

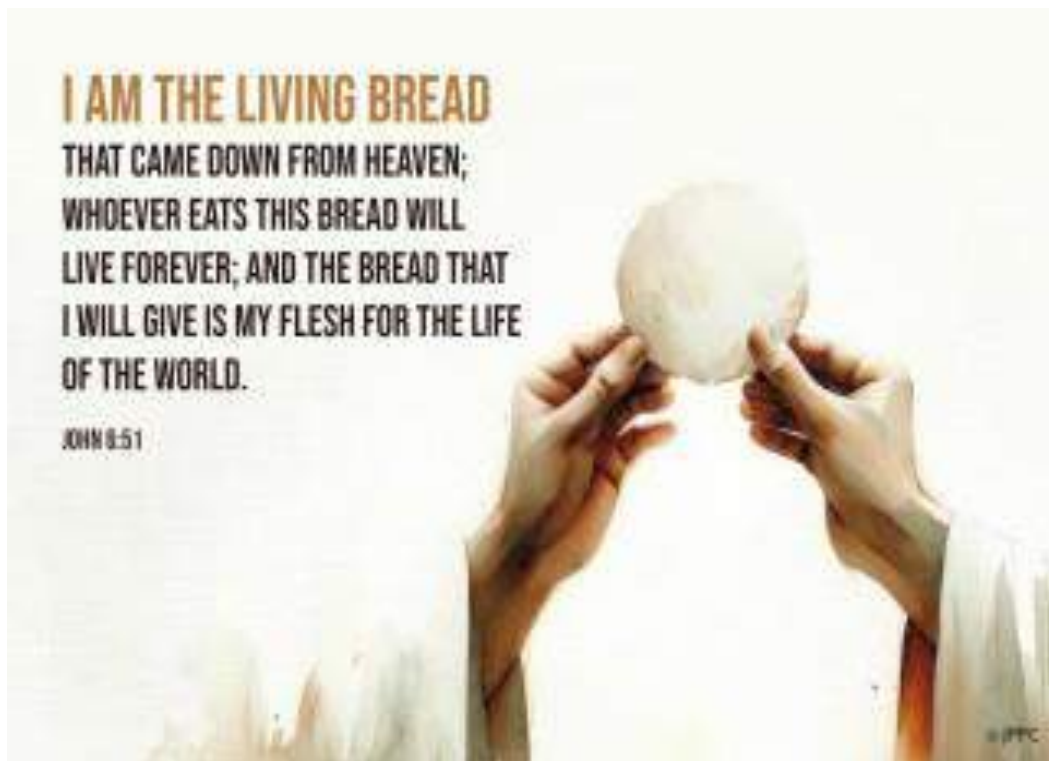


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MASSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

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August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians is often regarded as unique among his writings, taking on the character of an encyclical letter. Unlike his other letters to specific church communities, such as the Corinthians and Philipians, the Ephesians letter is not solely directed at the Christians in Ephesus. Instead, it carries a universal message, intended for all Christians throughout the world, irrespective of city, race, or ethnicity.

Every book in the Sacred Scripture teaches us timeless lessons. However, the encyclical nature of Paul's letter to Ephesians, being written for the worldwide church, adds more weight to its teachings. For us, the Christians of the 21st century, who are united in one Church, one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism despite different backgrounds, races, and ethnicities, Paul's beautiful emphasis on unity as one Church in this letter should resonate. In the first part of his letter, he explains what God had fulfilled through Jesus Christ. It talks about how the chosen family of God expanded from the family of Abraham, the nation of Israel, to the whole world. It imparts the unity of Jews and Gentiles within God's Church, established through the death and resurrection of the cornerstone, Jesus Christ, who made redemption available to everyone in their faith in Him. What a way of restoring a human family so divided by sin! God uniting both Jews and Gentiles under the name of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is what Paul emphasizes in the first part of the book.

The second part, chapters four to six, teaches us how to live as the ones who heard the joy of the Gospel. Filled with gratitude for God's work of breaking the barrier between the Jews and Gentiles and adopting both as His children through and in Jesus, we Christians are called to have every aspect of our lives impacted by His work of love and mercy. Today's second reading is about - how our life as Christians should look as people trying to respond to God's work of salvation, inspiring us to live in appreciation of His love and mercy. So, what does that look like? Paul says that as people who were "sealed for the day of redemption" by the Holy Spirit, we must remove every spirit within us that is incompatible with the Holy Spirit. Compassion instead of harshness, mercy instead of anger, kindness instead of malice must fill our hearts.

