

August 12-13, 2023: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **Giving Thanks To God for His Unending Joy!**

I am most grateful to God for all your prayers. They are working. I'm coming home. I now plan to be back in Waldorf in time to join you for the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother.

The last three weeks have been at the same time joyful and challenging. I was so joyful to be able to see my family in California for three days in mid July. I did not expect that on the last day of those three days I would have a stroke. I was planning to be back in time for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Martin on August 6th. God had a different plan.

I spent the last weeks in and out of the hospital due to a stroke. I was discharged on Wednesday, August 2nd, following several ups and downs. I have been able to make significant progress through physical therapy. What a joy to be back home with my family and to be able to walk again with less difficulty, be able to use my left arm, and be able to play the piano again. I continue to regain strength in my legs, left arm and hand.

A greater joy is that I'm coming back to be with you soon. I always considered the parish to be a family of families, with me being part of this family. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to be back with you. I learned from you that God will always protect us when we keep loving Him. I also learned that the most important prayer is that God will give us the Grace to accept His will, not our own will.

Five years ago, I was ready to go back to God when I entered the operation room for an open heart/ triple bypass surgery. God at that time had a different plan. After seven hours of surgery, I woke up and was shocked to find that God had not taken me at that time. I felt the same with my stroke here. I was ready to go to Him, but it seems he wants to give me some more time with you.

Another great joy has been to learn that the Centennial Memorial Mass for Father Martin last Sunday went very well. Though I was not present physically, I was with you in spirit and prayer. I very much appreciated receiving pictures and well wishes from so many of you and a special recording of the entire mass which I enjoyed watching with my family. Our parish was honored to welcome Bishop Roy Campbell as the main Celebrant. I was overjoyed to hear the church was packed, including an overflow in the Narthex. The music was heavenly, including the solo performance by our music director of the World Premiere of the Offertory meditation for organ and soprano, dedicated to the memory of Father Martin. I am most grateful to the organist of St. Matthew's Cathedral to come to our parish and play magnificently on our humble organ. There was great joy and **Unity** shared through the **Eucharist** as we remembered Father Martin and carried on his Legacy. There was so much **Joy** in the reception in the Father Martin hall, with much fellowship among parishioners, including the pilgrims who came from France.

Finally and importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for the hard work, effort, and teamwork by the clergy, staff, and volunteers who put together such a well organized and joyful event. I believe this amazing event is an important milestone in the canonization process of recognizing Father Martin as a Servant of God.

May God help us to continue benefiting from the **Legacy of Father Martin: Intercultural Unity and Joy in the Eucharist!**

*“May Mary, our Patroness Saint, help us on the Feast Day of Her Assumption in our own Consecration to Jesus through Her.”*

**One in Christ,  
Fr. Alain**

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## **Dando Gracias a Dios su Alegria es para siempre!**

Estoy muy agradecido con Dios por todas sus oraciones. Estan funcionando. Voy a regresar a casa. Ahora el plan es regresar a Waldorf justo a tiempo para unirme a la celebracion de la Asuncion de la Santisima Madre.

Estas ultimas tres semanas han sido de tanta alegría como de muchos retos. Estaba tan feliz de ver a mi familia en California por tres dias a mediados de Julio. No esperaba que al final del tercer dia tendria un derrame cerebral. Habia planeado estar de regreso justamente para la celebracion del 100mo. aniversario de la muerte de Padre Martin el 6 de Agosto. Dios tenia un plan diferente. He pasado estas ultimas semanas saliendo y entrando del hospital debido al derrame. Me dieron salida el Miercoles, 2 de Agosto, despues de varias recaidas. He logrado progresos significativos a traves de la fisioterapia. Fue una gran alegría regresar a casa con mi familia y poder caminar con menos dificultad, he podido usar mi brazo izquierdo, y tocar el piano de nuevo. He continuado ganando fuerza en mis piernas, brazo y mano izquierda.

