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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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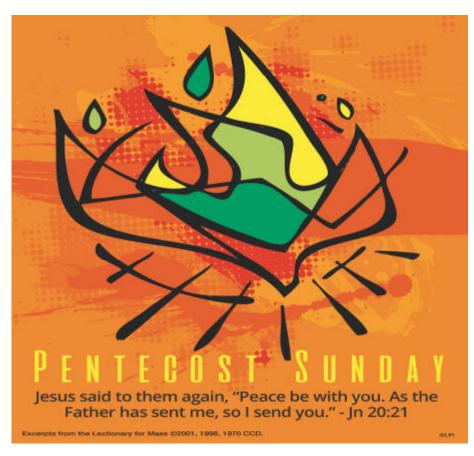
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The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts 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 30

5:00PM † Kevin Malone

by Vellanoweth Family

SUNDAY, MAY 31

10:00AM † Martha Wilson by Wilson Family

> †Fortunato Navarro by Rose Ochoa † Mary Zboralske by Zboralske Family OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 1

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00AM † Kristina Perscheid

by Paula Wiesner

TUESDAY, JUNIO 2

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00AM Olivia Massetti

by Tim & Claire Hawkins

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM † Emily Stewart

by Martin Stewart

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8:00AM † Mathew Wilson by Wilson Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00AM No intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

St. Norbert, Bishop

5:00PM No intentions



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160,

161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



A Purposeful Life

GOSPEL REFLECTION

A Purposeful Life

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into unchartered territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone. ©LPi

OUR PARISH

PENTECOST And they were all filled with the -ACTS 2:4

REMEMBER

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WHY DO PRIESTS KISS THE ALTAR AT THE START OF MASS?

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383). ©LPi



SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY

School News

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Mr. Jeremy Roderick

With sadness, I announce that Mr. Jeremy Roderick will not be returning next year as our Jr. High Social Studies teacher. Mr. Roderick has drafted a farewell letter to our community, which is shared below. I wish to thank Mr. Roderick for his service to OLA. In many ways, he is the Catechist-in-chief of the OLA faculty, and he has not only shared his faith and his knowledge and love of history with his students, but with his colleagues, as well. Disciple. Catholic Christian. Husband. Father. Teacher. Those are words that describe Mr. Roderick and the gift that he has been to OLA.

God bless,

Robert Love

Class of 2020

We are very proud of our Class of 2020! Their graduation has been postponed until July. Please keep them in your prayers!



Note from Mr. Roderick

Dear OLA Families,

I want to thank you all for your support over the past several years and during this pandemic. I enjoy working at OLA and teaching your children. The community at OLA is amazing and I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to teach such bright and talented students. This community is truly unique and beautiful!

Although things have been wonderful at OLA, I will not be returning next year due to family circumstances. The COVID 19 pandemic has put new strains and pressure on my family. My wife and I both work full time jobs and have seven wonderful children. However, even with these new challenges this time with my family has been an amazing blessing. It's crazy, yes, but wonderful. As I get older and life's uncertainties become more obvious I'm challenged



to really savor this opportunity to be a dad. I want to help my wife with this new hurdle and use my gifts to educate my own children. Now, as we have all learned so abruptly, only God knows our future. He prepares us and gives us all that we need. Not to make us happy but to draw us closer to Him. For these reasons, I have decided to step down from my job at OLA and will not be returning next year. This was a decision my wife and I have discerned and prayed about. It was not made easily but we feel confident this is what God is asking of us for now.

We have come to appreciate during this time of uncertainty the only certain thing is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the reason for our hope. Therefore my prayer is that each of you continue growing in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. I pray that you will draw even closer to each other at OLA and experience the lasting peace that transcends understanding.

As St. Paul writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5-7)."

With Gratitude, Jeremy Roderick



Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his friends the Holy Spirit, who would always live in their hearts. If any of them were ever sad or afraid, they Holy Spirit comforted them. If someone had sinned, they could bring healing and forgiveness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they shared God's love with the world.

Prayer

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit helping you to forgive someone.

Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



MARY: MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Throughout the centuries, Christians have called upon and honored Mary as their mother. People like St. John Paul II have asked Mary to be a mother in a very personal way, especially in times of grief. Another title emphasizing Mary's motherhood has been used throughout the ages, dating back to St. Augustine and St. Leo the Great. St. Isaac of Stella (died 1169), a Cistercian monk, wrote about the inseparability of Mary and the Church.



And St. Paul VI declared Mary as Mother of the Church. Pope Francis in 2018 reinvigorated the title by proclaiming the Monday after Pentecost as the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church. Through Scripture and tradition, we clearly see how Mary has been "Mother of the Church."

Mother of the early Church

The Scriptures provide a brief glimpse into Mary's maternity of the nascent Church. The apostles and Mary gathered in prayer during those first days after Jesus' ascension. Together, they prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Mary's presence in the upper room emphasizes her role in those first days of Christianity. And with Jesus' entrustment of Mary to John, she has a closeness to the workings of the Church.

