

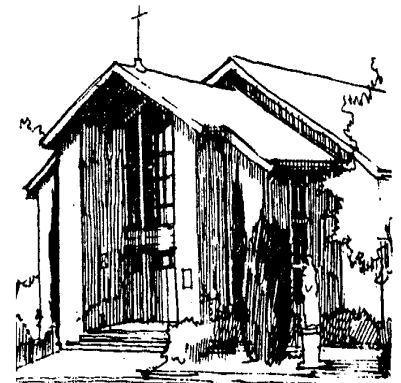
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**CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturdays:** 3:30 to 4:00 PM  
**Perpetual Help Devotions:**  
Tuesday mornings after 7:00 AM Liturgy  
**Rosary:**  
Recited every weekday morning before Mass.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 AM

Office Hours:  
8:30 AM-12:00 PM – 1:30 PM-5:00 PM  
School Office 357-8772  
School Office Hours: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 16, 2011**

**I will make you a light to the nations, that my  
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.**

-- Isaiah 49:6b

On January 30<sup>th</sup> we begin Catholic Schools Week with a special celebration of the Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Because that Liturgy tends to go beyond "the Catholic Hour" we are changing the times for the LAST two Liturgies on that Sunday. They will be celebrated at 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.



Sr. Anselm Grover, who has been with us playing the organ at 7:30 Liturgy and answering the phone and door at the Parish Office on Sunday Mornings for 7 years is no longer going to be able to do so. I received a phone call from Sister Anselm last week telling me that she can no longer drive and has to limit her activities. She will continue to reside at Holy Names High School in Oakland most likely until June. Then she will be moving to the Holy Names Sisters Provincial House in Los Gatos. In the name of Assumption Parish a personal gift has been sent to Sister Anselm to thank her for her years of service to our Parish Family. If you would like to drop her a card, her address is: 4660 Harbord Drive, Oakland, CA 94618-2211.

What makes a parish work? The simple answer to this is "parishioners who are willing to share their time, talent, and treasure." The "treasure" part of the picture is obvious because we all know about the bills we have to pay and the salaries and benefits that are so much a part of the modern church. However, the backbone for any parish consists of those who are willing to volunteer the time and talent. Normally, we have had our annual "Ministry Fair" on the celebration of Pentecost. This year is different. First of all, our Parish Pastoral Council reviewed our past practice. We found that there were problems with our volunteers being contacted and trained (if necessary) in a timely manner. Secondly, this year the celebration is much later in the year: mid-June, when a lot of people are on vacation. Your Parish Pastoral Council decided

that we should have two Sunday sign-ups in the month of January and we should call this "Ministry Month." The sign-up procedure is different in that you are invited to the Small Hall after the Liturgy to visit the ministry tables and representatives to sign up for any ministry in this parish to which you feel called. As always our first priority is LITURGY. We seek to keep our worship so central in our focus because it defines us as a community. We are much more than just a social club of people who do good things. We first gather to worship and acknowledge God as the source of all blessings to us. Therefore, we wish to invite all those to serve the Lord with gladness in our worship. This includes becoming members of our choir, Altar Servers (both youth and adult), Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Greeters, Ushers, members of the Liturgy Committee, and members of the Environment Committee. We are a multi-ethnic community. As your pastor, I want to especially reach out and invite those people who are a part of our ethnic communities to stand up and be counted as members of our parish. There is no one here who is a "second class citizen" in the family of God!

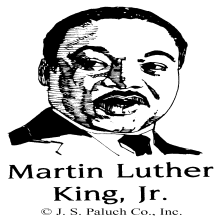
Some of us remember the provocative and frightening 1991 film *Silence of the Lambs*. The image in the title refers to a childhood memory of CIA agent, Clarice Starling. In her interviews with the psychopath Dr Lecter, he gets her to talk about how she still wakes at night hearing the cry of the lambs as they were led to slaughter on her uncle's farm. This is a pivotal moment in Thomas Harris' book and the film. It is the leverage Dr Lecter needs to unsettle and unravel Clarice's well-formed defenses. Clarice is revealed as vulnerable, because of the grief she carries from the violent deaths she has seen.

