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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, MAY 23

5:00PM † Alberto A. Garcia
by Maria A. Garcia

SUNDAY, MAY 24

10:00AM † Emily Stewart
by Martin Stewart
† Tybar Parson
by Zaldana Family
† Cian Francis O'Neill
by O'Neill Family
OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor

of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

8:00AM Ed & Nadine Spellacy (Sp. Intention)
by Doud Family

TUESDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00AM Robert & Glenda Doud (Sp. Intention)
by Doud Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00AM † Teresa Mary Groth
by Mom

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:00AM † Mathew Wilson
by Wilson Family

FRIDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM † Ed Wilson Jr.
by Wilson Family

SATURDAY, MAY 30

5:00PM † Kevin Malone
by Vellanoweth Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 25

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Acts 25:13B-21/PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB [19A]/JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



GOSPEL REFLECTION

To find Joy, Find Christ

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

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OUR PARISH



Spread the word!

Beginning this year, OLA is establishing a tradition of celebrating and praying for all graduates from our parish, including graduates from public/charter schools, home schools, private schools, and Catholic schools. Graduates of eighth grade, high school, and college are all invited to be acknowledged during a parish Sunday Baccalaureate Mass. This year, we will honor our graduates during the **10:00 am live stream Sunday Mass on June 7th, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**. Graduates will be recognized during the Mass to commemorate their accomplishments, and they will receive a special blessing as they move forward into a new season of life.

A commemorative worship aide and program will be available, and families near and far are invited to participate via live stream on our parish YouTube channel. For more information on how to submit information for your graduate, read this blog post on our parish website: <https://olaparish.net/blog/parish-sunday-baccalaureate-mass>. Please contact Deacon Michael at deacon@olaparish.net or Casey Oliver at worship@olaparish.net with any questions.

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome our New Parishioners!

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Scott & daughter Sloane Scott

"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

REMEMBER

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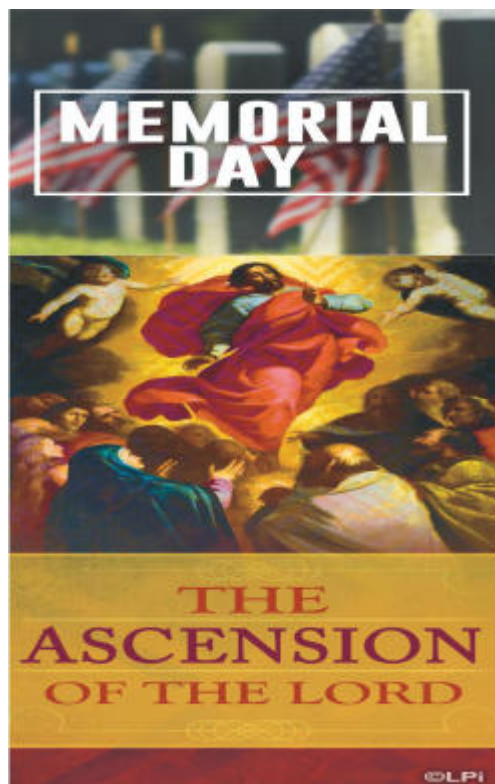
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SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Lieutenant Colonel Moore's Retirement

Last Friday, May 15, Mr. Moore announced that he will be retiring effective July 31. We are happy for Mr. Moore, and we pray that in retirement he fulfills his every dream. Most importantly, we are thankful that he spent this school year with us. You hear the expression "an officer and a gentleman" used occasionally, and it fits Colonel Moore perfectly. Our country has been blessed to have him serve a distinguished career in the Army, and Our Lady of the Assumption School has been blessed by his exemplary leadership this school year. Our students, faculty, staff, and parents have come to love Mr. Moore in a short time, and we will miss him dearly. We will give Mr. Moore a proper send-off soon, but in the meantime, here is a prayer for him:

*May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
come through your door*

God bless,
Robert Love

COMING SOON



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Sharing the Gospel

Jesus prayed for his friends. He knew they were a special gift from God. Jesus was patient with them. He taught them about God. He cared about his friends and forgave them from his heart. Everything that Jesus did showed what God was like. Be a friend like Jesus. Care for your friends like God does.

Prayer

God, thank you for my friends. Help me to treat them like you would.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of you with your friends.

Mission for the Week

The next time you talk to God, pray for each of your friends. Ask your friends to pray for you, too.

