

Parish Calendar
Aug. 24 - Aug. 31, 2014

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| Sunday | No Continental Breakfast after the 9am Mass |
| Monday | Next Grief Group Meeting is in September at 7 pm in the Rectory . |
| Tuesday | The Ladies Guild meetings will resume on September 9th at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. |
| Wednesday | Faith Sharing Group meeting today at 7 pm in the rectory. |
| Thursday | Adoration after 9:30 am Mass pm with Benediction. |
| Friday | |
| Saturday | NA meeting in Community Center meeting rooms |
| Sunday | No Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass Second Collection this weekend is for St. Vincent de Paul |

4th Annual Catholic Young Adult Pure Fire Retreat

Reconnect: Come As You Are **When:** Oct 3-5, Fri evening-Sunday afternoon

Where: Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

Why: All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to this retreat focused on reconnecting with God.

Information at: bit.ly/purefire2014 **Facebook:** Young Adult Catholics of San Jose and Santa Clara County

Questions: purefire@dsj.org

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The Diocese of San Jose has partnered with **EthicsPoint** to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct. **EthicsPoint** accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1-888-325-7863. Please direct any questions that you may have about **EthicsPoint** or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.

Bishop McGrath shares with us a prayer by the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, for his country of Iraq. Together a community let us offer this prayer for peace in Iraq.

Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you, Lord, to spare our lives, and to grant us patience and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS
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| Sunday | 7:30am | Arlene Stocker † |
| | 9:00am | John Credi (living) |
| | 11:00am | Jim & Lorraine Wade † |
| | 5:00 pm | For Our Parishioners |
| Monday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | Marcia Richards † |
| Tuesday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | David Trumbull † |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | No Intention |
| Thursday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | No Intention |
| Friday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | No Intention |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Joseph Carrier † |
| | 5:00 pm | No Intention |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:00 am | Rosa Zanotto † |
| | 11:00 am | No Intention |
| | 5:00 pm | Ramon Abijin † |

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

If we are to imitate Christ and learn from St. Francis we may want to look at the way he perceived nature. St. Francis offered us a new way of seeing the world in all its glory. He believed that nature was the mirror of God and called all creatures his “brothers and sisters.” He would stop his wandering to notice the birds in the tree and would start talking to them!

Francis has become a leading figure of ecology. Pope Paul II declared Francis to be the patron saint of ecologists. Francis’ admiration for the beauty of creation can be found in his treatise *Canticle of Brother Sun*. In it the world is offered a model of potential harmony between human beings and nature. Quite a contrast to the current exploitation of our natural resources. Perhaps we need to listen to Francis. . .

When he meditated it was out in nature, far from every populated area. He marveled at the smallest creatures and that became part of his meditation.

Women’s Silent Retreat

All women are invited to experience a wonderful, spiritual weekend in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains at St. Clare’s Retreat House.

When: Friday Sept. 5th, 6:00 pm through Sunday Sept. 7, after lunch.

Cost: \$140 for a private room, (includes all meals).

Reservations-Karen Habiger-(408) 248-5772

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary essentially teaches that Mary, after having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven. The belief on the Assumption of Mary is based on the Christological understanding of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Mary, by the merits of Christ, was freed by anticipation from the stain of original sin. Mary did not have to wait for the end of time to experience the glorification of her body. Church Tradition has it that Mary did not suffer the corruption of the tomb but rather was glorified and was taken up to heaven both body and soul. She is the first beneficiary of the promise that Jesus will take us to his kingdom where he has prepared dwelling places for us. The liturgical celebration of this feast started in the beginning of the sixth century in the east.

The Bible, which is one source of this belief, does not explicitly narrate the story of the events of Mary's assumption. This dogma is mainly based on Tradition. However, there are biblical passages that give allusions to this dogma. The Bible does not say that Mary died and was buried. The first biblical allusion to this dogma is Genesis 3:15. The Catholic Tradition understands the woman here as Mary, the new Eve. If Mary is the enemy of the serpent, then evil has no power over her. Consequently, God gives her the privilege of being sinless (the dogma of Immaculate Conception) through the merits of Christ death and resurrection. Since Mary is without sin (Luke 1:28), then it does make sense that Mary was assumed to heaven both body and soul. The pronouncement of the angel Gabriel to Mary that she is a woman "full of grace" (1:28) and her cousin Elizabeth acclamation of her as "blessed among all women" (Luke 1:42) allude to Mary as having the fullness of glory, including bodily glory. This testify to Mary that the curse of sin does not affect her.

Another scripture that alludes to the dogma on the Assumption of Mary is from the Book of Revelation 11:19-12:1. The "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" is of heavenly. Who could this woman be if not Mary? Genesis 3:15 has already established that there is war between the dragon and the woman. Mary gave birth to a male son as the woman who will give birth to a son who rules all the nations with an iron rod (Revelation 12:5). Obviously, the son being referred to here is Jesus Christ. Mary gloriously appeared in heaven because she gave birth to Jesus Christ, the son of God who conquered death. The woman who appeared in heaven is the same woman who indirectly crushed the head of the serpent by way of giving birth to the Son of God. The motherhood of Mary is believed to be the fundamental justification for her assumption and all the other privileges with which that of the assumption is closely linked.

