

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Weekday

*M—F 8:00 a.m. (indoors)

*indoor masses are in Worner Hall

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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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!
ALLELUIA!**



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

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
APRIL 04, 2021**

SEQUENCE FOR EASTER SUNDAY (VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES)

Christians,
To the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that
combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary,
Declaring what you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
To Galilee he goes before you.”

Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, every reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

—from Sunday’s liturgy



The great gift of Easter is hope—Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

—Basil Hume



NEXT WEEKEND IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, even the most hardened sinner, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day. For more information, visit www.divinemercysunday.com.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 04, 2021



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

—John 20:1-9

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

During the first three or four centuries of Christianity, if you asked a Christian to name the feast days of the church, your answer would have been a puzzled stare, for there was only one feast: the Resurrection of the Lord. Every Sunday was a feast celebrating the one great feast.

Even though our calendar now has many beautiful and holy feasts, we must continually be called back to the fact that all these other feasts exist because of the feast of Christ’s passover from death to life. The psalm today proclaims this message well: “This is the day.” It is not one of many days, but it is the day of all days, the one that gives all the others their origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny.

Listen carefully to Peter’s speech in Acts with its recollection of the Passion, to the words of the apostle Paul, and to the account of Mary Magdalene, John, and Peter finding the empty tomb, and you will hear the many wonderful works that God has done for us through Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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THE EUCHARIST: RESURRECTION FOOD

How do we celebrate Easter, the greatest of our Christian feasts? By doing what we do every Sunday and every day: celebrating the Mass. On the first Easter, as the heartbroken disciples walked the road to Emmaus, the Lord was with them but they did not realize it. They only recognized him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 22:35).

It is the same for us. In the Mass—the breaking of the bread—we meet the risen Lord together. We meet him in each other—for by our baptism into his death and resurrection, we have become members of one body, the Body of Christ. We meet him in his word—in the liturgy the scriptures are proclaimed to us, that they might take root and grow in us.

And we meet him in a special way in the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Body and Blood, which is food for resurrection: “whoever eats this bread will live forever” (John 6:51). The Lord is risen indeed, and it is the Risen One who truly presides at this and every Eucharist.

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ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!

Father Hao, Father Rey and the Staff of the Church of the Ascension wish all our parishioners a very holy and joy-filled Easter! May Easter shine brightly upon you and yours and may the blessings of the resurrected Christ embrace you!

We take this opportunity, also, to thank those who have been giving of their valuable time, creativity, energy and resources to the parish. They have helped to make our experiences of "Church" during the past months a prayerful and liturgically expressive time in spite of the restrictions.



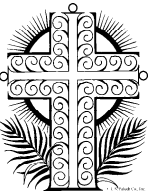
WE REMEMBER YOU

We remember you, O risen Lord,
firstborn of the dead.

Your resurrection destroys the power of death
and changes tears of agony into cries of joy.

Blessed are you!

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IN MEMORIAM

We mourn two long-time parishioners who have recently died. **Christine Morgan** passed away on November 30, 2020, and her husband, **Tom Morgan**, passed away on January 3, 2021.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Friday, April 09, 7 p.m.

The Ascension Men's Club has resumed its monthly meetings, but has replaced the in-person events with virtual meetings using the ZOOM online application.

All men of the parish are welcome. If you are new to the parish, please contact Chuck Schoppe for information on joining the meeting. His phone number is 408-867-9229.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Thank you to all who used the Operation Rice Bowl boxes during Lent. Rice Bowl donation checks should be made out to Church of the Ascension and write "CRS Rice Bowl" on the memo line. To learn more about **CRS** and its many programs, visit crsricebowl.org.

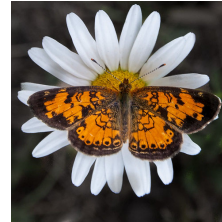


There would be no Christmas
if there was no Easter.

—Gordon B. Hinckley

THANK YOU

Mar. 28, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$3,816 \$1,310	N/A
TOTAL	\$5,126	N/A



This is the day the
Lord has made; let
us rejoice and be
glad.

— Psalm 118

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Apr 03 | Sat | 8 p.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 04 | Sun | 8:30 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Apr 05 | Mon | 8 a.m. | Paul & Margot Lenarduzzi + |
| Apr 06 | Tue | 8 a.m. | Alberto & Cecilia Molina + |
| Apr 07 | Wed | 8 a.m. | Kay Lynch + |
| Apr 08 | Thu | 8 a.m. | Ko Kwai Chow+ |
| Apr 09 | Fri | 8 a.m. | Lourdes Ancheta + |
| Apr 10 | Sat | 8:30 a.m. | Barbara Stopnick + |
| | | 3 p.m. | Nicanor & Luz Beltran + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Maxine Stice + |
| Apr 11 | Sun | 8:30 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | William & Gwendolyn Maraschin + |

Note:

Sun 8:30 AM is not a public liturgy

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Jn 20:8-9

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VIRTUAL ROSARY & FAITH TALK

Guadalupe Hope Society presents their monthly Virtual Zoom Rosary on **Thursday, April 08**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Rev. Matthew Spencer O.S.J.,
Provincial Superior of the Holy Spouses
Province of the Oblates of St. Joseph,
will lead the Rosary and share a faith
talk with us.

This virtual event is free to attend.

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

This event can be found on our website also.
<https://www.guadalupehopesociety.org/events> and on
eventbrite.

**For I remember it is Easter morn,
And life and love and peace are all new born.**
—Alice Freeman Palmer



WALK FOR BABIES

Guadalupe Hope Society will be hosting their
annual and virtual walk to save lives.

Weekend of May 21-23

In-person Kick-off takes place on April 24, 11am—2pm.
For information, visit www.guadalupehopesociety.org.

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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

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
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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-
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Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak Harry Stice	408-857-1075 408-996-7842
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