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*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025*

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Kevin Panameño, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Alexander Gapay
Deacon Edmund Lazzari

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Religious Education Office: 845-343-4415

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

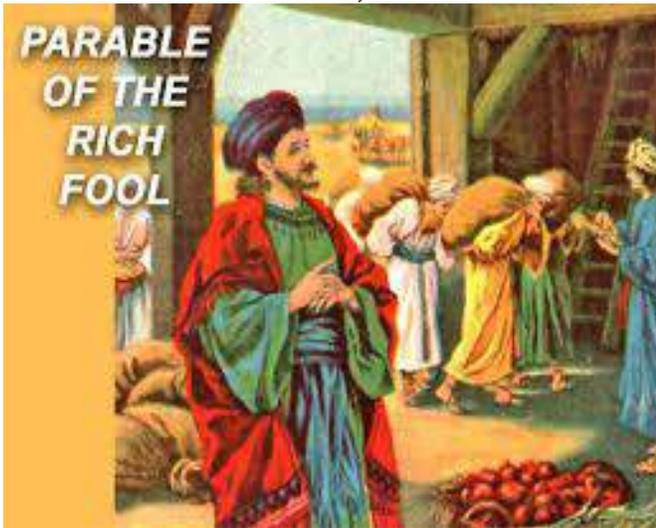
Perpetual Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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.



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 2025**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of August 3 – August 10

SAT:	5:30pm	Caterina Svizzera
SUN:	7:00am	Abraham Joseph
	9:00am	Betty Ogden; Angela (Lina) Giunpa-Caputo
LATIN:	10:15am	Connie Applegate
	11:30am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
MON:	8:00am	John Vacirca
TUES:	8:00am	Thomas G. Szigethy
WED:	8:00am	Vincenzo Cassano
	7:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –
THU:	8:00am	Lucrezia, Eugenio & Antonio Fotino
FRI:	8:00am	Lou Wengenroth
SAT:	8:00am	Anita Fulciniti Mozilo
	5:30pm	Joeph & Pauline Polito
SUN:	7:00am	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
	9:00am	Rita & Felice Sorice; James Higgins
LATIN:	10:15am	Richard “Buddy” Scarano
	11:30am	Teresa Varasco
	1:00pm	– <i>por los difuntos</i> –

+ PRAY FOR +

All deceased parishioners

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



MASSES

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



Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. You may call to make an appointment to register your children. Registration is not automatic and must be renewed each year. 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

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Many years ago, a man who was a fireman, called to say that his shift was always changing but that he wanted to help with adoration. While he couldn't commit to an hour, he asked if he could be a substitute. If we needed someone to fill in for an hour during the week we could give him a call. Most times it worked out that he had the day off and he was happy to fill in. It was a great blessing as he could take an hour during the day or sometimes at night. He eventually retired ...and became a Guardian.

Similarly, there was a Grandmother who was never quite sure when she would have to watch little ones. She was unable to drive at night but was willing to substitute during the day. It was very helpful to be able to call her for morning or afternoon hours.

A school teacher was available to substitute during the summer months! Again, a true gift.

If you have various shifts at work, perhaps you might consider being a substitute. If we need coverage for an hour, we would give you a call to see if you could cover it. Having a list of willing substitutes that we can try in an emergency would be a great help in assuring we have all hours covered each day. And Jesus knows the sacrifice that is made by someone who steps in for an hour.

You can always sign up to be a Guardian or a substitute. Call **Marty** or **Clarice Suchy** at 845-692-4510. You need only to commit to one hour of Adoration each week. It is a privilege to come and be with Jesus for your specific hour. Come and give glory to our Eucharistic Lord!

Hour of Urgent Need

Saturday morning: Midnight – 1AM

Hours in need of Additional Guardians

6-7 AM: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

2-3 PM: 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:

- Aug 2: Vocations, Seminarians**
- Aug 3: Pope Leo XIV**
- Aug 4: Rev. Thomas Zalewski, O.Carm.
Rev. Timothy Ennis**
- Aug 5: Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Deacon Richard Trapani**
- Aug 6: Rev. Robert Traudt, O.Carm.
Rev. Gregoire Fluet**
- Aug 7: Rev. Charles Chukwuani
Deacon Alexander Gapay**
- Aug 8: Rev. Vincent Odikanoro
Rev. Mark Connell**
- Aug 9: Ill and suffering priests and deacons**
- Aug 10: Cardinal Dolan**

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
NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 9 & 10**

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

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;
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