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*Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2025*

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
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Deacon Alexander Gapay
Deacon Edmund Lazzari

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: 5:30
Sunday morning: 7:00, 9:00, 10:15 (Latin), 11:30
Sunday afternoon: 1:00 – en Español

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – en Español
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 7:00 p.m.
Other occasions as announced.
Also, by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment, after instruction.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center

English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: **845-343-6013**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: **845-343-6013**.

DEVOTIONS

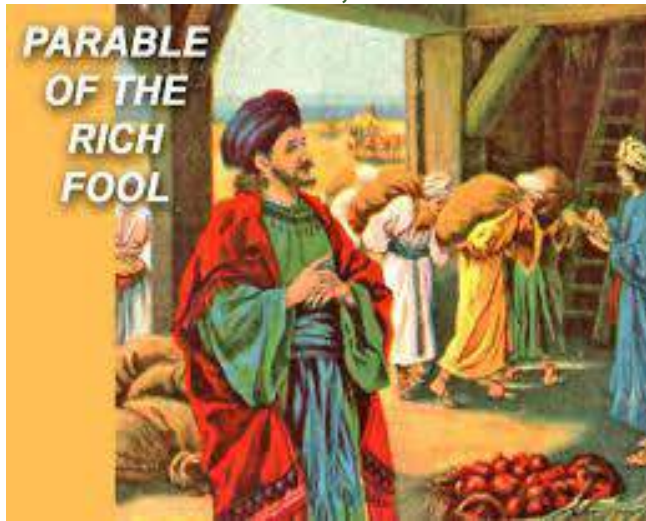
Perpetual Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: available to all in need
Parish Website: www.SJChurch.com
Parish E-Mail: Parish@SJChurch.com
Youth Group: See schedule in the bulletin.



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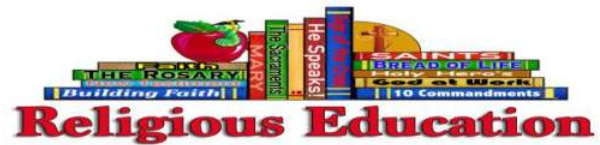
MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of July 27 – August 3

SAT:	5:30pm	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
SUN:	7:00am	Maureen Cinquemani
	9:00am	Rita & Felice Sorice; Angelina Fusco
LATIN:	10:15am	Jo Weller
	11:30am	Angelina & Al Fusco
	1:00pm	Dulce Ortiz
MON:	8:00am	Nellie Diaz
TUES:	8:00am	James Higgins
WED:	8:00am	Giovanni Fratto
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Rose Maiorano
FRI:	8:00am	Ray, Vivian Ayala & Family (living)
SAT:	8:00am	– <i>Special Intention</i> –
	5:30pm	Caterina Svizzera
SUN:	7:00am	Abraham Joseph
	9:00am	Betty Ogden; Angela (Lina) Gianpa-Caputo
LATIN:	10:15am	Conie Applegate
	11:30am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

+ PRAY FOR +

Juan D'Ascenzi, Gerard Klug, Maria Tandoi,
Louis Lofresse



News

There will be a special Open Registration Day on **Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.** Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you are registering your child for the first time. Re-registration is not automatic – you must come to register your child for the 2025-2026 school year.

Other opportunities for Registration for the 2025-2026 school year are available by appointment. You may call to make an appointment. Please call us for more information at **845-343-4415**

SPANISH FOOD FESTIVAL



This year our Spanish food festival will be held on **September 7, 2025**, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m. The raffle drawing will be pulled around 4:00 p.m. The winners need not be present and will be notified by phone. Please come to join us for some food and a good time

AUGUST 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 14: 5:30 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. in Spanish
Friday, August 15: 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(bilingual Mass)



PERPETUAL ADORATION



"I'll only commit to a year! That's it!" Those were the words of a woman who just didn't see how she could commit to Perpetual Adoration. Her husband saw the beauty of having a fixed Holy Hour each week, but she did not. Her thinking was like that of many people, "I can stop into the chapel whenever I want."

One reason for committing to an hour is that you will actually be there for a Holy Hour each week! Although many desire to make a Holy Hour and believe that they will do so weekly, they usually put it off, or stop in for a quick visit, or maybe a half hour but never get to a full Holy Hour each week. Committing is a promise to Jesus that you will be with Him for one specific hour each week. Once you give your word, you will find ways to be sure that you will be with Jesus at your appointed time.

A second reason for commitment is that the exposed Blessed Sacrament cannot be left alone at any time. That means there must be a committed Guardian for every hour of the week. Usually, conflicted souls justify not taking an hour because they are busy and someone else will do it. If everyone thought that way, no one would commit, and the Chapel would be closed. It is important that at least one Guardian is assigned to each hour. It is far better to have two or three committed Guardians in case someone gets sick or has an emergency.

