





(916) 481-5115



WWW.OLAPARISH.NET



PARISH@OLAPARISH.NET

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Eduino T. Silveira | pastor@olaparish.net

Pastors Emeriti

Rev. Brendan McKeefry & Rev. Michael F. Kiernan

Deacons

Michael Tateishi | deacon@olaparish.net Paul Friedrich | deaconpaul@olaparish.net

Office Manager

Ivan Florez | officemgr@olaparish.net

Parish Bookkeeper

916-481-5115, ext. 203

Music Director

Casey Oliver | worship@olaparish.net

Faith Formation

Joan Cotton | faithformation@olaparish.net

Youth Minister

Johann Rubia-Miller | youth@olaparish.net

Building Maintenance

Earl Knight | maintenance@olaparish.net

Groundskeeper Paul Narloch

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 4:30pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00pm)

ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council: Carmy Baca Liturgical Committee: Deacon Michael Tateishi Finance Council: Joe Selewicz Buildings & Grounds Committee: John Blaschke

OLA PRESCHOOL - EIGHTH GRADE

Principal, Robert Love Vice Principal, Steven Vidal

K-8th: eaddy@olaparish.net | 489-8958 P-8th Admissions: sweeney@olaparish.net P-8th Website: www.school.olaparish.net

Preschool Director, Mrs. Ann Marie Duesbury 916-485-1504 <u>duesbury@olaparish.net</u> License No. 343616796

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Provides assistance for those in need within our parish boundaries. Please call: 916-481-6352

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

Ask an usher about them!





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 - <u>Outdoor</u> 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, SEPTEMBER 19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

500PM † Fred & Liz Baca by The Baca Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MA00:8 † Cian Francis O'Neill

by O'Neill Family

† Oliver Olson 10:00AM

by Lizz & Brian Brennan

† Ed Wilson

by Holy Spirit Trust

7:30PM **OLA Parishioners**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00AM † Tomasa Washington

by Anne Perez

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

† Florence Schumachker MA00:8

by Jerry & Marylee Johnson

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00AM No intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00AM No intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00AM No intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

500PM No intention



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc,

3-4[1]/Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-3



FOR GOD RE

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Is your Love for God Real?

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our

ability to see God's presence around

us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the

faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

STEWARDSHIP



OFFERING

FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Typos in the Week of 08/31/20 to 09/06/20 Offertory

We offer our apologies for the typos in last week's offertory, please find the correct information below:

Weekend Offertory 09/06/20 \$11,999.54 E-Giving from 08/31/20 to 09/06/20 \$7,858.08 **Total** \$19.857.62

Week of 08/31/20 to 09/06/20 Offertory

 Weekend Offertory 09/13/20
 \$ 6,119.00

 E-Giving from 09/07/20 to 09/13/20
 \$ 1,701.75

 Total
 \$ 7.820.75

 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

WESHARE

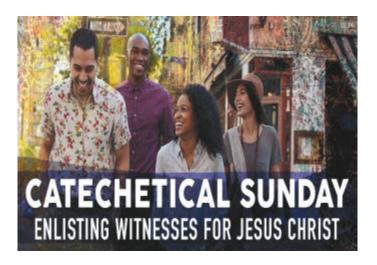
We want to encourage our parishioners to enroll in our automated donation program called **WeShare**. This program provides a convenient way to make your donations to our church in the comfort of your home.



To enroll please follow these simple steps:

- Go to https://olaparish.net
- Click on Donate.
- This will take you to our "Contribute" page, where you
 will find the WeShare link to enroll and start making your
 donation.

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

GOD-CENTERED STEWARDSHIP

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So the last will be first and the first last". -Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility to live Stewardship, not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

- Tracy Earl Welliver



Outdoor Mass Guidelines

WEAR MASKS

We will provide one for you if you need it.

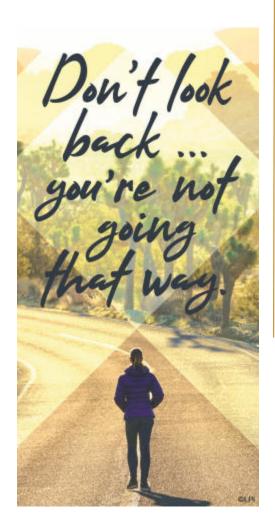
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

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



OUR PARISH



Thank you for supporting the Gabriel Project diaper drive! We appreciate your generosity and support. We will let you know how many diapers and wipes were collected in next weekend's bulletin. May God bless you!





