

Church of the Ascension

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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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SUNDAY DISPENSATION LIFTED

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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

LIFTING OF THE DISPENSATION OF THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

“With improving circumstances, effective **March 6, 2022**, the First Sunday of Lent, the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation will conclude for all Catholics within the Diocese of San José.”

—Bishop Cantú's letter/dsj.org./Feb. 08, 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.

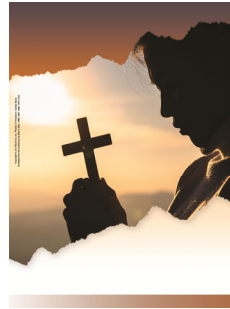
CALIFORNIA BISHOPS COMMIT TO WORKING FOR CALIFORNIA'S WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

The approaching 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade comes at a historic moment. The nation stands on the precipice of potentially overturning Roe v. Wade. At the same time, the Governor and state legislators have issued calls to make California a “sanctuary” destination for women seeking abortions from in and out of state. However, asking to increase the number of abortions in California completely misses a vital, life-affirming point. California is already uniquely situated to respond actively to the needs of women, children, and families. Over the years, the California Catholic Conference has supported the state's dynamic efforts to build programs for our most vulnerable populations, lifting families out of poverty and affirming the inherent dignity of each person.

With Pope Francis, we believe that abortion attacks the “sacredness of human life,” and that “it is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.” At this pivotal moment, we, the Bishops of the Dioceses of California, commit to a vision for our state that honors women with life-affirming support and practical resources so that all families can thrive, and so that no woman feels trapped into the devastating decision to end a life by abortion.

—Signed by the 12 California bishops of the California Bishops Conference/Jan. 20, 2022

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Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

—Luke 6:27-38

LOVE AS GOD LOVES

Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new “commandments,” telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity.

It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us?

David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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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.

ECUMENISM

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey. What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations? What do we share, and how do we journey together? What fruits have we drawn from walking together? What are the difficulties? How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other? For more information, see the Diocesan website— <https://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/>

Liturgy Notes

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A Quiet Doer

A quiet doer is a person who lights a candle instead of cursing the darkness:

Someone who feeds one hungry neighbor instead of lamenting world hunger;

who casts one intelligent vote instead of cursing corruption;

who cleans his or her own sidewalk instead of grumbling about litter;

who offers a prayer for peace instead of complaining about the evils of war.

God doesn't expect us to solve the world's problems, but he does ask us to be a quiet doer.

—The Nome Static/KNOM Radio Mission/January 2022

Every pious desire, every good thought, every charitable work inspired by the love of Jesus, contributes to the perfection of the whole body of the faithful. A person who does nothing more than lovingly pray to God for his brethren, participates in the great work of saving souls.

—Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich

ROSARY & FAITH TALK

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly

Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon
Friday, March 11th, 2022
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Rev. James Okafor, Parochial Vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and share a faith talk.

This event will be in-person & virtual on Zoom

Please register to attend in person or virtually (due to CDC guidelines, seats are limited at the hall):
 (408) 447-5433 or email
 admin@ghswomenscenter.com.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday** **St. Peter Damian** (11th cent. Roman cardinal & doctor of the church; patron of free runners)
- Tuesday** **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle** (celebrating the episcopal chair of St. Peter)
- Wednesday** **St. Polycarp** (2nd cent. Greek martyr, Church father & bishop of Smyrna)

THANK YOU

Feb. 13, 2022	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$2,681 \$1,663	N/A
TOTAL	\$4,344	N/A



Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
 —Psalm 103

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday:** 1Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

I know now that true charity consists in bearing all of our neighbors defects, not being surprised at their weakness but edified at their smallest virtues.

—St. Therese of Lisieux

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Feb 19 | Sat | 9 a.m. | The Bastholm Family |
| | | 5 p.m. | Rebecca Gonzales + |
| Feb 20 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Mark Anthony Baylon + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Maria Leano (L) |
| Feb 21 | Mon | 8 a.m. | Kerry Kleinen + |
| Feb 22 | Tue | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Feb 23 | Wed | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Feb 24 | Thu | 8 a.m. | Paul Lenarduzzi + |
| Feb 25 | Fri | 8 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Feb 26 | Sat | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 5 p.m. | Clara Smith (L) |
| Feb 27 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | Terry Lynch + |
| | | 11 a.m. | Marietta Sokol + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Soledad Serrano + |

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

WE TRIED BEING ENEMIES, BUT
BEING FRIENDS IS MORE FUN



Jesus said to his disciples: "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Lk 6:27-28

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Nobody can fight properly and boldly for the faith if he clings to a fear of being stripped of earthly possessions.
—St. Peter Damian

Time for Spiritual Renewal

MISSION

February 21st - 24th, 2022
Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (repeat of morning)

**—Conducted by Fr. Michael Moore,
St. Patrick Father**

“Nourishment For Our Spiritual Journey”

(Mass and Four Reflections)

Mon.: How We Pray Daily Defines Our Spiritual Life

Tues.: Minor Characters with Major Roles: The Boy Who Shared His Food

Wed.: When We Eat Spiritual Food, We Become Transformed Spiritually.

Thurs.: Unless You Eat My Flesh... This Is A Hard Saying.

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