



# OUR LADY of the ASSUMPTION PARISH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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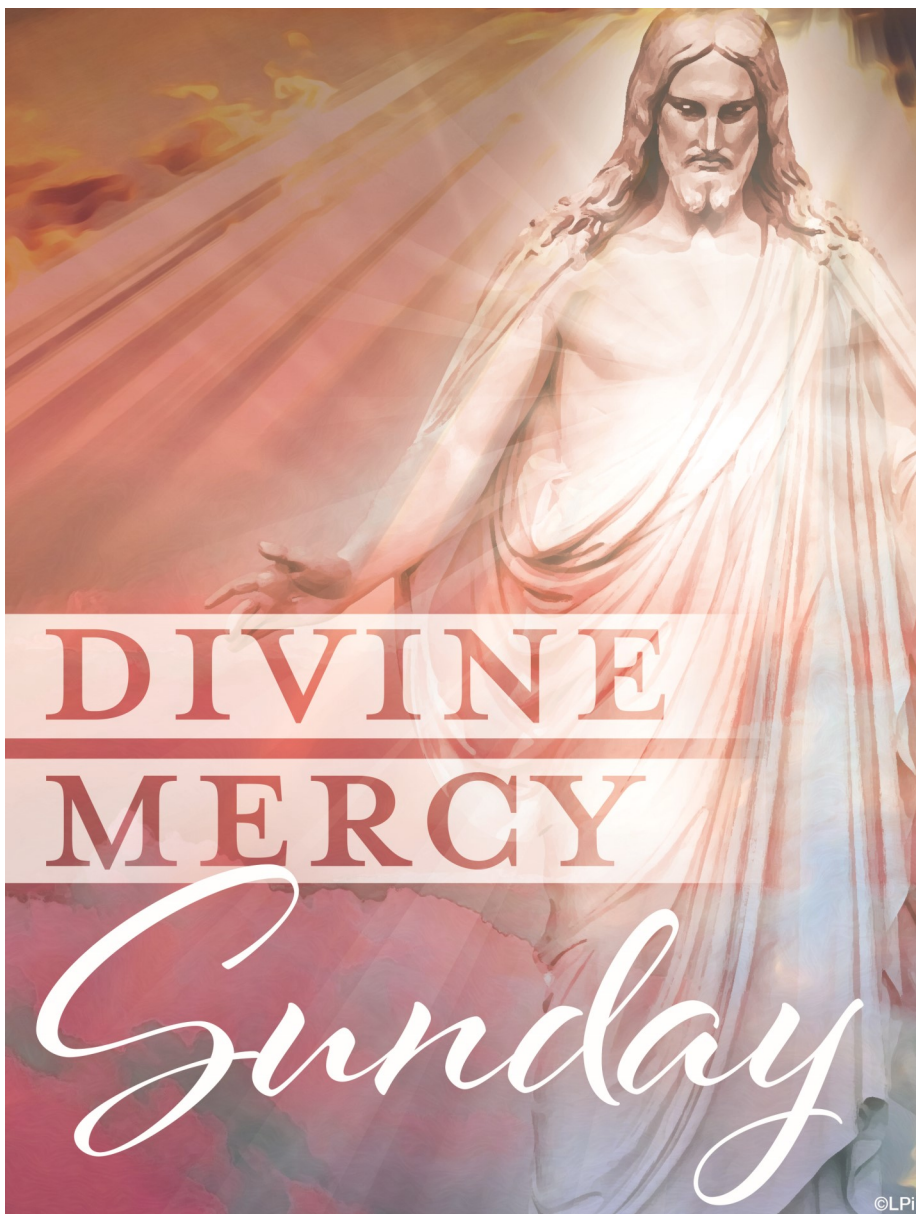
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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.

# WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Eduino, Pastor.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:00PM † Ona Wilsey  
by Kelly Family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:00AM † † Donald & George  
by Theda Lord  
† Cathy "Foofe" Ragone  
by The Brothers Family  
† John Hoglund  
by Hodson Family  
OLA Parishioners

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM † † Teresa & Robert Wilhem  
by Florita and Larry Wilhem

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00AM No intention

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00AM No intention

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

**St. George, Martyr**  
**St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00AM Andy Kurimay  
By OLA Faculty & Staff

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

8:00AM Marino Nicoletti  
by Lemieux Family

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

**St. Mark, Evangelist**

5:00PM † † Donna & Al Roehr  
by Lietchfield / Stacy Family



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b  
-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2,  
5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-  
7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17  
-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

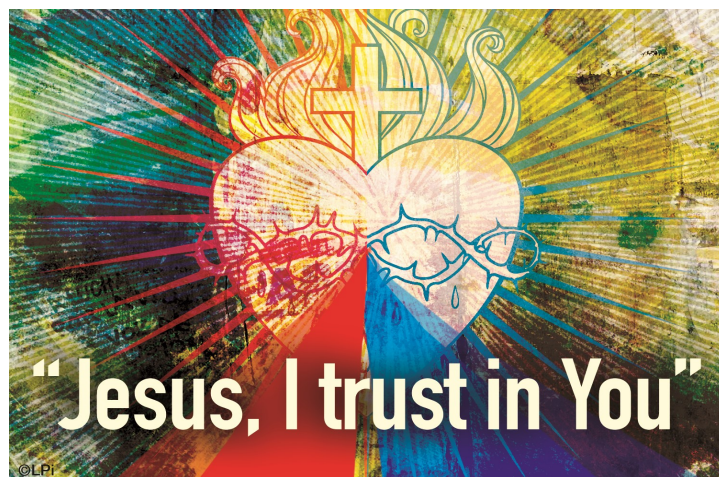
[cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-  
17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7  
-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk  
24:13-3



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Despite the Lock Doors

As we age, we come to expect letdowns and disappointments. Because of so many unfulfilled promises and unmet expectations, we become cynical of anything that can seem too good to be true. Our hearts grow calloused to protect us from future disillusionment. And so, we come to demand proof and assurances before committing ourselves to anything.

Such is the case with Thomas and the other apostles in today's gospel. They had set all their hope on Jesus. And it all came to a horrifying and humiliating end with the crucifixion. Now, they were reduced to hiding behind a locked door for fear that the authorities would do to them what they had done to Jesus.

While they were cowering in fear, Jesus appeared to them. John tells us that Jesus shows himself to them, "despite the locked doors." John is not just referring here to the heavy wooden doors of their hiding place. He is talking about the closed doors of their hearts. Jesus doesn't wait until they calm down or get perspective on the situation. Rather, he breaks through the door of their fear announcing the good news that he is alive.

Just as Jesus is not shut out by the closed doors of the apostles' fear, neither is he shut out by the closed door of Thomas' doubt. Instead, taking up Thomas' challenge, Jesus appears to him so that he can put his doubt aside. The nail marks on his hands, feet, and side dispel any doubt that this is truly the risen Jesus standing before him.

All of us have times when we approach God with a closed heart. We might fear that He will take from us more than we're willing to give. Or, we might fear that we'll be made fun of if we live His message in a total and radical way. Our hearts may also be hardened by doubt. With so many different religions and so many different opinions, we might wonder, who's to say which is the right way?

No matter where we are with our faith — no matter how closed our hearts may seem — Jesus can break through that closed door and reveal himself. If you can only go so far, Jesus can meet you there. If you can only believe so much, Jesus can take your hand and lead you a little further along. There is no doubt, fear, or weakness that Jesus, through the power of his resurrection and the power of his Holy Spirit, cannot surmount.

Thomas is an example for us here. He is famous for his doubt — but his story doesn't end there. Tradition tells us that he went on to preach the Gospel in India. He is often pictured with a spear, because he was run through with a spear and killed. Doubting Thomas was martyred for his witness to the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Jesus broke through the closed door of Thomas' doubt and filled him with the faith which enabled him to eventually give his life for Jesus.

