

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.—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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12, 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

MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

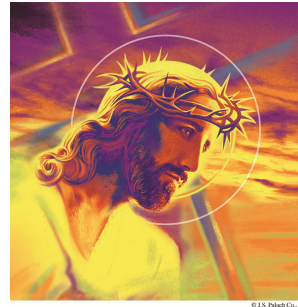
The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians.

Our Lady of Sorrows is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the **"Seven Sorrows"** of our Blessed Mother: 1) the prophecy of Simeon; 2) the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; 3) the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; 4) the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; 5) Jesus' crucifixion and death; 6) Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; 7) and Jesus' burial.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.**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.

**24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**Jesus said, "Whoever
wishes to come after me
must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow me."**

—Mark 8:27-36

A DIFFERENT LIFE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him.

The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

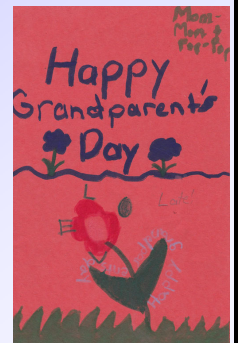
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SUNDAY IS GRANDPARENTS' DAY**A GRANDPARENT RECIPE**

A grandparent is a little bit parent,
a little bit teacher,
and a little bit best friend.

—Anonymous

Throughout the 1970s, Marian McQuade raised awareness about senior citizens. In 1978, President Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents fill the world with LOVE!

Liturgy Notes

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The True Cross

Tradition tells us that the True Cross represents the physical remains which are said to be from the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. These were found at the site of the Holy Sepulchre (the Christian section of Jerusalem which is said to contain the site of the crucifixion and Jesus' empty tomb) which was once a site of veneration for the early Christian Church in Jerusalem. On orders from Emperor Hadrian the site had been covered with earth and a temple of Venus constructed.

According to post-Nicene historians, Empress Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome, travelled to the Holy Land in 326–328. Helen had the pagan temple destroyed and the Sepulchre uncovered. There on September 14th she discovered the hiding place of three crosses that were believed to have been used at the crucifixion of Jesus and the two thieves, St. Dismas and Gestas. To one cross was attached a wooden sign bearing Jesus' name.

In Socrates' version, the three crosses were placed in turn on a deathly ill woman. This woman recovered at the touch of the third cross, which was taken as a sign that this was the cross of Christ. Fragments of the Cross were broken up, and the pieces were widely distributed.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	St. John Chrysostom (4th cent. Bishop & Doctor of the Church; patron of epileptics, orators, lecturers)
Tuesday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (this feast commemorates Christ's victory over death by his crucifixion and resurrection; also the finding of the true cross by Emperor Constantine's mother, Helen, and the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the site)
Wednesday	Lady of Sorrows (variations of this name are names by which the Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life, with special devotions to her Seven Sorrows) Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Thursday	Pope St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian (Cornelius: 3rd cent. Roman pope & martyr, patron of domestic animals, epileptics, earache sufferers; Cyprian: contemporary of Cornelius, Roman-African bishop & martyr)
Friday	St. Robert Bellarmine (16th cent. Italian Jesuit priest, Cardinal & Doctor of the Faith; patron of canon lawyers, catechists)

THANK YOU

Sept. 05, 2021	Our Week	Date
NEED		N/A
COLLE WESHA	\$	N/A
TOTAL	\$	N/A

The financial information is not available this weekend



I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
— Psalm 116

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Sep 13	Mon	8 a.m. Gloria Gonzales +
Sep 14	Tue	8 a.m. Shannon Borromeo (L)
Sep 15	Wed	8 a.m. All Parishioners
Sep 16	Thu	8 a.m. Virginia Duzowski +
Sep 17	Fri	8 a.m. The Weeks Family
Sep 18	Sat	9 a.m. The Diem Family 5 p.m. J. Goodrich +
Sep 19	Sun	7 a.m. All Parishioners 9 a.m. All Parishioners 11 a.m. George & Josephine Chrisman + 5 p.m. Gabriel Mancuso (L)

EVENTS

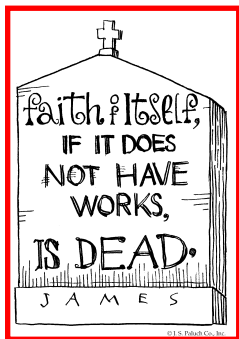
The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Charity is that with which no man
is lost,
and without which no man is
saved.

—St. Robert Bellarmine



BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF OUR CATECHISTS

This Sunday, September 12th, we commission our Catechists for the school year, 2021-2022, and bless them as they share their faith with our youth.

All of the Catechists named below have served our faith community for a long time, but we wish to celebrate several **MILESTONE** years for a number of them.

Mary Lou Lang -- 50 years

Karen Patel -- 40 years

Evelyn Tanner -- 20 years

Suzanne O'Neal -- 20 years

Theresa Ito -- 10 years

Caroline Prasad -- 10 years

Gloria Roy - 5 years

Loy Oppus-Moe

Lourdes Reyes

Cristine Quiason

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Liturgy

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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

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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 Haupe	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
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Ascension Cares	Peggy Schoppe	408-867-9229
Charismatic Prayer Group	George Sharp	408 623-3014
Fil-Am Organization	Marie Maraschin	408-218-2704
Chinese Catholic Community	Janet Lau	408-725-3939

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