

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

8:30 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

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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REGISTERING YOUTH FOR FAITH FORMATION

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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 05, 2021**

CATHOLIC YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

September 19, 2021 thru May 2022

STUDENTS are BACK in SCHOOL.

Thanks be to God!

Are your children back in church?

Let us take this time to praise God together as a community and continue to grow in our faith.

Did you forget to register your children for the Sunday Faith Formation sessions?**It's not too late!****Register online at ascensionsaratoga.org**

Also, let us know if you would like your children enrolled in the classes to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation.

Email Loy at: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org or call her at the parish office at (408) 725-3939 TODAY

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**Thursday evenings at 7 pm**

The prayer group will continue to meet on Zoom.

Those interested can call or text George Sharp (see Parish Contacts) so he can send you the Zoom email invite.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL ON ZOOM ROSARY & FAITH TALK

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly Rosary and Faith Talk on **Friday, September 10th, 2021** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Rev. Matthias Lambrecht, O.C.D. of Mount Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and share a faith talk on The Brown Scapular.

This event is free.

Please register: (408) 447-5433 or email admin@ghswomenscenter.com.

This event can be found on our website also:

<https://www.guadalupehopesociety.org/events> and on

**23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 05, 2021**

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

—Mark 7:31-37

BLESSING FOR ALL

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment.

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

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**If you have sight, you are blessed.
If you have insight,
you are a thousand times blessed.**

—Anonymous

ASCENSION PARISH PICNIC POSTPONED

Based on responses to our informal survey regarding the parish picnic, we have decided to postpone the picnic event until conditions are more conducive and safe. Thank you for your responses.

Liturgy Notes

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Sept 8th

This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the fifth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Mary's conception without original sin) on December 8.

Although no one is certain where Mary was born, one ancient tradition cites Nazareth and another, Jerusalem.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth; however, the apocryphal *Gospel of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

THANK YOU		
Aug. 29, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$3,328 \$1,392	N/A
TOTAL	\$4,720	N/A



**Praise the Lord,
my soul!**
— Psalm 146

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sep 04 Sat 9 a.m. Kay Lynch +
5 p.m. Maxine Stice +
- Sep 05 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. Leina Boulanger (L)
11 a.m. Christopher Maraschin (L)
5 p.m. Dina Rendic +
- Sep 06 Mon 8 a.m. John Sudano +
- Sep 07 Tue 8 a.m. Joan Vanderhorst (L)
- Sep 08 Wed 8 a.m. Joseph Stolz (L)
- Sep 09 Thu 8 a.m. The Diem Family
- Sep 10 Fri 8 a.m. Gene Streb +
- Sep 11 Sat 9 a.m. Ramon Duculan +
5 p.m. John Sokol, Sr. +
- Sep 12 Sun 7 a.m. All Parishioners
9 a.m. Derek Park (L)
11 a.m. Bill & Helen Hawkes +
5 p.m. The Leano Family

LABOR DAY



Labor Day honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. It is considered the unofficial end of summer.

"It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased."

—Adam Smith

Without labor nothing prospers.

—Sophocles

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** Labor Day
- Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mary's Birthday; the date chosen to follow 9 months after the feast of the Immaculate Conception)
- Thursday:** St. Peter Claver (17th cent. Spanish Jesuit priest & missionary; patron of slaves, seafarers & human rights defender)
- Saturday:** Patriot Day (occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed in the September 11 attacks of the year 2001.)

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to those who love him? Jas 2:5

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I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

—Booker T. Washington

Ascension Church Men's Club Fellowship and Service

✝
Please Join Us

MEN'S CLUB IN-PERSON MEETING

Friday, September 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Worner Hall/Lounge Room

Men's Club Presentation

Loy Oppus-Moe, Coordinator for Youth Faith Formation, will share the 2021-2022 plans for religious education at Ascension.

Join us for this very timely and important presentation!

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

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Liturgy

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Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
Altar Servers	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
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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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
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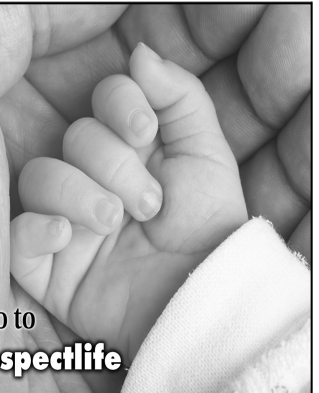
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