John's use of the metaphor of the sacrificial lamb in reference to Jesus in today's Gospel is meant to engender a similar empathy to that of the childhood memories of Clarice Starling. While there are many jokes about the stupidity of sheep, lambs still claim a spot in the hardest heart. They are pure, white, fluffy, and defenseless. They demand nurture. And like their parents they don't seem able to smell danger very easily. They follow where they're led, even to execution.

For the agrarian Jews of Jesus' time the sacrifice of a lamb demonstrated how serious they were about atoning for their sins. Jewish law dictated that a lamb had to be killed at least once a year, at Passover. Such a sacrifice cost the shepherd big time. Lambs were currency, and they were worth no small price. Saying Jesus is the Lamb of God is a shorthand way of telling us two things. The first is that Jesus is God's most precious gift; God's own self, given to the world that we might know how serious God is about us. God can give us nothing more than Jesus. As a result of Jesus' innocent suffering and death there is no need for any lambs to be religiously slaughtered ever again. We need to keep hearing this message because some Christians get caught into glorifying Jesus' suffering so much they get trapped in their own world of pain and go looking for more. Jesus never sought out suffering. He bore what came his way. And the same must be true for us. Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. Most of us don't need to look for more suffering in our lives because we share in the Lamb of God's sacrifice in the ordinary downs of our lives.

Secondly, John would have known that "talya," the Aramaic word for sheep, is the same word used for servant. The first hearers of this Gospel would have known it too. Jesus, then, is the servant who brings us the truth we need for life, who answers our deepest desires to know that our existence has meaning and purpose and he opens up for us the life beyond this one, where there will be no more weeping or sadness.

Jesus shows us that when we are baptized into his death and enter his service we also share in his resurrection and glory because he bears, and bears away, the sins of the world.



**The Office will be CLOSED on Monday January 17 in honor Martin Luther King Jr.**

## Church of the Assumption Annual Crab Feed!

**Join us on Saturday, February 12th for our Annual Crab Feed. Door will open at 5:30, no host bar, Dinner of crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Dinner will be served at 7p.m. in the school gym.**

**Adults \$35.00 after January 29 \$40.00**  
**Seniors \$30.00 after January 29 \$35.00**

**Kids (6-12) \$10.00**  
**5 and younger free**

**You may call or stop by the rectory office starting January 4 to buy your tickets (Reserved Seating). Proceeds will go towards the renovation of the Gym kitchen.**

### School News

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders joined together to participate in fraction activities. The students discussed things they shared, such as been out of the country, having siblings or pets, and wearing the same colors. The students then created posters demonstrating these characteristics and represented the data in fractions. They had an opportunity to share their findings with their fellow students. It was fun to collaborate.



Our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, Ms. Walsh, completed a three-month project with Lawrence Hall of Science this week. Teachers from LHS were piloting a new program in the science lab with the assistance of the students and Ms. Walsh. They spent their time teaching the students, collecting data and evaluating the new program. Assumption School will receive a science kit from LHS for their participation in this study.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Graders have been engaging in some great math activities recently. They were learning about inequalities and absolute values. To culminate this lesson, the students created their own catapults. They tested their contraptions on the playground. What fun!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 – In the Gospel today, testifies that Jesus is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. The revelation of Jesus’s identity—how he is made known in the world—is mediated by the way we live our lives everyday.

**These past two months, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the light of Jesus into the dark places of the poor.** Besides assisting our neighbors with food baskets during the holidays, **we were able to answer additional requests for food, provide over \$600 towards furniture, \$440 towards utility bills and over \$1300 towards rent bills.** Please continue to refer others to our **HELP-LINE at 352-6079.**



**RCIA**  
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**RCIA-** New group to begin and Tour of the Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or would like to complete your Sacraments, we have a new group starting up. We meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the parish office. Call Rhina at our church office and she will direct your call. (510-352-1537)

Also, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. we will have a Tour of the Church. If you would like to learn about our parish church, come and join us. Families welcome.

**Dads Club Crab Feed**

Tuesday, January 25th, 2011

Tickets **\$40**

Door opens at 6PM

Dinner at 7PM

Contact: Norbert Castro **510.352.0950**

Shawn O'Keefe **510.351.6447**

Art Galicia **510.914.4205**

Christmas .....20691.00

Goal.....7300.00

January 9.....7006.34



**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**Haven**

There will be no meeting on the 17th.

