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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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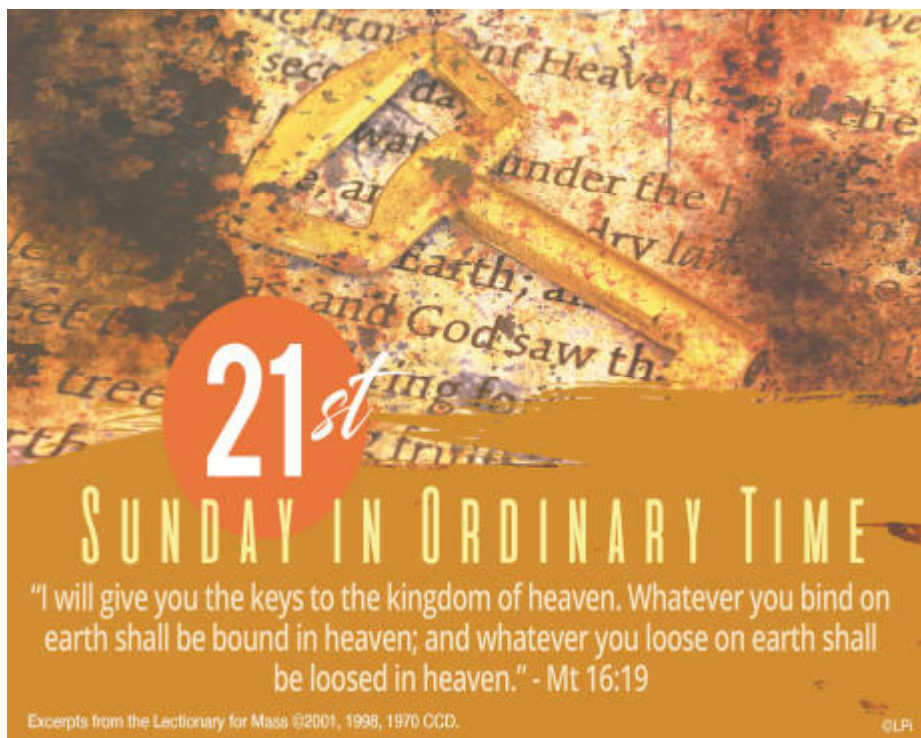
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

This Mass will be Livestreamed and closed to public.

Monday - Friday & First Saturday Daily Mass

8:00am - Outdoor Mass in the courtyard in front of the rectory

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00am & 7:30pm

Outdoor Mass in the courtyard area between the classroom wings of the school.

Note: No 11am Mass

RECONCILIATION

By appointment. Call 916-481-5115

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, AUGUST 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

St. Pius X, Pope

8:00AM † Eleonora Adams
† Samuel Adams Jr.
by Ines G. Adams

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

8:00AM † Cian Francis O'Neill
by O'Neill Family
10:00AM † Anselmo Garcia
by Christina Garcia
Fr. Charles Brady
by Fr. Eduino Silveira

7:30PM OLA Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00AM No intentions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00AM No intentions

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00AM No intentions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica

8:00AM No intentions

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM † Mary Margaret Naval
by I. Alonzo Naval

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00AM † David Mulgren
by Donald Moore



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10

-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Know God to Love God


The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?



STEWARDSHIP



OFFERING

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Offertory 08/16/20	\$10,614.00
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Total	\$14,617.08
Average Weekly Budget Amount	\$12,000.00

Prayerfully consider Online Giving through **WeShare**, by mail or dropping in the mail box by the office.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

GIVING

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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.



THANK YOU

FROM
FR. EDUINO

THANK YOU OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FAMILIES!

I am always amazed at the great generosity of our families. Even during these difficult times many have continued with their contributions to our parish by WeShare, by mail or by dropping in the mail box by the office. Thank you for your contribution that helps us to pay our bills. May God continue to bless all our families and help all in this time of pandemic with the abundance of His Love.

Fr. Eduino

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

AUGUST 23, 2020 STEWARDSHIP GENEROSITY 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of Stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

- Tracy Earl Welliver

LET LOVE BE SINCERE;
HATE WHAT IS EVIL, HOLD
ON TO WHAT IS GOOD.

ROMANS 12:9

OUR PARISH



Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Elizabeth Steinbreniger, mother of our dear Groundskeeper, Paul Narloch. Betty Narloch, as she is best known, turned 100 last Saturday, August 1. May the Lord bless her and keep her!



Outdoor Mass Guidelines

WEAR MASKS

We will provide one for you if you need it.

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

At least 6 feet in choosing where to sit. Families may sit together.

CONTACT INFO WILL BE COLLECTED

We will continue to collect information for contact tracing purposes.

BE SUPPORTIVE
BE CAREFUL
BE KIND

What's HAPPENING?

LIVE STREAMED MASS

The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will be live streamed and closed to the public.

OUTDOOR MASSES

DAILY MASS AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00 AM

In the courtyard in front of the Rectory.

SUNDAY MASSES AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

- The outdoor Masses will take place in the courtyard area between the classroom wings of the school.
- We will open the blacktop area near the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker (blacktop playground) for parking. If you park in the regular parking lot on Walnut Ave, you may enter through the gate between the Parish Hall and school building.
- Folding chairs on racks will be placed at the entrance to the courtyard, Please feel free to bring your own chairs.