GOOD AND EVIL

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love. One small decision of selfishness, jealously, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

©LPi



SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRY



STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The faith community of Our Lady of the Assumption School is based on Catholic teachings as expressed through the message of the Gospel of Jesus. Each student is a unique creation of God. Students, in partnership with parents, teachers, staff, and the parish community, strive to grow and develop spiritually, morally, intellect tually, personally, socially, physically, and culturally. Parents are recognized as the primary educators of their children and teachers as the facilitators of learning.

In addition to learning Catholic teachings, students within our faith community develop an awareness and practice of social justice and respond with opportunities for Christian outreach and service. As students are faced with growing challenges and complexities of life in the 21st century, they develop patterns of thought and behavior that bring forth ageappropriate Christian responses that will be based on Catholic ideals and the examples of Jesus Christ.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

PRAYER

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend at school about Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.

FUN FACTS!

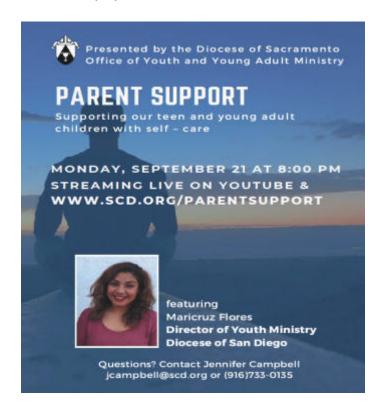
Besides St. Andrew Kim, Pope John Paul II canonized 99 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but, for the most part, they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO NEWS OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Ministry Days 2020 - Updated

New for 2020: Ministry Days will be a virtual experience. And while you will have to decide which workshops to attend live, for your registration of \$25 for Saturday, September 26th you will have access to recordings of all the workshops after the event. You can hear Dr. Bob McCarty lead a workshop on "Engaging Young People in God Talk!" and Andreya Arevalo's talk on "Incorporating the Beauty of Theology of the Body in Marriage Prep" or Fr. Loreto "Bong" Rojas share "Navigating the relationship between Faith and Culture in Pastoral Ministry" without the worry that you are missing out. You can catch the other 41 workshops offered after Ministry Days is over. For more information, a full list of workshops offered, and to register today for Ministry Days go to www.ministrydays.com



25™ SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







SPIRITUAL GROWTH

POPE SPEAKS

CATECHESIS ON PRAYER - III

The Mystery of Creation

Let us continue the catechesis on prayer, by meditating on the mystery of Creation. Life, the simple fact that we exist, opens mankind's heart to prayer.

[...] precisely in starting from the great narrative of Creation, someone began to find reasons for thanksgiving, to praise God for his or her existence. Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. There is hope but I open

the door with my prayer. Because people of prayer safeguard basic truths; they are the ones who repeat, first and foremost to themselves and then to all the others, that this life, despite all its toils and trials, despite its difficult days, is full of a grace that is awe inspiring. And as such it must always be defended and protected.

Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that surely one day it will triumph, even if in times and ways that we do not understand. Men and women of prayer bear gleaming reflections of light on their faces: because, the sun does not stop illuminating them, even in the darkest of days. Prayer illuminates you: it illuminates the souls, it illuminates the heart and it illuminates the face. Even in the darkest times, even in times of greatest suffering.

We are all bearers of joy. Have you considered this? That you are bearers of joy? Or do you prefer to bring bad news, things that sadden? We are capable of bearing joy. This life is the gift that God gave us: and it is too short to consume it in sadness, in bitterness. Let us praise God, happy to simply exist. Let us look at the universe, let us look at beauty and let us also look at our crosses and say: 'You exist, you made us like this, for you'. It is necessary to feel that unrest of the heart that leads to thanking and praising God. We are children of the great King, of the Creator, capable of reading his signature in all of Creation. We are not safeguarding that creation today, but that creation holds the signature of God who made it out of love. May the Lord make us understand this ever more deeply and lead us to say "thank you"; and that "thank you" is a beautiful prayer.



OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

Question for Youth: This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.



OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Julie Nelson Nancy Carlson Jonathan Rassmussen Stacie Higginbotham Sandi Lanz Tom Bogetich Shirley Ward Mary Silva Cathy Quesinberry Gloria Plog J. Richard Heintz Molly Garcia Richard McClintock Ben Koerber

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



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

- Mrs. Rosemary Kunz, mother of our Eucharistic Homebound Ministry Coordinator, Peggy Vellanoweth.
- Larry Nelson, long time parishioner.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine upon them.



COMMUNITY

DIOCESAN NEWS



FIRE ASSISTANCE FUND 2020

In light of the fires burning in counties throughout the Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful of the Diocese of Sacramento to pray for all those affected, especially the residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated. Ask for God's protection upon the firefighters and emergency personnel. Pray for those who have died and all those suffering loss during this catastrophic time.

Catholic Charities of Yolo Solano, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are working together with local community partners to help those in need.

Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways:

- **Donate by mail:** Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
- **Donate by phone:** Call The Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266
- **Donate online:** https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/fire-assistance-fund-2020

THANK YOU TO OUR

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ADVERTISERS

Our advertisers need your help during these difficult times!
Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them, and right now they need your help more than ever. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local during these

PLEASE NOTE! NEW BULLETIN DEADLINES

Send typed articles, in MS Word - Times New Roman, font 10, via email to :parishbulletin@olaparish.net with copy to officemgr@olaparish.net, no later than 8am on the day indicated below. Mass intentions are not subject to these deadlines.

Bulletin Weekend Dates	Article DUE
Oct. 3 - Oct. 4	September 25
Oct. 10-Oct. 11	October 2
Oct. 17—Oct. 18	October 9

WORD OF LIFE



"I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else—God is in this person's life. You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

-Pope Francis

American society is seeing rising rates of depression and anxiety disproportionately impacting young people. Over the past several years, there also has been an alarming increase in the rates of suicide, among both men and women of nearly every age group. In conjunction with this crisis of deaths by suicide, we are witnessing the staggering toll of drug overdose and alcohol-related deaths – what now are collectively called "deaths of despair."[ii] These disturbing trends seriously impact individuals, families and our communities. These crises of our time represent an urgent call to all Catholics. We must respond.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of California on Caring for those who Suffer from Mental Illness Addressed to All Catholics and People of Goodwill



Pregnant? Worried? Need Help?

You are not alone. We can help.

The Gabriel Project Call: 800-910-0191





Parishioner 916-838-1763 narndorfer@golyon.com

œ



James Marta & Company LLP **Certified Public Accountants** Accounting, Auditing, Consulting and Tax

James Marta, CPA - Parishioner 993-9494 701 Howe Ave., Ste. E3 • Sacramento

ADT-Monitored Home Security Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

> Carbon Manaxide 1-855-225-4251 ADI Flood Detection

CPA 333 University Ave, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 565-7424 richardfstrawn@gmail.com

RICHARD F. STRAWN II





Jason Borg & Associates, Inc. A Professional Law Corporation (916) 478-4234 www.jasonborglaw.com

Family Law, Bankruptcy: Chapter 7 & 13, Wills, Trusts & Probate





- Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred Paid Trainin
- Overnight Travel Required Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT careers@4LPi.com www.4LPi.com/careers

Sierra *View* Funeral Chapel & Crematory

Family Owned & Operated 916-481-1515

Dignified Affordable Cremation \$795 Traditional Catholic Service **\$2,995**

Craig Strunk, Local Parishioner Matt Strunk, OLA Class of 2010

201 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, CA # FD-924

sacramentofuneralandcremation.com





NEVER MISS A BU

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com







Donna Deterding & Associates

Senior Care Advisor & Patient Care Manager

Elderly family member in the hospital? Need help navigating the senior health care continuum? Questions about benefits, home health agencies, hospice? Need someone to help manage the process, & maintain your loved one's dignity, while you continue your daily activities?

Call Donna today for a free one hour consultation: 916-769-1184 or email: DTDeterding@gmail.com

CHRYSALIS COSMETICS SACRAMENTOPLASTICS.COM

Offering comprehensive plastic surgery services 785 University Ave Dr. Charles Perry 273-7435

AVAILABLE ADVERTISE YOUR FOR A LIMITED TIME Contact Travis Lawmaster to place an ad today! tlawmaster@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x2688

Too Sick for Mass?