The same is true for us. On Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus wants nothing more than to reveal himself to us, dispel our doubts, and lead us to freedom and peace.

— Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.



# OUR PARISH

## EASTER FLOWERS



Our sincerest thanks to those who donated to make our church so beautiful this time of year.

These donations were made in the loving memory of:

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*Thank You.*

We'd like to extend a great big thank you to all who have graciously donated their time and talent to make our livestream Masses possible!

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**



## KEEP IN TOUCH

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

You may register online or at the Parish Office

To become a member of OLA, register online: <https://olaparish.net/community/register-us> or fill out a form at the parish office. As a member you will receive all mailings as well as envelopes for weekly offerings.

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## OLA THIS WEEK

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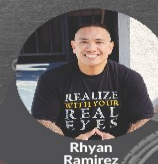
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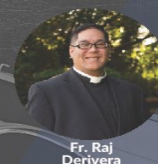


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# SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

## SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

### Reflection on Divine Mercy

#### The Effects of God's Indwelling

What would you experience if God were to fully dwell in the depths of your soul? Peace, joy and amazement! And from these gifts, and from the indwelling of the Trinity, you would have courage in the face of hardship, strength to cast out fear and an impenetrable defense against the evil one, against his lies and his snares. You will not be free from temptation and suffering, but you will overcome them since God alone dwells within you, and He will be your protection and joy (See Diary #480).

Has the Most Holy Trinity taken possession of your soul? If so, there will be no room for sin or fear. You will see the fruits of this indwelling in your daily life and you will be at peace. If you do not see God at work in your life in this way, invite Him to enter. This is not a onetime invitation; rather, it must become your daily habit and sincere desire. Do not tire of inviting God to dwell within you.

*Lord, Your presence in my life is the greatest Mercy I could ever receive. There is nothing greater than You living in me. I thank You that You desire to be one with me and to take possession of my life. I give myself to You freely and without reserve, for You are my God and my all. Jesus, I trust in You.*

- [www.my.catholic.life.com](http://www.my.catholic.life.com)



### PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CHILDREN

Please pray for our First Communion and Confirmation children, who are waiting to receive their sacraments.



**Please hold in your prayers  
our sick brothers and sisters**

Joan Cotton	Gloria Plog
Larry Nelson	J. Richard Heintz
Jennifer Burk	Molly Garcia
Julie Nelson	Craig & Jane Holmquist
Nancy Carlson	Daniel McNerney
Jonathan Rassmussen	Barbara Farren
Stacie Higginbotham	Richard McClintock
Sandi Lanz	Ben Koerber
Tom Bogetich	Rees Lee
Joe and Sue Simon	Margaret Parker
Shirley Ward	
Mary Silva	
Cathy Quesinberry	

**Note: Please call the parish office to add a name  
or to remove them from this list. Thank you.**



### Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Patricia Philbin  
Passed on 1/20/20  
Alfonso Ibarra  
Passed on 2/5/2020  
Robert Siemion  
Passed on 2/10/2020



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# POPE SPEAKS

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## URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE EASTER 2020

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!".

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence).



This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.

Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable, such as persons who work in nursing homes, or live in barracks and prisons. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.

This disease has not only deprived us of human closeness, but also of the possibility of receiving in person the consolation that flows from the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation. In many countries, it has not been possible to approach them, but the Lord has not left us alone! United in our prayer, we are convinced that he has laid his hand upon us (cf. Ps 138:5), firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, "I have risen and I am with you still!" (cf. Roman Missal, Entrance Antiphon, Mass of Easter Sunday).

