

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

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.—Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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PARISH PICNIC POSTPONED

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29, 2021**

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

CATHOLIC YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

September 19, 2021 thru May 2022

Registrations are now being accepted for Faith Formation Sessions (Religious Education) for 2021-2022.



Sessions (K through High School) will start on **Sunday, September 19, 2021**. Depending on what the church allows, we will be ready for either onsite classes (preferred), or online.

Due to the pandemic, all families are required to fill out a new registration form

(even if your child/ren have been in the program in the past).

Interested families may register online, via the parish website: <https://churchoftheascension.churchgiving.com/FaithFormationRegistration20212022>.

Please register no later than August 31, 2021.

Questions?

Send an email to Loy at: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org or

Call the parish office at (408) 725-3939.

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29, 2021



You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.

—Mark 7:1-23

PARALLELS & CONTRASTS

The first reading is an account of Moses giving the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities; unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully."

The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions.

On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

The distinction between God's law and human law is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

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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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Jewish Religious Traditions

In the Book of Deuteronomy are found the laws and statutes, including the Ten Commandments, that Moses decreed to the people of Israel. Over time, religious customs were introduced to the Jews by the Pharisees (members of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written laws) that added to the Mosaic Law, a total of 613 purity laws.

When the Pharisees chastised Jesus and his disciples for “unwashed hands” they were not thinking of good hygiene but of religious laxity. Jesus responded with an attack on these restrictive laws, meant to supplement God’s laws but, instead, were merely human traditions that the Pharisees wrongly elevated to an equal level with God’s laws. Rituals are good and many of our liturgical rituals stem from Jewish ones; it is in equating them or even emphasizing man-made laws over the moral laws of the Ten Commandments that is out of alignment.

**Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.
Be the living expression of God’s kindness:
kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greeting.**
—St. Teresa of Calcutta

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Friday Pope St. Gregory the Great (6th cent.
Roman bishop, pope & Doctor of the Church;
patron of musicians, singers, teachers,
students)

First Friday

Saturday St. Teresa of Calcutta (20th cent.
Albanian sister & foundress of Missionaries
of Charity; with St. Francis Xavier, patroness
of Archdiocese of Calcutta)

First Saturday

Note: “First Friday” and “First Saturday” Devotions

The First Friday devotion is associated with the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

Both call on the faithful to do penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

THANK YOU

Aug. 22, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$2,051 \$1,090	N/A
TOTAL	\$3,141	N/A



**The one who
does justice will
live in the
presence of the
Lord.**
— Psalm 15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 28	Sat	9 a.m. Virginia Duzowski + 5 p.m. Mary T. Hawkes (L)
Aug 29	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. The Nora Family 5 p.m. Joseph Fiorentino (L)
Aug 30	Mon	8 a.m. Liam Borromeo (L)
Aug 31	Tue	8 a.m. Joan Vanderhorst (L)
Sep 01	Wed	8 a.m. Antonio Bongato (L)
Sep 02	Thu	8 a.m. The Diem Family
Sep 03	Fri	8 a.m. Verne Barnett (L)
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 +

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give.**
—Anonymous

Ascension Church Men's Club Fellowship and Service

Please Join Us

The Ascension Men's Club is dedicated to serving and supporting a variety of parish and community needs.

If you enjoy camaraderie and the joy of helping others, the Men's Club is for you! Join us as a guest at one of our meetings held in Worner Hall at 6:00pm on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Our meetings begin with refreshments followed by a specially prepared dinner by some of the members, and often includes an informative presentation.

Contact Chuck Schoppe for more information: 408-867-9229

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

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Liturgy

Eucharistic Ministers	Arline Schoengold	408-725-8873
Lector Training	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
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

Catechetical Ministries

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Baptism Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Marriage Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
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
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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