

June 25, 2023: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FATHER JUAN PABLO

What a JOY for a large number of our parishioners to be present at the Ordination Mass of Father Juan Pablo last Saturday . The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception , the second largest Catholic Church in our country , was packed! Our parishioners had the best seats, as Deacon Juan Pablo had reserved seats for us in front... Father Juan Pablo had served our parish since May 2022, first as Summer Seminarian and then as Deacon throughout the year. He had truly loved our parishioners . He had touched many people he interacted with. He served us in many different ways. He enjoyed teaching our seventh graders on Sundays . He enjoyed baptizing a large number of children. He preached the Good News of the Gospel at many of our week-end Masses. He was always ready to help us with the major events taking place in our parish.

Father Juan Pablo will also be remembered for having planned and implemented (together with Seminarian Isaac) two new sacristies last Summer. Also, his legacy includes promoting the Liturgy of the Hours at OLHOC... Thanks to him, we now have a dedicated group of parishioners praying the MORNING PRAYER together every weekday at 8 am in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This group includes a core of 8 people. It has reached 12 on some occasions. We pray that it will continue growing as the prayer of the Psalms is so powerful, especially when done in community. Hearing and chewing the Word of God can transform us. It can also unite us as a community. Father Juan Pablo has also been effective in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. He organized and led a HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS on the First Thursday of June.

I could write much more about Father Juan Pablo. I would like simply to highlight the JOY for all of us to have had him celebrate his First Mass at OLHOC last Sunday. Our church was packed. The front pews were reserved for the 30 members of his family and friends who came all the way from Ecuador to be present at his priestly ordination. This was also FATHERS DAY and to have Father Juan Pablo's father present in the front row was moving ...We could feel the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT within our church. THE JOY of Father Juan Pablo was contagious. I for one was "levitating"! This Mass was truly HEAVEN ON EARTH and I was in Heaven...We also had the surprise of having dozen of young seminarians, and one of them played the organ to accompany Deacon Isaac when SINGING THE GOSPEL.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parish volunteers who made Father Juan Pablo's First Mass so special including our altar boys, our 11:30 am choir, our three Deacons, our Lectors, and last but not least the organizers of the magnificent lunch celebration in the Father Martin Hall...

WE THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF FATHER JUAN PABLO
to our entire parish!

WE PRAY THAT SOME OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND
WOMEN will be inspired by Father Juan Pablo's example and
open their hearts to hear God's Call to the Priesthood or
Religious Life.

One in Christ,

Fr. Alain



***We are asked to pray for:**

George Gallagher
D'Vaughn Webster
Lynette Washington
David Mesler
Ken Housewright

Zita Walker
Titus Thomas
Andre Walker
Reign T. Young
Anna Caracciolo
Ebehhitale Basil Ahabue

Theodore Veanco Hall
Wanda Lapinski
Tiffany Chase
Monica Halloran
Kathryn & David Newman

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, June 24,

9:00 AM: Dominic & Sarah Andrews

5 :00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Sunday, June 25,

8:30 AM: Paul Wachsmuth

10:00AM: Carolyn Akabogu (+)

11:30 AM: Sarah Dixon (+)

7:00 PM: Juan & Irena Urias (+)

Monday, June 26,

9:00AM: Kathleen Ann Winters (+)

Tuesday, June 27,

9:00AM: Larry Sutton

Wednesday, June 28,

9:00 AM: Milton & Lexi Galvan

7:00PM: James Tyre (+)

Thursday, June 29,

9:00 AM: Anthony Coles

Friday, June 30,

9:00: AM: Olga Perez

Fourth of July Celebration at Our Lady Help of Christians

Please plan to come and celebrate the 4th of July holiday with your OLHC Parish Family. We are once again planning to have our annual parish 4th of July event at OLHC on July 4, 2023. We will have mass, a concert featuring Libation, and a cook out with burgers and hotdogs and fun and games.

