

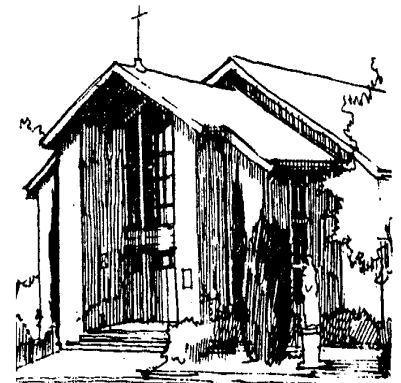
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**CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00PM  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 AM  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

**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



## The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2011

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:17



Baptism is a celebration of love, a visible

sign of God's unending embrace. Today's Gospel reading from Matthew recalls Jesus' baptism. There is no mistaking God's love here; it bursts forth through the heavens, and a voice proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved."

"Beloved." The word evokes a myriad of deep human emotions. We yearn to have a beloved and to be a beloved. So often this experience seems just beyond our grasp. Today's readings come to teach us that our yearning has been fulfilled. Do we have the courage to claim our heritage as beloved sons and daughters of God in Christ?

Today's Gospel passage is often taken as a confirmation of Jesus' divinity. It is this, indeed, but also an affirmation that his divinity and his humanity are one. At his baptism, his first public appearance, Jesus immerses himself in humanity as he goes down into the waters of the Jordan. He does not need the baptism of repentance that John offers, but he insists that it be done. In doing this, he underlines his "yes" to our human condition. He is one of us, the suffering servant chosen by God to renew the covenant with us. Isaiah presents this beautifully in the first reading as the answer to our longing: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit" (Isa 42:1).

God speaks from heaven this day because Jesus needs to hear the voice of his Father. Jesus, though divine, is on a human journey. His mother has told him the extraordinary events surrounding his birth; he has read and reread the scriptures and at times has recognized himself as the One. Today, he steps out into public ministry, but he does not have the next three years scripted before him. He is like us in all things but sin — he enters into the water fully human. He rises up to hear the words of his Father rejoicing in him.

A baptism is always a love story. Jesus' baptism is no different, yet this love story encompasses all of creation. If the love story includes us ... if we are part of the dance of creation ... then why do we so often feel disconnected from the whole? If God loves us so deeply, then why do we feel so lonely so much of the time?

I am reminded of *The Scarecrow's Dance*, a poignant children's story written by Jane Yolen. In this tale the scarecrow is feeling much like us as he stands alone in his field. One day a wild wind sets him free from his post. He dances and spins with joy through the air. As he glides by a bedroom window, he hears a child's voice thanking God for the scarecrow who protects the crops. Amazed and delighted to be so deeply regarded, the scarecrow races back to his post and finds that it fits his soul just right.

Like the scarecrow, we all need to know that God is well pleased with us. How do we reach this place of knowing? Just for today, believe that someone is thanking God for your presence in their lives. Take time with the beautiful scriptures that speak of God's great love for us. Before you begin, ask for the grace to see these words written as a love song just for you. Finally, follow Jesus into the Jordan. When you emerge, you will hear God say that you are his beloved.

Thank you...to all those who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. God bless all of you for your dedicated service to our parish family!

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!

**Haven Youth Group** will meet on Monday January 10 at 7:30p.m. in the Youth Center. If you are in high school, come join us and bring a friend!



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Join us for a movie and dinner on Wednesday January 19 at 4pm. In the Gym.

## 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

Classes have resumed at school this week. Students and teachers enjoyed seeing one another and to share stories from Christmas Break.



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Ms. Lyons, our principal, led the students in her annual blessing of the classrooms. This year she was joined by the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. They shared the story of the Epiphany while Ms. Lyons blessed each class.

On Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders took high school placement exams. This is always a worrisome and exciting time of year. It begins the realization, that the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will graduate in a few months from Assumption and go on to the next phase of their lives, high school. We wish them all the best.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students have begun learning about the Revolutionary War period in our nation's history. Part of their studying includes preparing for a living history museum. The students research an important person during this time period, dresses as that person and share an "autobiography" during the this presentation. The museum is open during the school's Open House at the end of January.



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 – After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

**As you place your donations in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collections, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. 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

# Weekly Offering

Christmas .....20145.00

**Goal.....7300.00**

December 26.....4245.00

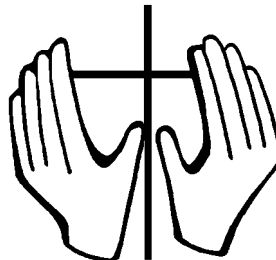
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**Thank you for your generosity!!**



If you are new in our parish and would like to become a member, please call the rectory office and ask to have a registration mailed to you 510-352-1537.

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**Welcome**



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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

January 9—January 16

Sun	GYM	CYO
	RCIA	10:30 Dismissal
	YC	Faith Formation
	H	Confirmation 5:30
Mon	Gym	CYO 3-7
	YC	Haven 7:30
Tue	GYM	CYO
	CR	Parish Council 7:30
Wed	H	Children's choir practice 3:30p.m.
	Ch	Adult Choir 7p.m.
	Gym	CYO
Thu	Gym	CYO
Fri	Gym	CYO
Sat	Gym	CYO
Sun	Gym	CYO

**WE REMEMBER AT THE EUCHARIST**

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

January 8-January 16



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Jim Fauria+</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Joseph Azevedo +</b>
	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Lorraine Arata +</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Ron Abood +</b>
	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Alberta Barrows +</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Donald Risney +</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Irene Guest +</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Pat Cotroneo +</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Diane Jacobsen +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Carmelita Cinco +</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Joan Roop +</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Fernando Cardoso Sr. +</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>

**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.