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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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Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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FIRST FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

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.

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Email address _____

❑ New Parishioner ❑ New Address ❑ New Phone

Send Envelopes ❑ Weekly, ❑ Not Required/Automatic Payment, ❑ Moving/remove from mailing list

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 03, 2021

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

RECENT BAPTISMS

We congratulate and welcome into the Family of God and into our parish family the following:

September 30

Zilla Mangrobang Encarnacion

Parents: Sonny Encarnacion & Kristin Anne Mangrobang

October 02

Sophia Jia-Jen Woo

Parents: Anthony Woo & Emily Yi-Chun Liu

FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY

9:00 am—followed by coffee and donuts

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 03, 2021

Jesus said, "Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

—Mark 10:2-16

IN RELATIONSHIP

Our readings today point to God's deep commitment to human relationships. Our passage from Genesis begins with the declaration that God created human persons to be social beings, who can only thrive when they live in deep connection with each other and with God. The author of Hebrews teaches that the coming of Jesus as one of us shows God's radical commitment to human life. Jesus' teaching about divorce, described in today's Gospel, shows God's deep investment in marriage and, implicitly, all human relationships.

When our personal relationships with others are distant or broken, God seeks to heal them. Even when we give up on each other, God does not give up. God will work ceaselessly, in us and through us, within all the pain and joy of the human situation.

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

The U.S. Catholic Bishops instituted the **Respect Life Program** in 1972 to focus attention on the breakdown of moral, social, and civil structures supporting human life in America. Each October the Church in the United States celebrates **Respect Life Month**, and **the first Sunday of October** is observed as **Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. As Catholics, we believe that **every life is sacred**, from the moment of conception until natural death. Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and so each and every person has inherent dignity.

This year's focus is on St. Joseph, defender of life. The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5). May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were "able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence" (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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"Let us first pray for the conversion of our country and for the conversion especially of Catholics who take a so-called pro-choice position." *—Archbishop Samuel Aquila*

Liturgy Notes

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October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally the month of Our Lady with emphasis on Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated on October 7th. The word "rosary" comes from Latin meaning a garland of roses and roses are often used as a symbol of the Virgin Mary. At Fatima, Our Lady asked for the Rosary to be recited every day for the conversion and salvation of the world.

The Rosary is composed of five decades with each mystery helping us to meditate on the events of our faith in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Originally there were three sets of mysteries: the Joyful Mysteries focus on the early life of Jesus; the Sorrowful Mysteries focus on the passion and death of Jesus; the Glorious Mysteries focus on the Resurrection and Ascension. Feeling that these three sets did not encompass the whole life of Jesus, in October 2002, Pope John Paul II added a fourth set, the Luminous Mysteries. These focus on the years of Jesus' ministry of evangelization, healing and preaching about the Kingdom of God.

Almost all of the mysteries can be cited in Scripture. Although the Rosary is a devotion in honor of Mary, it is a way of asking for Mary's mediation with Jesus as she points to and leads us closer to Christ.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday — **St. Francis of Assisi** (13th cent. Italian friar, stigmatist & religious founder — Order of Friars Minor & Order of St. Clare; patron of animals, ecology)

Tuesday — **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos** (19th cent. German priest & missionary; patron of victims of yellow fever)

Wednesday — **St. Bruno** (11th cent. French monk, hermit, mystic, founder of Carthusians; patron of Calabria, monastic communities)

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (19th cent. Canadian religious sister, founder of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary; patroness of Catholic teachers)

Thursday — **Our Lady of the Rosary** (the feast was established in 1573 to thank God for the victory of Christians over Turks at Lepanto, attributed to the praying of the Rosary)

Saturday — **St. Denis & Companions** (3rd cent. Italian bishop of Paris & martyr; patron of France, Paris; Vatican gardens)

St. John Leonardi (17th cent. Italian priest; patron of pharmacists)

THANK YOU		
Sept. 26, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	$3,292 $1,723	N/A
TOTAL	$4,015	N/A

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
— Psalm 128

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 02	Sat	9 a.m.	Pilar Bongato (L)
		5 p.m.	The Weeks Family
Oct 03	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	Kenneth Kabigting & Family
		11 a.m.	Roberto Tada +
		5 p.m.	Joseph Fiorentino (L)
Oct 04	Mon	8 a.m.	Francisco Ruiz +
Oct 05	Tue	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Oct 06	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Oct 07	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Oct 08	Fri	8 a.m.	George & Josephine Chrisman +
Oct 09	Sat	10 a.m.	Fr. Bob Leger (L)
		5 p.m.	Joseph Stolz (L)
Oct 10	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Gabriel Mancuso (L)
		5 p.m.	The Leano Family

EVENTS

The Little Ones — Jim Burrows

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mk 10:14

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MEN'S CLUB IN-PERSON MEETING

Friday, October 8th, 6:00 p.m.

Worner Hall/Lounge Room

Men's Club Presentation:
Screening for Colorectal Cancer

With the reduced level of screenings during the pandemic, we may see higher levels of morbidity and mortality due to colorectal cancer. This disease is preventable and treatable if detected early.

Ron Schoengold will speak to us on how to detect this insidious disease. Ron is a consultant to the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device industry, and is a member of the American Gastroenterological Association.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

September 19, 2021 thru May 2022

Faith formation classes began last week.

It's not too late to register! Register online at ascensionsaratoga.org

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

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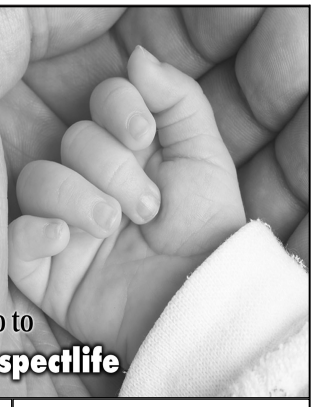

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