4 PM Outdoor Mass

5-7 PM Music and Games

6-8 PM Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided (please bring a side dish, drinks, or dessert to share in addition)

We are looking for volunteers for set up and break down and voices and any other instruments to help with music at the Mass!

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email office@olhcc.org.

Mass Readings for July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

2 Kings :8-11, 14-16a

***Second Reading**

Romans 6:3-4, 8-1

***Gospel**

Matthew 10:37-42

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Help Wanted

Jeannie Jacobs will be leaving in mid-July, we are looking for a replacement to start in July. If you are interested, please give your CV or resume to Father Alain by June 30. Send by email to pastor@olhoc.org, or drop off in a sealed envelope to the office. More information about the position is available on our website– www.olhooc.com

World Youth Day Giving Tree

Sat/Sun June 24-25 the youth going to meet Pope Francis in Portugal this summer will speak at all Masses. There will be a Giving Tree in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to support them.

A gracious thank you to all the benefactors.

A Night with Our Priests and Youth in Concert: Benefit Dinner for WYD 2023 in Portugal

Friday, July 7 at 7PM we will host a dinner accompanied by music entertainment by some youth and priests. (Fr. Jan will play the drums). We ask for RSVP. It is a benefit dinner to support the youth going on the pilgrimage. There will be live and silent auctions, raffles and other opportunities to support the youth.

To reserve a seat, please go to: <https://forms.gle/fmgT8EMpCfzZBYHA>



Outreach News

Our OLHOC Filipino Community cooked up a delicious meal for the June 15 th Shepherd's Table and served around 140 meals. The menu included: chicken afritada (stewed chicken in tomato sauce with carrots and potatoes), vegetable fried rice, lumpia (egg rolls), seasoned green beans and rolls, along with salads and assorted desserts provided by Our Place, Waldorf.

Thank you once again to our Filipino Community: Caesar and Joy Baldonado, Cherrie, Anne and Kyle Marcos, Mariel Salazar, Noah and Abigail Strawberry for providing a wonderful dinner to our neighbors in the community. Our next Outreach meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. All are welcome! The next Shepherds Table will be August 17, 2023. The collection of nonperishable foods for "Sharing Sunday" continues in the Fr. Martin Hall. All donations go to the Food Bank, Women's Shelter, and, Children's Aid.

Thank you all!



French Mass every Sunday 1 pm beginning July 2

By popular demand, the French Mass will be every Sunday at 1 pm beginning July 2. Everyone is invited to enjoy this beautiful Mass! .Don't know French? No problem, we have a booklet that you can follow along with us. Mass is followed by a fellowship lunch in the Narthex



100th Anniversary of the Death of Fr. Narcisse Martin, S.S.

December 31, 1845 - August 6, 1923

Professor, Theologian, Author & Pastor

Serving the people of Waldorf from 1894 - 1923

Current parishes (St Michael Baden with its own mission church
St Dominic's, St Peter's and Our Lady Help of Christians)



Save the date!



August 6th

11:30 AM Memorial Mass

followed by a Festival of Joy

from 12:30 PM - 3 PM

(music, a play about the life of Fr Martin,
delicious food, games for the children & adults...)

For more details visit www.olhoc.org/frmartin



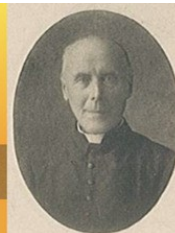
100 Aniversario de la Muerte de Padre Narcisse Martin, S.S.

31 de diciembre, 1845 - 6 de Agosto, 1923

Profesor, Teólogo, Autor y Pastor

Sirviendo al pueblo de Waldorf de 1894 - 1923

Parroquias actuales (San Miguel en Baden con la iglesia misionera
Santo Domingo, San Pedro y Maria Auxiliadora)



Aparte la fecha!



6 de Agosto

11:30 AM Misa en Su Memoria

despues de la Misa El Festival De La Alegria

desde las 12:30 PM - 3 PM

(musica, una Obra acerca de la vida del Padre Martin,
deliciosa comida, juegos para niños y adultos...)

Para mas detalles visite www.olhoc.org/frmartin