I'm always moved by one scene in the film Full of Grace. As Mary's final days on earth draw close, the disciples return from their missionary work to be near Mary, whom they affectionately call mother. The film also portrays the disciples as seeking Mary's counsel and prayers. Is this a far stretch to imagine? I think not. The work of the apostles was the extension of her son's work. It's only natural to think she would love them with a mother's heart; listening to them and praying for them.

Mother of the Church yesterday and today

Mary continues to show herself a mother to the Church throughout the ages. It is evident by the fact so many Christians call upon her in their time of need. They might pray the rosary or visit one of her many Marian shrines to pray. They go before her image or statue and allow her maternal gaze to fall upon them. They feel her motherly embrace.

Many who call upon her intercession, receive an answer to their prayer. Countless stories of graces received from Mary's intercession could be told. The Miracle of Lepanto, commemorated with the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, is just one example. As a mother, Mary cares about the Church atlarge and also for each individual member.

Mary's example of faith continues to inspire the Church to this very day. She is a model for all believers and from her we learn how to live a life of virtue. We can only learn from Mary if we allow her to be our mother, doing as St. John did, and taking Mary into our homes. Ask her to be your mother. Talk to her as your mother. Because that is who she is — she is our mother, and the Mother of the Church.





OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

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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: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

Question for Youth: On Pentecost, the apostles were able to speak in a language that everyone could understand. As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

Question for Adults: Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

POPE SPEAKS

TO BE BORN FROM THE SPIRIT

Being a Christian is not only obeying the Commandments: we need to do that, this is true; but if you stop there, you are not a good Christian. Being a good Christian means letting the Spirit enter within you and lead you, lead you where He wants. In our Christian life very often we stop, like Nicodemus, before that "therefore". We do not know what step to take, we do not know how to do it, and we do not have the trust in God to make this step and let the Spirit enter. Being born again means letting the Spirit enter into us, so that I am led by the Spirit, not by myself, free, with this freedom of the Spirit, and you never know where it will end.

The apostles, who were in the Cenacle when the Spirit came, went out to preach with that courage, that boldness ... they did not know that this would have happened; and they did it, because the Spirit guided them. The Christian must never stop at the fulfilment of the Commandments; one

must do this, but go beyond, towards that new birth that is birth in the Spirit, which gives you the freedom of the Spirit.

That is what happened to this Christian community. After John and Peter returned from the interrogation with the high priests, they went to their brothers and sisters, to their community, and told them everything the high priests and elders had said to them. And when the community, heard this, was rather afraid. And what did they do? They prayed. They did not stop at precautionary measures: "No, now we will do this, we'll be a bit calmer" - no. They prayed. So that the Spirit would tell them what they should do. They raised their voice to God, saying: "Lord!", and they prayed. This beautiful prayer in a dark moment, a moment in which they have to make decisions and do not know what to do. They want to be born from the Spirit, they open their heart to the Spirit, that He might tell them what to do.

They tell the story and they say, "Lord, do something!" "Lord, take note of their threats" - those of the group of priests - "and tell your servants to proclaim your word with all boldness". They ask for the boldness, the courage, not to be afraid. "Stretch out your hand to heal and to work miracles and marvels through the name of Jesus". And when they finished their prayer "the house where they were assembled rocked, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God boldly". A second Pentecost took place here.

Faced with difficulties, faced with a closed door, when they did not know how to go forward, they went to the Lord, they open their heart and the Spirit comes and gives them what they need, and they go out to preach, with courage. This is what it means to be born of the Spirit. This means not stopping at the "therefore", at the things we have always done, at the "therefore" after the Commandments, at the "therefore" after religious habits: no! This means being reborn. And how does one prepare to be reborn? With prayer. Prayer is what opens the door to the Spirit and gives us this freedom, this boldness, this courage of the Holy Spirit. You will never know where it will take you. But it is the Spirit.

May the Lord help us always to be open to the Spirit, as it will be He who leads us forward in our life of service to the Lord.



WORD OF LIFE

"God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God."

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE Our local Catholic Charities are helping thousands survive the COVID-19 crisis

Many of our Catholic Charities have come to the aid of thousands affected by the economic ravages of the COVID-19 crisis. Countless individuals and families have turned to charity for the first time in their lives. The unprecedented demand for rental assistance, access to food, counseling and referrals are being met with empathy and compassion. Generous gifts to The Annual Catholic Appeal help our charities respond quickly to disasters like the current pandemic. Unlike many other funding sources, Appeal grants can only be used for the greatest need. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 Appeal, thank you for helping to ensure our charities can respond in times like these. It is not too late to make a donation. Donate online at scd.org/ yourgiftmatters or pick up an envelope here at the parish. 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to people in need.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

MAY 31, 2020

STEWARDS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost Sunday

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

For Stewards to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we must open our hearts and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help; we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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