mass for the 40th anniversary jubilee year will be livestreamed on the diocesan facebook with Bishop Oscar Cantú presiding.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24, 2021



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

— Mark 1:14-20

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

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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.



"ASCENSION CARES" MINISTRY

Our concern for our parish family increases the longer we are unable to gather together. To help us stay in touch we have started a new ministry called **Ascension Cares**. We reach out by phone calls and emails to let you know we're thinking about you; we take your prayer requests and share those with our prayer circles. Please contact one of the people below to join us in staying connected:

Ministry Coordinator — Peggy Schoppe 408-867-9229
Chinese Community — Janet Lau 408-725-3939
Fil-Am Community — Marie Maraschin 408-218-2704
Men's Club — Chuck Schoppe 408-867-9229
Prayer Requests — Coco Vidaurri 408-866-5732

KEEPING FAMILIES HOUSED

COVID-19 and the economic downturn is affecting thousands of families. Join a follow-up workshop on Jan. 31st from 6:30pm to 8:30pm to learn about the law's implications moving forward and what our community members need now. How do we plan for the long-term? Members of the community, clergy, parish staff & leaders, and partner organizations register in advance for this meeting at bit.ly/KeepHousing. Additional resources are available at #KeepingFamiliesHoused.

THANK YOU

Jan.17, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$1,783 \$1,389	N/A
TOTAL	\$3,172	N/A

MEN'S VIRTUAL DISCERNMENT WEEKEND
January 29-31, 2021

Is God calling you to the priesthood? In this retreat you will have the chance to explore the priesthood, listen to priest's vocation stories and learn about steps for discernment, values of priestly life and the structure of seminary formation during a weekend of prayer, discussions & fraternity. Contact vocations@dsj.org or register at dsj.org/mens-retreat.

WOMEN'S VIRTUAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT
February 05-07, 2021

Know a young women trying to find God's will in her life? We invite young adult women aged 18-35 to a retreat day on vocations and discernment. This free retreat will include talks, Mass, Holy Hour and Q&A with sisters. Registration is open until January 25, at dsj.org/womens-retreat,



Teach me your ways, O Lord.
— Psalm 25

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Disorder in the society is the result of disorder in the family.
—St. Angela Merici

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday** **The Conversion of St. Paul** (an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus.)
- Tuesday** **Sts. Timothy & Titus** (1st cent. Greek bishops & disciples of St. Paul; Timothy is patron against stomach & intestinal diseases; Titus is patron of Crete)
- Wednesday** **St. Angela Merici** (16th cent. Italian religious founder, Company of St. Ursula; patroness of the sick, handicapped)
Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
- Thursday** **St. Thomas Aquinas**(13th cent. Italian Dominican priest & Doctor of the Church; patron of academics, apologists)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

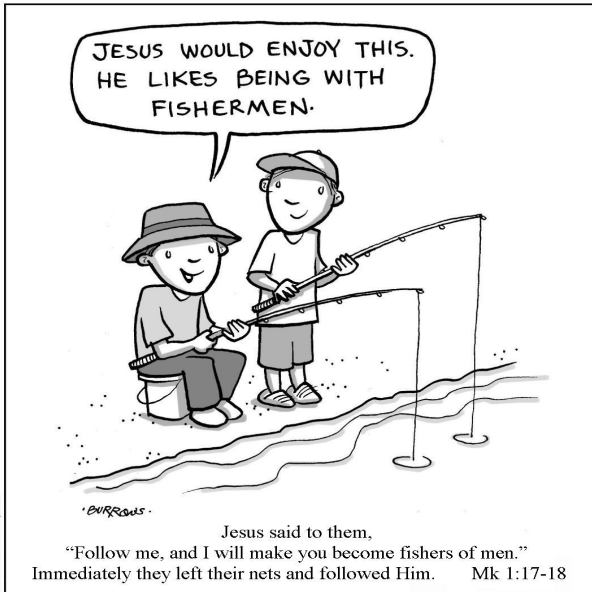
- Jan 23 Sat 8:30 a.m. The Diem Family
3 p.m. Oscar & Gaudiosa Beltran +
5 p.m. Joseph Fiorentino
- Jan 24 Sun 8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. All Parishioners
- Jan 25 Mon 8 a.m. Alberto & Cecilia Molina +
- Jan 26 Tue 8 a.m. Gabrielle Mancuso
- Jan 27 Wed 8 a.m. Terry Lynch +
- Jan 28 Thu 8 a.m. Marie Firato
- Jan 29 Fri 8 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
- Jan 30 Sat 8:30 a.m. The Diem Family
3 p.m. Martin Leano
5 p.m. All Parishioners
- Jan 31 Sun 8:30 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. All Parishioners
11 a.m. All Parishioners

Note: Sat 5PM (live-stream), Sun 8:30 AM & 9 AM are not outdoors/public liturgies

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to Queen of Apostles School Virtual Open House for PK- 8th grade prospective families, **Sunday, January 31st from 10 am to 11:30 am.** You will be able to meet our teachers and ask questions about our program by clicking on the Zoom link on our website, QofA.school, during that time. If you are interested in enrolling in Queen of Apostles School, then please visit our website at QofA.school and click on the Online Application button.



The 2021 theme is **“Journeying Together in Hope.”** Thank you for being a beacon of Hope in our Diocese with your prayers and financial support. Your generosity allows our Diocese of San Jose to continue the Pastoral Vision and Mission of the Church. “Journeying Together In Hope” as One Mystic Body of Christ, together; let’s shine the light of Christ to every corner of Santa Clara Valley.

Your ADA gift enables us in our Evangelization work and outreach, particularly in the areas of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Catechesis and Faith Formation, the Hispanic Apostolate, Social Justice Ministry, the Institute for Leadership in Ministry, the Formation and Training of Seminarians and Deacon Candidates, and the Ongoing Formation of those already ordained. Only your gift, combined with the gifts of others throughout our Diocese, can make all of this possible.

**Please consider a gift to the ADA.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

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Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
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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

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RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939

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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-
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
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Marie Maraschin	408-218-2704
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

Web Site

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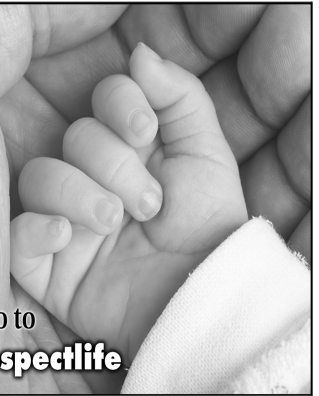
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