Una gran alegría que siento es de volver y estar con ustedes pronto. Siempre he considerado a la parroquia como la familia de familias, conmigo siendo parte de esta familia. Le doy gracias a Dios por darme la oportunidad de volver con ustedes. He aprendido de ustedes que Dios siempre nos protegerá si nos mantenemos amandolo. Tambien he aprendido que la oración mas importante es que Dios nos conceda la gracia de aceptar su Voluntad, no la nuestra.

Hace 5 años, estaba listo para volver a Dios cuando entre a la sala de operaciones para una cirugía de corazón abierto para una revascularización quirúrgica. Dios tenía un plan diferente esa vez. Despues de siete horas de cirugía, me desperte y me sorprendí de que Dios no me había llevado esa vez. Senti lo mismo con mi derrame aquí. Estaba listo para irme con El, pero parece que El quiere darme un poco mas de tiempo con ustedes.

Otra gran alegría fue saber que la celebración de la Misa en Memoria del Centenario del Padre Martin el domingo pasado estuvo muy bien. A pesar de que no estaba físicamente presente, estaba con ustedes en espíritu y oración. Aprecio mucho el recibir fotografías y buenos deseos de muchos de ustedes y una grabación especial de toda la Misa, la cual disfrute mucho viendo con mi familia.

Nuestra Parroquia tuvo el honor de darle la bienvenida al Obispo Roy Campbell como celebrante principal. Estaba muy contento de saber que la Iglesia estaba llena, incluyendo un gran grupo en la entrada. La música fue celestial, incluyendo la presentación del Solo por nuestra directora de Música de la Premiere Mundial de la Meditación del Ofertorio por órgano y soprano, dedicado a la memoria del padre Martin. Estoy tan agradecido con el Organista de la Catedral de San Mateo por venir a nuestra Parroquia y tocar magníficamente en nuestro humilde órgano. Hubo gran alegría y Unidad compartida a través de la Eucaristía cuando recordamos al Padre Martin y su legado. Hubo mucha más alegría en la recepción en el salón Padre Martin, con tanta fraternidad entre los parroquianos, incluyendo los peregrinos quienes vinieron de Francia.

Final e importante, Me gustaría tener la oportunidad para expresar mi sentida aprecio por todo el trabajo duro, esfuerzo, y trabajo en equipo del clero, personal y los voluntarios quienes llevaron a cabo tan bien organizado y alegre evento. Creo que este evento es una pieza importante en el proceso de canonización para reconocer a Padre Martin como Siervo de Dios.

Que Dios nos ayude a continuar beneficiandonos del Legado de Padre Martin:

**Unidad Intercultural y Alegría en la Eucaristía!**

*“Que María, nuestra Santa Patrona, nos ayude en la Fiesta de su Asunción con nuestra propia consagración a Jesús a través de ella”*

Uno en Cristo,  
*Fr. Alain*

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

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

Carolyn Thomas  
Tiffany Chase  
Monica Halloran  
Kathryn & David Newman  
Andrea Lewis

Father Alain  
Theodore Danneico Hall  
*Names will remain for three months or until healed*



## Mass Intentions this Week

**Saturday, August 12,**  
9:00 AM: Carlos Lam (+)  
5:00 PM: Porfy Nova  
**Sunday, August 13,**  
8:30 AM: Richard Johnson (+)  
10:00AM: OLHOC Parishioners  
11:30 AM: Richard DiLiberto (+)  
1:00 PM: Sr. Helen  
7:00 PM: Fabian Castillo Fortanelli  
**Monday, August 14,**  
9:00AM: In Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, August 15,**  
9:00AM: Christopher Idedevbo  
Noon: William Kwankeu  
7:00 PM: Fr. Alain  
**Wednesday, August 16,**  
9:00 AM: Victorino & Cristina Rosario (+)  
7:00 PM: Jeanne Nolen (+)  
**Thursday, August 17,**  
9:00 AM: Karen Johnson(+)  
**Friday, August 18,**  
9:00: AM: Jesus Flores

## Outreach News

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!