The Our Father is often one of the first prayers we learn growing up. From family life, CCD classrooms, confirmation classes, and seminary, to whenever we come together for the holy sacrifice of the Mass, Our Father is such an essential part of our lives as Catholics. Rightly so. It is the prayer taught by Jesus Himself! Yet, too often, we forget the meaning of each word in this masterpiece prayer. Despite how familiar and rote The Lord's Prayer is for us, we must never forget what a precious gift it is to us.

On that note, I want to present a challenge to all of us, including myself. Paul's core teaching of today's first reading is forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. Whenever we pray the Our Father, do we try to live out this message, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"? Do we mean it and try to share the gift of mercy as we continue to receive it from our Father in Heaven? Prayer isn't supposed to be just moving our lips. We must live the words and be them. As people called to become imitators of God, we should show mercy as the first step in imitating our Father.

Blessings,



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Is God Calling You...

to become a catechist?

Each year a dedicated group of men and women help roughly 200 children encounter Jesus through their vocation in the catechetical ministry. Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a catechist and helping to bring the youth of our parish to Christ through your faithful service and witness.

Volunteers are currently needed to lead a 7th grade class and to act as a co-teacher for a 5th grade class on Tuesday afternoons from 3:55 to 5:15pm. Classes begin the week of September 23rd and run through the beginning of May. Teaching manuals, curriculum resources and support are provided to all catechists.

If you are interested in bringing the children of our parish into an encounter with Christ, please email Jen Noll jennollols@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*
(Matthew 19:14)



Solemnity of the Assumption

On **August 15th** the Church celebrates the fact that Mary was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life.



A reminder that it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. We will have **three Masses** on Thursday: **7:00am, Noon, and 7:00pm**.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 974) teaches, *"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body."* – Excerpts taken from EWTN.com



Speaking of Mary

Did you know that the month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary? In the midst of the second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 he decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the **Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

O God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, graciously grant that through her intercession we may be a worthy temple of your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm – 3:00pm,

concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful (and air-conditioned) church?



Upcoming Trainings for Volunteers



If you are over 18 and interested in volunteering at our church or school this year, you must complete mandatory archdiocesan

trainings: Protecting God's Children® (PGC) and Keeping the Promise Alive™ (KPA). Luckily we're hosting these here this fall!

PGC is for new volunteers and KPA is a recertification training for individuals who have already completed PCG but have not volunteered in at least five years. Both trainings are conducted by a VIRTUS® certified facilitator and focus on the prevention of child sexual abuse. PGC and KPA make participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures that include the reporting of child sexual abuse as well as victim advocacy.

To attend, you must register in advance on VIRTUS® - www.virtus.org. If you have any questions or need guidance on the registration process, please contact our parish secretary, Mary Beth Zurat at (973) 763-5454 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com

Protecting God's Children® for Adults

Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church—St. Joseph's Hall
Estimated duration: 3 hours

Keeping the Promise Alive™ Recertification Training

Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church—St. Joseph's Hall
Estimated duration: 2.5 hours

Caveat Voluntarius!

You must be on time! No one will be admitted once the first video starts.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

5:30 PM Margaret Moran

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

7:00 AM Members of the Civil and Louis Families
12:00 PM Dulce M. Bolivar – 60th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

7:00 AM Barbara Harrigan
12:00 PM Raymond Bober

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

7:00 AM Angelo DiSalvo – Special Intention
12:00 PM Robert C. Riddle

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

7:00 AM Gertrude Faynor
12:00 PM Rachel and Gabe Navarro – Special Intention
7:00 PM William J. Bowling

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

7:00 AM Melissa McArthur
12:00 PM Sylvia Rodgers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

8:30 AM Elizabeth Bryce
12:00 PM Vanessa Georges – Special Intention

VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

5:30 PM John McTernan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley A. Milewski
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Deceased members of the Pizzillo and Ferrace Families

Mass Requests

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: olschurch.com/request-a-mass/ Or scan the QR code.



Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Let us remember our deceased loved ones in our prayers. St. Paul of the Cross wrote, *“If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.”*



In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish office for more information.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Rita Arena, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Mark F. Davonski, Alan Droppa, Michael Elliot, Patricia Evanik, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Judith Gordy, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Agnes Marshall, Elizabeth Mary, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Melissa O’Brien, Kate Powis, Ludgarda Rosa, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Stephanie Windsor





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