So, what happened to the lady who reluctantly committed to an hour? Well, 27 years later she is still a Guardian and now, a Captain as well! What seemed impossible became a blessing and joy for her.

Still struggling with a time? Choose an hour which you most likely will be able to make. Sign up. If that hour doesn't work out, you can always change it. Say yes to Jesus. Sign up today. Call **Martin** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510 for more information.

Hour of Urgent Need
Saturday morning: Midnight-1 a.m.

Hours in need of Additional Guardians
6-7 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
2-3 p.m.: Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday

PRAY FOR ORANGE COUNTY CLERGY

Below are the names of clergy members from Orange County, please pray for them daily.

This week, please remember the following members of the clergy in your prayers:

July 26: Retired priests and deacons

July 27: Very Rev. Dennis Nikolić

July 28: Rev. Thomas Colucci
Rev. Joseph Tyrell

July 29: Rev. Reynor Santiago
Deacon Michael McCabe

June 30: Rev. Sean Magnuson
Rev. Gabriel Costa

July 31: Rev. Yaroslav Kostyk
Deacon Edmund Lazarri

Aug 01: Rev. Francis Amodio, O.Carm.
Rev. Michael Driscoll, O.Carm.

Aug 02: Vocations
Seminarians

Aug 03: Pope Leo XIV

Father, in your plan of salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with a spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers to your altars, ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. To those clergy who have already answered your call, grant joy and perseverance in your service. Amen.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

*The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rosemary, meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church. The next meeting will be on **August 13**. All are welcome.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For those wishing to join the Knights of Columbus John Paul the Great Council 486, visit <http://www.kofc486.org/join>

The Knights of Columbus' meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center building at St. Joseph's Church.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH SUNDAY: AUGUST 9 & 10

We welcome **Fr. Godfrey Chandya Leega**, a missionary, who will speak to us next week about the work of his community. The Special Second Collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up on the weekend of **August 9 & 10**.

MISSION WORK AND NEEDS

Arua Diocese is rural and economically very poor. For the last ten years, it has been hosting more than 1,000,000 refugees from South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo. This has greatly increased the number of Christians who pray at St. Mary Assumpta, Oleba Catholic Church. We, therefore, need your financial support that will come through your mission appeal donations.

St. Mary Assumpta, Oleba Catholic Church, in Arua Diocese in Northern Uganda, needs a new and a bigger church. The current church is now too small and weak to be renovated or extended or modified. The existing church has a capacity for 300 people, yet more than 1,500 Christians come to mass on Sundays and feast days. This means more than 1,000 Christians often remain outside during such moments. It is heart-breaking when it rains.

Since the founding of St. Mary Assumpta in 1990, the church has never had a proper building, only an old, small dilapidated chapel that was built more than 60 years ago as an outstation to the former mother church (Maracha Catholic Church). Given the surging Christian population in the area due to the influx of refugees from Southern Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo, the existing church is too small to accommodate more than 1,000 attendants per a given celebration.

As such, the Christians of St. Mary Assumpta Church have decided to construct a bigger church to respond to that need. The proposed cross-shaped Church will be able to seat 1,800 worshipers. The estimated cost is \$500,000. The Christians hope to raise \$35,000 of that amount locally ... in cash, kind and labor. Although the Christians are capable and determined to contribute all the available local materials and offer unskilled labor for this project, they cannot afford most of the manufactured materials and skilled professional labor costs due to immense level of poverty in the local community. The average annual income for most families in the area is \$1,500.

St. Mary Assumpta, Oleba Catholic Church is currently served by three priests and fifty lay catechists (ten of whom are women). The priests and catechists work collaboratively in administering pastoral services to the church community. Just like the priests, the catechists labor without remuneration, yet they are the major pastoral agents at the grassroots level, and they have families. Apart from the priests and catechists, the church administration is also assisted by the pastoral councils, finance and lay apostolate councils at various levels.

Separately from the traditional pastoral services offered within the church structures, the church also offers regular pastoral outreach to the thirty schools within the church area. These include four nursery schools, twenty primary schools, one secondary school, one vocational school and one nursing and midwifery school. The priests travel regularly to minister to these schools and institutions.

In conclusion, your kind and generous support will help to bridge the big financial gap and help the construction project to move forward. Your generous contribution of whatever amount your means permit will do much to push the project to the next phase in the construction.

We, the Parishioners of St. Mary Assumpta, Oleba Catholic Church ... Christians of Arua Diocese ... express our gratitude to you for your generous donations towards this divine noble cause.

God's abundant blessings upon you and your families.

Sincerely,

*The Parishioners of St. Mary Assumpta, Oleba Catholic Church; The Christians of Arua Diocese.
c/o Fr. Godfrey Chandya Leega*



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