Mary being without sin, full of grace and blessed among all women, naturally led to the development of the dogma on the Assumption of Mary. The document that defined the dogma is *Munificentissimus Deus*.

It is, however, important to note that the Church remains silent in her teaching whether or not Mary died. Be that as it may, the assumption of Mary makes solid the hope of the faithful in their own resurrection, the glorification of their own bodies at the Second Coming of Christ.

The Assumption of the Mother of God does not make her divine as what other denomination would interpret it. This is a special grace that Mary received from God as the faithful handmaid of the Lord. This dogma is not far from us because this promise of eternal life of happiness is a promise for all Christians. Mary is the first one who experience this eternal happiness because she kept the word of God and act on it (Luke 11:27). It's now us that God calls to be faithful servant of his.

(The reflection of this article is based from the books "Mary, Mother of the Redeemer" by Juan Luis Bastero, and "How to Understand the Virgin Mary" by Jacques Bur)

Fr. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar, Queen of Apostles Catholic Parish

Aug. 24, 2014

SCHOOL DAYS

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start!

Father Thuc greeted our families when they arrived on Wednesday and the Parent Advisory Committee hosted a welcome back coffee.

Father Rey met the children and blessed each classroom The Student Council met during vacation and prepared to welcome our new students on Friday.

Thank you to all who made the 50th Anniversary celebration a success. We appreciate Bishop McGrath's presiding, and Deacon Steve Herrera's inspiring words. And, the events following the Mass were a great deal of fun. We are proud of our school!

The annual magazine drive begins on Thursday, August 28. If you need new magazines, or wish to renew existing subscriptions, just ask any Queen of Apostles student or contact the school office. To inquire about possible openings please call the school office (408 252-3659) or the Development Office (408 896-7065)

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez Phone: 408-983-0113
Fax:408-983-0147 Emergency line: 408-983-0141

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is back to normal business hours. at 9:00 am. The normal business week will be in effect from Monday to Friday. As usual, we are closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00.

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Summer hours Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm
408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600
Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org
PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157

Santa Clara County 2013

Alateen is a safe place for young people (12 through 20) who are affected by the drinking or drug abuse of a family member or friend. There are no dues or fees. The "Heart to Heart Freedom" Alateen group meets every Thursday evening here at Queen of Apostles School at 7:45 p.m. in room 7 Please call Jay or Venice at 408-406-7081 for more information.



Emmaus Faith Sharing Group usually meets every Wednesday in the rectory from 7-8 pm. Contact Bob Ulicki for more information at RLUlicki@aol.com.



August 30, 31 is the fifth weekend of the month. We will have our special collection during that weekend.



Family Faith Formation

408-255-9950

Office is staffed on Tues. and Thurs. 8 -3 and on weekends by appt. Please call before stopping by.

FAITH FORMATION:

Have you ever considered if God is calling you to be a catechist? We are currently in need of co-teachers for our primary and Children's Liturgy of the Word classes. For more information, please contact Kristie Manning at 408.255.9950 or via email kmanning@dsj.org.

Registration for all faith formation classes is now open. Register before August 31st to avoid late fees! Forms are available on our website, or at the parish office. The faith formation office will reopen on Monday, August 18th. Registrations will still be accepted during this time.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us on Sunday, 8/24, for the 5pm Mass and school year kick-off dinner potluck! Open to high-school teens. * For all summer events visit www.qofa.org

Contact: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509



The Queen of Apostles R.C.I.A. program is a weekly religious formation for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. program is also for baptized Catholics from another faith who want to be initiated into the Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. will meet weekly again in September, on Sundays from 10:15 am until noon in the Rectory Conference Room. If you are interested, please call Kathy Fanger at 408-242-3543 or e-mail rcia@qofa.org.

St. Leo's is hosting Paul J. Kim at a youth event called, "MEANT TO LIVE FOR MORE", on **Friday, Sept. 19th at 7pm**. The event is open to all youth from grades 6th through 12th. Paul J Kim is an international youth speaker, vocalist and beat boxer. He shares his passion for Jesus Christ and the New Evangelization via music, comedy and inspirational talks. Admission is free but pre-register for the event at <http://stleospauljkim.eventbrite>. For details please contact Kristie at kmanning@dsj.org or 408-255-9950.

Grief Group

The grief support group is on break for the Summer. We will resume our regular meetings in the Fall. Occasionally, we will meet for social dinners during the Summer months Please call Shirley 408-241-1209 if you have any questions or need to talk.



Queen of Apostles Church

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Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor
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408-253-7560 Hours: 9-5 Mon. - Friday
4911 Moorpark Ave. Closed for lunch: 12-1
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Marty Chargin, School Principal
School Address: 4950 Mitty Way

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday
(Vigil Mass): 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Marian Devotions: After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on
Saturday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Contact number: RCIA@qofa.org or 408-252-4103