

Church of the Ascension

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RCIA Rev. Hao Dinh, Pastor

Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil

Sunday

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M, W, F, S: 9:00 a.m.
T, Th: 6:30 a.m.

First Friday

9:00 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 9:30 a.m.
Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m., and 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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FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 12, 2020**

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

The principal goal of the Faith Formation in our Parish is to provide opportunities for our children (K-12th grades) to embrace the Gospel, grow in faith, and become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

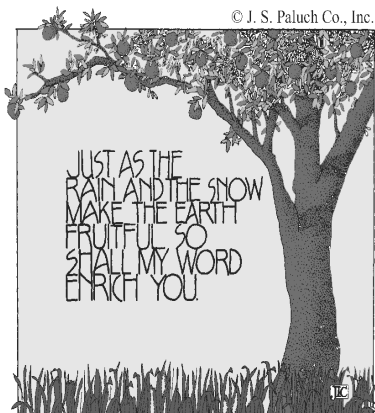
This will be done in partnership with parents and the Ascension community. Let us be reminded that children are a blessing from God and that we all have a stake in their well-being and spiritual development.

We are pleased to announce that this important ministry will be led by one of our parishioners, **Loy Oppus-Moe**. Many of you are familiar with Loy as she has been part of our parish catechetical ministry since 1998, volunteering in various roles: 4th grade Catechist, Parent Support Group Leader, Group Facilitator, Substitute Teacher, etc. In addition, she has served in liturgical and music ministries at Ascension and other parishes.

Due to the uncertainties of the pandemic and the evolving directives from our county health officials, we have to be ready to adapt to the changing situation. In the meantime, please support Loy as she explores various options, talks to volunteer catechists, parents and students, with the goal of proposing a Faith Formation program that brings our community back together, while complying with health regulations to ensure everyone's safety.

We are very fortunate that Ann Liebmann (long-time Director Religious Education who retired in early June) will be around to support Loy. We thank Ann for the many years of faithful service she provided to the Ascension community, and we work together with Loy in her Faith Formation leadership role.

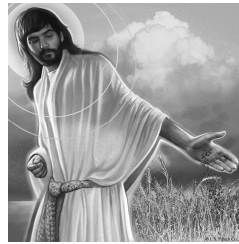
Fr. Hao, Pastor



Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.
—Anonymous

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.
—St. Bonaventure

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2020



"Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."
—Matthew 13:1-23

GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words.

Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God.

Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680) July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions.

Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity.

Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS RE-OPENING SCHEDULE

We have re-opened for Masses as of June 19th on a temporary schedule and are able to offer outdoor Mass. As we are limited to only 25 persons per Mass, you will need to sign up for each Mass.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

Outdoor Mass

7:30 am Mass (every day, including Sundays)
7:00 pm Mass (every Saturday - for the Sunday Vigil Mass)

How to sign up?

Please go to our parish website at <https://www.ascensionsaratoga.org/> click on the "Outdoor Mass" banner, then follow the instructions on the next pages. On the Eventbrite registration page, you will see two options (7:30 am & 7:00 pm). Select the time and date accordingly.

If you are unable to sign up online for the outdoor Mass, you may call Lea Hering at 408-506-4991 and ask her to register online for you.

Live-streamed Mass

9:00 am Mass (every Sunday)
at <https://www.facebook.com/Church-of-The-Ascension-102780971438932/>

The man who sees a chance to do a good turn here, and a little one there, and shed a little light here and a little sunniness there, has something to live for.

—Henry Drummond

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** **St. Henry** (11th cent. German duke of Bavaria, king of Italy & Germany & Holy Roman emperor; patron of Benedictine Oblates)
- Tuesday:** **St. Kateri Takakwitha** (17th cent. Algonquin-Mohawk laywoman & virgin; patroness of ecologists, ecology)
- Wednesday:** **St. Bonaventure** (13th cent. Italian Franciscan bishop, theologian & Doctor of the Church; patron of bowl disorders)
- Thursday:** **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** (title of the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order; the first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land in the 12th & 13th centuries)
- Saturday:** **St. Camillus de Lellis** (16th cent. Italian priest & religious founder; patron of the sick, hospitals, nurses, physicians)

THANK YOU

July 05, 2020	Our Weekly Offering	Financial Date
NEEDED	Due to the current lockdown situation, the financial information is not available this week.	
COLLECTED		
VARIANCE		
	\$	\$

Saints are ordinary people with the compassion of the Father in their souls, the humility of Jesus in their minds, and the love of the Spirit in their hearts. When these beautiful qualities grow day by day in everyday situations, holiness is born.

—Mother Angelica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| July 11 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Jim Bastholm |
| | | 5 p.m. | The Diem Family |
| July 12 | Sun | 7 a.m. | Marie Firato |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Kathy Atkinson |
| | | 5 p.m. | Nicanor & Luz Beltran |
| July 13 | Mon | 9 a.m. | Helen Dyoco |
| July 14 | Tue | 6:30 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| July 15 | Wed | 9 a.m. | Cesar Munita |
| July 16 | Thu | 6:30 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| July 17 | Fri | 9 a.m. | David Braddi |
| July 18 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Virginia Duzowski |
| | | 5 p.m. | Arturo Zabala |
| July 19 | Sun | 7 a.m. | The Diem Family |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | The Nora Family |
| | | 5 p.m. | Hung & Nhai Tran |

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



“And other seed fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.” Mt 13:8-9

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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

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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Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
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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
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Web Site

www.ascensionsaratoga.org

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June 15 - July 15, 2020

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