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



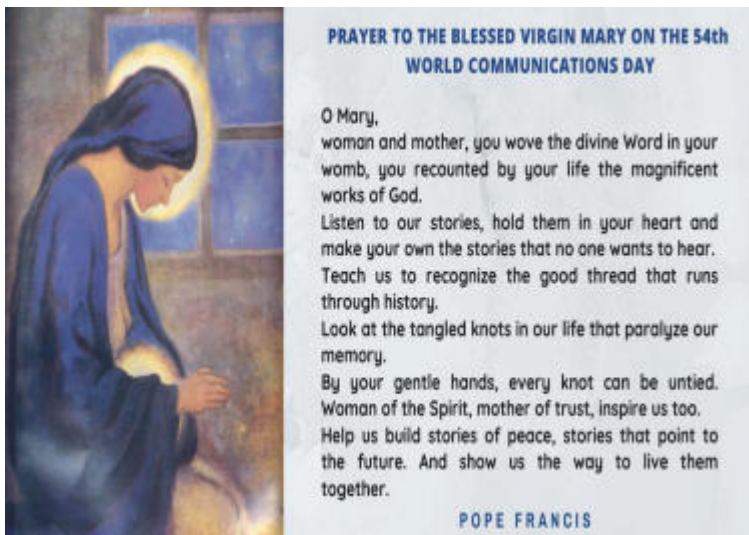
MARY: THE WAY TO JESUS

"Mary does the immense favor of bringing to the cross, of placing face to face with the example of the Son of God, those who come close to her and contemplate her life. It is in this confrontation that Christian life is decided. And here Mary intercedes for us so that our behavior may lead to a reconciliation of the younger brother -- you and me -- with the firstborn Son of the Father.

"Many conversions, many decisions to give oneself to the service of God have been preceded by an encounter with Mary. Our Lady has encouraged us to look for God, to desire to change, to lead a new life." (To Jesus through Mary," CPB, 149).

Let us offer to our Mother today:

Teaching someone how to say the Holy Rosary.



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON THE 54th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

O Mary,
woman and mother, you wove the divine Word in your
womb, you recounted by your life the magnificent
works of God.

Listen to our stories, hold them in your heart and
make your own the stories that no one wants to hear.

Teach us to recognize the good thread that runs
through history.

Look at the tangled knots in our life that paralyze our
memory.

By your gentle hands, every knot can be untied.
Woman of the Spirit, mother of trust, inspire us too.

Help us build stories of peace, stories that point to
the future. And show us the way to live them
together.

POPE FRANCIS

SOMETHING TO PONDER ON

LIFE CAN SEEM ALL WILDERNESS. BUT THAT IS NEVER THE WHOLE STORY

Life can occur to us as an uncomfortable journey. We can even feel lost at times. In these times, it isn't so much about what we do to regain our direction that counts, but what we are willing to let God do. We can get so caught up that we miss the little moments of beauty and relief that we are given along the way. Life can seem all wilderness. But that is never the whole story. Bad times end. This is not to patronize you or minimize the difficulties you face. It is simply a statement of reality and hope. The bad times end.

Meditation

What journey in your life are you on right now? Name it. Where do you experience feeling lost? Name it. Breathe in and say, 'Lord, I feel lost'. Breathe out and say, 'Lord, I let you find me'. Repeat for a few minutes.

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

- Excerpted from Deeper Into The Mess: praying through tough times



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Cian Francis O'Neill, who past away recently.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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Joan Cotton

Larry Nelson

Jennifer Burk

Julie Nelson

Nancy Carlson

Jonathan Rassmussen

Stacie Higginbotham

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Tom Bogetich

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J. Richard Heintz

Molly Garcia

Craig & Jane Holmquist

Daniel McNerney

Richard McClintock

Ben Koerber

Margaret Parker

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



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

POPE SPEAKS

MESSAGE FOR THE 54th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

"That you may tell your children and grandchildren" (Ex 10:2)
Life becomes history

I would like to devote this year's Message to the theme of storytelling, because I believe that, so as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together.

An ever renewed story

The history of Christ is not a legacy from the past; it is our story, and always timely. It shows us that God was so deeply concerned for mankind, for our flesh and our history, to the point that he became man, flesh and history. It also tells us that no human stories are insignificant or paltry. Since God became story, every human story is, in a certain sense, a divine story. In the history of every person, the Father sees again the story of his Son who came down to earth. Every human story has an irrepressible dignity. Consequently, humanity deserves stories that are worthy of it, worthy of that dizzying and fascinating height to which Jesus elevated it.