Note: No 11:00 am Mass.



CONFIRMATION OF THE OLA SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS AND FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS

Last Saturday, August 15, on the feast day of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary, 52 children were confirmed during a short ceremony conducted by Fr. Eduino in the courtyard area of the OLA School.

May each of them grow in gratitude for the gift received at their Confirmation and open their hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new.



SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



Welcome Back OLA Cougars!



This might not be the return to class we are used to, but we keep our eyes focused on the Lord, confident that He is in control. Knowing that this surely shall pass and there will be time to get everything on track later.

A PRAYER

Dear Lord,
As the coronavirus (COVID-19) affects our world, we continue to pray.
We invite you into our hearts, Lord — hearts that have so much on them right now.
Amidst our fear, disappointment, confusion, uncertainty, grief, anger, frustration and more...
We invite you in, Lord.
We know you are bigger.
May we be given a peace and understanding of cancellations and social distancing rules.
May we act with humility to not just preserve our own safety and health, but to look beyond ourselves and think of how our actions will affect others.
May we be alert to the ways we may help those around us, and give us the grace to step forward without hesitation to be men and women for and with others, for Your greater glory.
Come to our aid, Lord.
Open our ears to hear your voice in these troubled times, may we listen and be prudent and may we draw ever closer to you.
Amen.

- Megan Sheehan
<https://www.marquette.edu/>

FUN FACTS!

In today's Gospel, Jesus took his disciples to Caesarea Philippi. This was the site of pagan worship to the Greek god Pan. To the pagan mind, the cave and spring water at Caesarea Philippi created a gate to the underworld; they literally believed that these were the gates of hell. Jesus brought his disciples to this distant area to emphasize this point: the gates of hell would not prevail against his Church!



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Extra Ordinary Times: Virtual Young Adult Retreat

Join us every other Thursday until November 12 at 9:00 pm of Facebook @scdoyya. Put the kids to bed and join us for some spiritual time at our Young Adult Series. Get more information at <https://www.scd.org/ExtraOrdinary>



SHARING THE GOSPEL

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

PRAYER

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw yourself and your friends talking about Jesus and his miracles.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH



REMEMBER
in your prayers

OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Larry Nelson	Gloria Plog
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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: What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Today's Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults: If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?



MARY AS QUEEN

Assumption and Coronation must be sharply distinguished. Whereas the assumption has been the object of dogmatic definition (1950), the coronation of Mary has never been more than a pious advocacy (rosary), an iconographical motif (since the twelfth century) and a devotional custom (coronation of Mary statues known already in the early Middle Ages). However, the coronation points to a Marian title known in Christian tradition since from the beginning of the fourth century. Meant is the title of Queen. This title was given to Mary as an indication of her preeminence or excellence based primarily on her role as Mother of Jesus Christ, Theotokos and Panagia (all holy one). The title found its way into the liturgy of the hours (Hail, Holy Queen...) and popular piety (Litany of Loreto). Over time the attribution of this title to Mary became generally accepted so that Pius XII in 1954 instituted the liturgical feast of the Queenship of Mary. At the same time, the pope issued a major document about the queenship of Mary, the Encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (Oct. 11, 1954).

Testimonies of the Church fathers on this title are almost innumerable, but there exists also a biblical foundation for it: Lk 1:32/33 making reference of Christ's everlasting reign, and Elisabeth's greeting to Mary as the "Mother of my Lord." These texts show that because of the Son's royal dignity, Mary possessed a greatness and excellence that set her apart. This is what we call her Queenship. Pius XII was well aware that this title should not be used in the manner of modern political life.

Mary's Queenship is one of love and service, not pomp and power, as is said about her son (Jn 18:36; Mt 20:20). It is thus pointed out that the roots of Mary's Queenship are to be found in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, which is a mystery of self-giving, death, and resurrection-ascension, the reaching of glory through humility (abasement-exaltation). Along these lines of theological reflection we see four reasons why Mary deserves to be Queen:

1. She is Queen because she is the Mother of the Lord, also called the Messianic King (see: Col 1:16; Lk 1:32; Lk 1:43).
2. She is Queen because she is wholeheartedly associated with her Son's salvific work (Rv 12:5).
3. She is Queen because she is the perfect disciple of Christ (Rv 2:10; 3:21).
4. She is the most excellent member of the Church, because of her mission and holiness.

All of these reasons show that Mary's Queenship can only be understood as a gift of her son to participate in his excellence of love. They also show that it is within the kingly status of the People of God that Mary-Queen fulfills her true vocation.

– Father Johann Roten, S.M.

DIOCESAN NEWS



MINISTRY DAYS 2020

The Office of Family and Faith Formation is pleased to announce Ministry Days 2020: "Rejoice and Be Glad" online Thursday, Friday and Saturday – September 24th and 26th. This event is for all Catholics, but especially for those who are active in Parish and School ministry. Registration for Ministry Days is now open and can be completed online through our website: www.ministrydays.com. This website is your destination for all information about the event including descriptions of the Keynotes, and workshops (coming soon) as well as the schedule for the event and where you will find the links to join the workshop session during Ministry Days.

WORD OF LIFE

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

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PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

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Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Sept. 5 - Sept. 6	August 28
Sept. 12 - Sept. 13	September 4
Sept. 19 - Sept. 20	September 11

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