**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@olhoc.org](mailto:office@olhoc.org).

## Mass Readings for August 20, 2023

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#### **\*First Reading**

**Isaiah 56:1,6-7 (118A)**

#### **\*Second Reading**

**Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**

#### **\*Gospel**

**Matthew 15:21-28**

**[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)**



## OLHOC is Hiring!

### **Building Maintenance Person**

**Part-time 5 days  
3 hours/day**  
If interested please see/contact Dick Potter  
potterra28@yahoo.com 607-738-0668 or leave contact information in office.



### **Persona para Mantenimiento del Edificio**

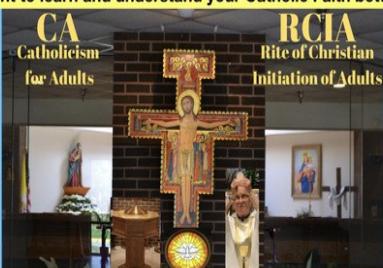
**5 dias  
3 horas/dia**  
Si esta interesado favor vea/hable con Dick Potter  
potterra28@yahoo.com 607-738-0668 o deje su información en la oficina.

Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better?

For more info. or to sign-up please contact Deacon Rich deacon@olhoc.org



**Classes Meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm**

**Location - Fr. Martin Hall**

All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who seek to learn more about God, our Faith & desire to enter the Christian faith!

## OLLC Early Learning Center Giving Tree

Please visit our Giving Tree across from the office to help the Early Learning Center.



### **Giving Tree/Supplies:**

Tissues  
Paper Towels  
Napkins  
Kitchen Trash Bags for the classroom  
Unscented Baby Wipes  
Zip Lock Bags  
(snack, sandwich, gallon, 2 gallon)  
Glue Sticks



## Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Esta interesado en unirse o aprender sobre la Iglesia Catolica por primera vez? Desea completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Eucaristia y/o Confirmacion) Quiere aprender o entender mejor la Fe Catolica El Programa del RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana) disenado para 18 años y adultos. Empezamos el 27 de Agosto 2023

Informacion con Milton Galvan/ Maria Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salon 103



## Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

### CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website [www.olhoc.org/re](http://www.olhoc.org/re)

(?'s, contact Sr Rosario sister@olhoc.org)



### NEW CCD Sessions for 2023-2024

**Sundays** Session 1 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM) (for students in 1st & 7th grade, RCIC 1A & RCIC 2A)  
Session 2 (10 AM - 11 AM) (for students in PK/K, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th)

**Mondays** Session 3 (5:45 PM - 6:45 PM for students in RCIC 1B & RCIC 2B)  
Session 4 (7 PM- 8 PM) for students in PK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th)

**Registration for First Holy Communion 2023-2024 is open**  
visit [www.olhoc.org/1communion](http://www.olhoc.org/1communion)

**Registration for Confirmation 2023-2024 is open**  
visit [www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1](http://www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1)



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### Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer

Mary, Queen assumed into heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen

### Mass Scheduled for August 15, 2023

**9:00 am – 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm**

### Oracion para Nuestra Senora de la Asuncion

Sta. Maria Reina asunta al Cielo. Me allegro que despues de muchos anos de heroico martirio en la tierra, al final has sido llevada al trono preparado para Ti en el Cielo por la Santisima Trinidad.

Eleva mi corazon contigo en la gloria de tu Asuncion sobre el terrible toque del pecado e impureza. Enseñame como la tierra es tan pequena cuando se ve desde el cielo. Ayudame a entender que la muerte es la Puerta triunfante por la cual pasare hacia Tu Hijo, y que un dia mi cuerpo se reunira con mi alma en una eterna bendicion en el Cielo.

Desde esta tierra, donde estoy como peregrino. Busco tu auxilio, y te pido por este favor: (Mencione su peticion).

Cuando la hora de mi muerte llegue, guíame Segura hacia la presencia de Jesus para disfrutar de la vision de Dios por toda la eternidad junto a Ti