May Jesus, our Passover, grant strength and hope to doctors and nurses, who everywhere offer a witness of care and love for our neighbors, to the point of exhaustion and not infrequently at the expense of their own health. Our gratitude and affection go to them, to all who work diligently to guarantee the essential services necessary for civil society, and to the law enforcement and military personnel who in many countries have helped ease people's difficulties and sufferings.

In these weeks, the lives of millions of people have suddenly changed. For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic. May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the

peripheries, to refugees and the homeless. May these, the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, not be abandoned. Let us ensure that they do not lack basic necessities (all the more difficult to find now that many businesses are closed) such as medicine and especially the possibility of adequate health care. In light of the present circumstances, may international sanctions be relaxed, since these make it difficult for countries on which they have been imposed to provide adequate support to their citizens, and may all nations be put in a position to meet the greatest needs of the moment through the reduction, if not the forgiveness, of the debt burdening the balance sheets of the poorest nations.

This is not a time for self-centeredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. Among the many areas of the world affected by the coronavirus, I think in a special way of Europe. After the Second World War, this continent was able to rise again, thanks to a concrete spirit of solidarity that enabled it to overcome the rivalries of the past. It is more urgent than ever, especially in the present circumstances, that these rivalries do not regain force, but that all recognize themselves as part of a single family and support one another. The European Union is presently facing an epochal challenge, on which will depend not only its future but that of the whole world. Let us not lose the opportunity to give further proof of solidarity, also by turning to innovative solutions. The only alternative is the selfishness of particular interests and the temptation of a return to the past, at the risk of severely damaging the peaceful coexistence and development of future generations.

This is not a time for division. May Christ our peace enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world. This is not a time for continuing to manufacture and deal in arms, spending vast amounts of money that ought to be used to care for others and save lives. Rather, may this be a time for finally ending the long war that has caused such great bloodshed in beloved Syria, the conflict in Yemen and the hostilities in Iraq and in Lebanon. May this be the time when Israelis and Palestinians resume dialogue in order to find a stable and lasting solution that will allow both to live in peace. May the sufferings of the people who live in the eastern regions of Ukraine come to an end. May the terrorist attacks carried out against so many innocent people in different African countries come to an end.

This is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people. May the Lord of life be close to all those in Asia and Africa who are experiencing grave humanitarian crises, as in the Province of Cabo Delgado in the north of Mozambique. May he warm the hearts of the many refugees displaced because of wars, drought and famine. May he grant protection to migrants and refugees, many of them children, who are living in unbearable conditions, especially in Libya and on the border between Greece and Turkey. And I do not want to forget the island of Lesbos. In Venezuela, may he enable concrete and immediate solutions to be reached that can permit international assistance to a population suffering from the grave political, socio-economic and health situation.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Indifference, self-centeredness, division and forgetfulness are not words we want to hear at this time. We want to ban these words for ever! They seem to prevail when fear and death overwhelm us, that is, when we do not let the Lord Jesus triumph in our hearts and lives. May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.

With these thoughts, I would like to wish all of you a happy Easter.



# STEWARDSHIP

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## OFFERING

For these gifts we are grateful!

Week of April 4 & 12

Regular offering ..... \$16,707.00

Electronic Giving ..... \$ 1,775.75

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Holy Thursday ..... \$90

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Thank you to those who responded to the  
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to those who keep donating periodically.

We appreciate your continuous generosity!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

April 19, 2020

Stewards Offer Peace

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19*

*Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. Stewards are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.*

## GIVING

### WESHARE

We want to encourage our parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called **WeShare**. This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church in the comfort of your home.



To enroll please follow these simple steps:

- Go to <https://olaparish.net>
- Click on Donate.
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If you have questions about your account or are having trouble to enroll, please contact our Manager, Ivan Florez in the office at (916) 481-5115.

### CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

During the offertory at all the masses, we encourage the children, if they have something to offer or give, to place it in the baskets.



Stewardship

WHEN IT COMES  
TO GIVING, SOME  
PEOPLE STOP  
AT NOTHING.

— UNKNOWN