"You" – Saint Paul wrote – "are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Cor 3:3). The Holy Spirit, the love of God,

writes within us. And as he writes within us, he establishes goodness in us and constantly reminds us of it. Indeed, to "re-mind" means to bring to mind, to "write" on the heart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, every story, even the most forgotten one, even the one that seems to be written with the most crooked lines, can become inspired, can be reborn as a masterpiece, and become an appendix to the Gospel. Like the Confessions of Augustine. Like A Pilgrim's Journey of Ignatius. Like The Story of a Soul of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Like The Betrothed, like The Brothers Karamazov. Like countless other stories, which have admirably scripted the encounter between God's freedom and that of man. Each of us knows different stories that have the fragrance of the Gospel, that have borne witness to the Love that transforms life. These stories cry out to be shared, recounted and brought to life in every age, in every language, in every medium.



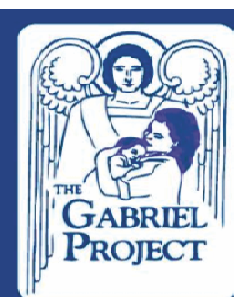
COMMUNITY

WORD OF LIFE

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily

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May 25, 2020

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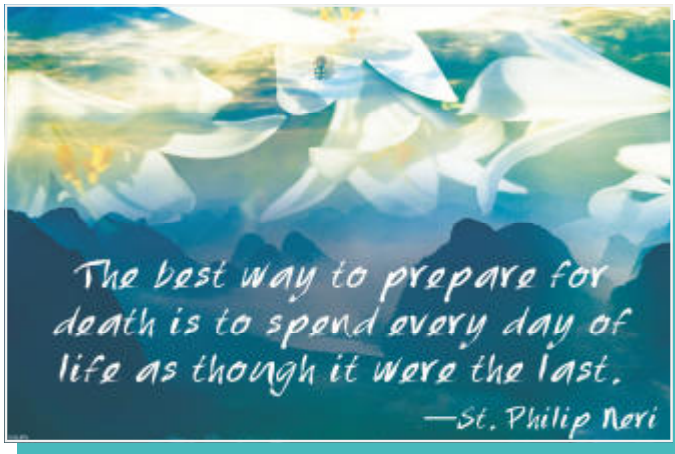
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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

MAY 24, 2020

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17: 9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first and best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

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STEWARDSHIP SAINT

ST. PHILIP NERI PRIEST

Feast Day: May 26
Beatified: 1615
Canonized: 1622

In the Mass on St. Philip Neri's feast day, we pray, "Lord, keep us always cheerful in our work for the glory of your name and the good of our neighbor" (Sacramentary, page 638). Philip was known for his cheerfulness and sense of humor. He used these gifts to serve God and to help others to grow in their faith.

Philip was born in Florence, Italy, in 1515. His family hoped that he would become a successful businessman like his uncle, but after spending time being trained by his uncle, he wanted to do other things. He went to Rome to study. He supported himself at the university by tutoring young students. He spent his free time praying in the churches of Rome and in the catacombs, the underground burial places of many of the saints. The early Christians often worshipped in the catacombs. While he was praying in one of the catacombs, Philip suddenly knew what God wanted him to do with his life.

Philip began to work among the poor and the sick of Rome. His work led him to the decision to become a priest. After ordination in 1551, Philip talked about his ministry whenever he met someone new and urged people to join him. He then founded the Oratory, a community of men who gathered together under Philip's leadership to pray, sing, and discuss their faith.

Some people call Philip the "saint maker" because so many men who later became saints came to Philip seeking advice and direction for living their faith. Some of these men were St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis de Sales, St. Charles Borromeo, and St. Francis Xavier. It is said that even popes and bishops came to the Oratory to seek Philip's advice.

Even though he was an important person of his day, Philip always kept his sense of humor. A legend about him says that when the pope wanted to make Philip a cardinal, he hung a cardinal's hat on Philip's door. People say that he took the hat and played catch with it, throwing it like a Frisbee. His message was, "Don't take yourself too seriously."

Philip died in 1595, when he was an old man, leaving the Church a lasting legacy. His life teaches us to be optimistic and hopeful that God has given us Good News in Jesus and that we are called to share that Good News with love and joy.



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