**Seniors**

Join us for a dinner and a movie on January 19th at 4pm in the Gym

We are planning a bus trip to **Cache Creek** on Wednesday February 23, the cost is 30.00 per person. Please call the rectory to reserve your spot, seating is limited.

Next time you are in the **GYM**, take a look up! We have replaced the non-energy efficient lighting with **new energy efficient lights**. They also turn on instantly. The lights were made possible through donations from CYO, Dad's Club, the parish and the school. Thank you! We also received a large rebate from P.G.&E. Further, we need to thank Don Presser and Mike Abrew from Paragon Electric for helping me with this project. **Dave Chapman**

We will be holding our **CYO** Spring Sports sign-up session on Sunday January 23 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the small hall. This will be the last sign up for spring sports. Assumption CYO is open to all children who attend Assumption School, are actively enrolled in our Faith Formation program or who live within our parish boundaries (proof of residence in the form of utility bill must be submitted). Children who are interested in Track & Field (K-8), girls Basketball (grades 2-8) and boys volleyball (grade 5-8) can sign up. For children new to CYO, a birth certificate copy (not original) must also be submitted.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

January 16—January 23

Sun	GYM	CYO
Mon	<b>MLK Holiday</b>	
Tue	GYM	CYO
	YC	Dad's club 7:30
Wed	H	Children's choir practice 3:30p.m.
	Ch	Adult Choir 7p.m.
	Gym	Senior Movie 4pm
Thu	CR	Liturgy Committee 7pm
	Gym	CYO
Fri	Gym	CYO
	CR	Knitters 10:00 a.m.
Sat	Gym	CYO
Sun	Gym	CYO
	YC	Faith Formation 10:00a.m.
	H	Ministry Faire
	H	Confirmation 5:30
	Ch	RCIA Dismissal 10:30

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

January 15-January 23



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Fernando Cardoso Si</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Walt Lagomarsino +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Robert Herrick +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Luis &amp; Dorothy Nunes +</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Megan Moyer +</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Omar &amp; Loretta Helmkamp +</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Joan Roop +</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Erik Reynosa +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Werner Hutt +</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Luis Liwag +</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Walter &amp; Anna Szymanski +</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Carmelita Cinco +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Joanne Accardo &amp; Joe Rago +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Rodney O'Hare +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>David Rogers +</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

Head Lector: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Altar Server Coord. Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
Head Communion Ministers:	
Joe and Mina Riccio .....	352-3506
Head Usher: Al Weinberger.....	895-9900
Head Greeter: Gloria Calegari .....	357-0943
Ministry Scheduler: Barbara Buckley.....	352-9656
Susan Hupp.....	352-1537
Teen Confirmation:	
Deacon Harry Clyde.....	352-1537
St. Vincent de Paul	
Joe Riccio.....	352-6079
Pastoral Council:	
Paul Carney .....	635-9473
School Board:	
Leila Towne.....	632-0594
Liturgy Committee	
Loretta Fernandes.....	352-1537
Finance Committee:	
Pat Durgin.....	632-4032
All Saints Skilled Nursing	
Merlie Macasieb.....	895-5162
Bishop's Appeal:.....	352-1537
Tuesdays with Larry:	
Larry Graves .....	352-4777
Rosary Makers:	
Irene Haines .....	483-7975
CYO:	
Don Ratto.....	614-2773
Communion to the Homebound:	
Mary Croak.....	352-1537
Communion to Kindred Hospital:	
Al Frates.....	351-2852
Prayer Chain:	
JoMarie Stavosky.....	483-3366
Knit/Crochet Group	
Mary Croak.....	357-7562
Linens:	
Anita De Marais.....	357-9172

**Assumption Parish Mission Statement**

Assumption Parish is a culturally diverse and vibrant Catholic community which strives to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. We do this by accepting the challenge to build a Christ-centered community that draws on the wisdom of our seniors and the energy of our youth. We are committed to Catholic education at various levels. We are nurtured by inspired Liturgy, active and enriching faith formation programs, and inclusive family ministry, all of which enable us to share our gifts of time, talent, treasure and vision with our parish family and surrounding communities.