Dear Parishioners:

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the great feast of the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This celebration marks the day on which our Blessed Mother was raised from the dead and taken up in her glorified body into Heaven. This is a historical feast (meaning the event of her Assumption happened on the very date of August 15). The Church of Jerusalem commemorates Our Lady's death on August 13 and celebrates a Marian Triduum leading up to the celebration of her resurrection on August 15. With this feast, we joyfully proclaim the truth of our Catholic faith that there are two glorified bodies in Heaven, that of Jesus and that of Mary!

The feast of the Assumption, then, is a kind of Marian Easter. It is a celebration of Blessed Mary's sacred role as the New Eve, the Helpmate of the Redeemer, the true disciple of Jesus Christ, the one who kept His Word perfectly and did His Will always. She is our great model and example in her discipleship and she receives the reward of her fidelity in her glorious resurrection and assumption into Heaven. In her glory, she is also an example to us, for we hope to follow her in receiving our own resurrection unto glory on the Last Day.

On August 15, we rejoice in the glory of our Blessed Mother, who is so holy and beautiful in her following of her Son that she gets to share before everyone else in His Resurrection. We should not be shocked by this doctrine of the faith, for we also hope to share in Jesus's Resurrection after sharing in His Suffering and Death. The feast of Mary's resurrection helps to focus us on the truth of the resurrection of the dead. This is the great good for which we are striving: the complete happiness of our soul and body in the Glory of Heaven.

Jesus merited His Resurrection, Mary's resurrection, and our resurrection by His Passion and Death. Because He is God, He merited all this glory "de condigno," which means "in strict justice." Our Lady merited her glorious resurrection, for her part, by suffering and dying in her soul with Jesus in His Passion. St. Simeon prophesied to her that the sword that pierced Jesus's Sacred Heart would pierce her soul as well. She merited her glory "de congruo," which means "in a totally participated manner" with the grace of Jesus. You and I are called to follow her, to merit "de congruo" our own resurrection by suffering and dying in our souls with Jesus. Thus, Our Lady of Sorrows, whom we celebrate exactly one month later, is our teacher of how to arrive at the glory of her Assumption!

Mary's Immaculate Heart is glorious now because it was sorrowful at the Cross. Just like Jesus, she combines death and resurrection and points us to the same path. On the octave of the Assumption, we will celebrate the feast of her Immaculate Heart. August is dedicated to this sorrowful and glorious heart! Glorious and Immaculate Mary is our teacher of how to live with Jesus, especially as we receive Him in Holy Communion. May we always receive Holy Communion with our hearts like Mary's, so that we may suffer, die, and rise with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God Bless you all,
Father Joseph Previtali
Parish Announcements

Pray for Our Parishioners Who are Sick

Sick Relatives & Friends/
Parientes y Amigos Enfermos
Pray that God’s, healing power will fill them with strength and hope.

VOCATIONS CAMP

Our Lady of the Pillar Year of Mercy Vocations Camp: Discover Your Mission from God! All children entering grades 4-12 are invited to participate in a day of prayer, education about God’s plan for our lives and holy fun activities on Sunday, August 21, from 1:45 to 7:30 PM. Register your children for free today by calling the parish office.

Opportunity to learn more about our Catholic tradition!
GREGORIAN CHANT CLASS
With Fr. Joe Previtali
Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony’s in Pescadero
All are welcome!
Community Holy Hour after Gregorian Chant class on August 18, Class at 7:00pm; Holy Hour at 8:00pm

Oportunidad para profundizar su conocimiento de nuestra tradición Católica!
CLASE BILINGUE DEL CANTO GREGORIANO (MUSICA CATOLICA)
Con Padre Joe Previtali
Jueves, 18 de Agosto, a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia de San Antonio en Pescadero
Todos son bienvenidos!
Tendremos Hora Santa después de las Clases de Canto Gregoriano, Clase a las 7:00pm; Hora Santa - 8:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF THE GLO-rious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
On August 15, we celebrate the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a Holy day of obligation this year because it falls on Monday. Holy Mass is at 8:00am in English and at 5:00pm in the form of the Traditional Latin Mass, with beautiful organ music.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARIA
EL día 15 de Agosto, celebraremos la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Este año no es un día de obligación porque cae en Lunes. Habrá misa a las 8:00am y un a misa en Latín tradicional a las 5:00pm., con una preciosas música de órgano.
**Parish Organizations**

**OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**

10:30 Am Solemn Sung Mass

12:00 Noon Rosary Procession down Main Street in Half Moon Bay

1:00-7:00 PM Festive Celebration at Our Lady of the Pillar Church with delicious food and drink from all over the world, raffle with amazing prizes, live music and cultural performances, mechanical bull, jumpers, face painting and much, much more!

**FESTIVAL DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PILAR**

**Domingo 25 de Septiembre, 2019**

10:30am Solemne Misa Cantada

12:00 Medio día Procesión y Rosario por las calles de Half Moon Bay

1:00–7:00PM Celebración de Nuestra Señora del Pilar detrás de la Iglesia, con deliciosa comida de diferentes partes del mundo, bebidas, rifa, música en vico, brin colines, toro mecánico, música cultural y bailes folclóricos, caritas pintadas y mucho mas!!!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Our Lady of the Pillar Conference

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

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**Children’s Baptism/Bautizo de Niños**

Children’s baptisms in English are held the Second Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.

Los Bautizos de los niños en Espanol son: Primer Sábado y Tercer Sábado de el mes a las 11:00 AM.

**Weddings/Bodas**

Wedding Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 1:00pm or 3:00PM.

La Misa de las Bodas se puede llevar a cabo los Sábados a la 1:00 PM o a las 3:00 PM.