

August 26-27, 2023: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWED !

Each one of us, including myself, needs to be **Renewed!** What does it mean to be **Renewed?**

Every day is a **New Day!** Every day, God is asking each one of us to enter into a **renewed relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ!** **Jesus** is the only one who can bring us a sustained **peace** and **joy** into our hearts. When our hearts are troubled, we are not doing God's Will. We are not at peace. We are doing our own will, focusing on ourselves, focusing on making more money so that we can do whatever we want, focusing on pleasure, comfort, ignoring the real needs of those near us. Even worse, we may be telling lies about others so as to justify our own self-centered actions, desiring more power, more control over people around us, including our own families, our co-workers, our close friends, or even within our own parish, the family of families. All this is human. Since the Fall of Adam and Eve, that attraction to desire to be our own god, is the greatest desire of Satan, the Devil. He loves to promote divisions, especially in the family, the nucleus and center of our society. He loves to divide the Church, the Universal Church, the Catholic Church. He loves to promote lies, doubts, divisions. The Devil works through individuals who do not even know he has become their master. We may be at times surrounded by sheep who are wolves inside. But God loves each one of us and when we are truly with God, we cannot fear any evil spirit. Jesus has already won the victory over the devil by His Passion, Death and Resurrection! He tells each one of us: "**Do Not Be Afraid!**" Each one of us can be **renewed in the Eucharist!**

As you know, I have gone through five difficult weeks. God gave me a clear message. God gave me a clear message. I cannot continue to spend every day from 6 am through midnight being involved in many parish activities with great intensity and passion, but also stressing people around me, being impatient, irritable, and never taking time off. I was in the habit of always rushing, as I did from April through mid-July: four different flying travel trips, including a 3-day mini-pilgrimage to Louisiana (organized by Deacon Bill), while attending the installation of Bishop Dorsonville (as the Ordinary in charge of Houma-Thibodeau Diocese) before Easter; a one- week pilgrimage with five parishioners to France right after Easter (which I organized); a 3-day trip to Ecuador to attend the first Masses of our former seminarian, Fr. Juan Pablo in his home country; and finally, a 3-day trip/vacation to California to visit my own family, July 17-19.

And then..on July 19, the day I was to take the red-eye night flight back to Waldorf, God gave me a strong message: He humbled me. I had to slow down. I had a stroke! I could not return in time to participate in the August 6 Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the death of Father Martin, an event I had helped to prepare for several weeks, an event that was to be a most important celebration in our parish!

Yes, God asked me to slow down. But He was kind to me. He listened to all of your prayers. He allowed me to begin my recovery surrounded by my own family! He gave me a quick path to return to parish activities, which I began this past Monday with my first Mass at our church. He also gave me a full week of spiritual retreat last week, and time to think. He gave me the inspiration to focus on **being renewed**, not only for myself, but for each of us worshipping at OLHOC!

"Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ, Source of our Healing and Hope" is the central **theme** of the **National Eucharistic Revival** launched by the United States Bishops' Conference in June 2021. We just completed the first year of this three year program. The program in the first year (June 2021-June 2022) focused on activities to be taken at the Diocesan level. The second year that has just begun focuses entirely upon the parish level. It is now up to each parish to take the initiative for its' own Eucharistic Revival and Renewal. We had already focused on the Eucharist, as we had a **Eucharistic Miracle** on April 23, 2021 (see our website). I am writing you today so that each parishioner can provide us with their input over the next two weeks. You are invited to read more about the National Eucharistic Revival on our website. Your input/suggestions (sent to office@olhoc.org or pastor@olhoc.org) will be discussed at our Parish Council. I will then come back to you with a few focused activities to be implemented through July 2024.

The third and last year of the National Eucharistic Revival will begin with **Eucharistic Congress X**, held in **Indianapolis, IN, on July 17-21, 2024**, and will prepare participating parishes to have their own evangelization plan being put into place/practice. This will be a **missionary** approach reaching out to lapsed Catholics and people no longer in relationship with Christ. Deacon Bill and I plan to attend this Tenth Eucharistic Congress held in our country, the first one to be held in the last 50 years. This will be our parish "**Renewed**" pilgrimage, involving individual parishioners representing different groups (CCD, Youth, Home, Marian Group, Mens' group, etc.). If you are interested in participating in the Pilgrimage to Indianapolis (for the Eucharist, not the 500 race), let the OLHOC office, Deacon Bill, or me know by September 15, 2023.

"Heavenly Father, help each one of us to be renewed in the Eucharist, to be renewed in our relationship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be united with everyone in our parish. Help transform all of us into Intentional Disciples of Christ. Keep pouring Your blessing upon OLHOC! Keep us united in Christ!"

One in Christ,

Fr. Alain

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RENOVADO!

Todos nosotros, incluyendome, Necesitamos ser RENOVADOS!

Que significa ser RENOVADOS ?

Cada dia es un NUEVO DIA!

Cada dia Dios esta pidiendonos que entremos en una RELACION RENOVADA CON NUESTRO SENOR JESUCRISTO ! JESUS es el unico que puede darnos una PAZ y ALEGRIA constante en nuestros corazones.

Cuando nuestros corazones estan llenos de problemas, no estamos haciendo la voluntad de Dios. No estamos en paz. Estamos haciendo nuestra voluntad, solo pensando en nosotros mismos, tratando de hacer mas dinero para poder hacer lo que queremos, placer, comodidad, ignorando las verdaderas necesidades de los que estan a nuestro lado, siendo envidiosos y celosos del exito de otros o peor que eso diciendo mentiras sobre otros para justificar nuestras acciones egoistas, deseando mas poder, controlando a la gente a nuestro alrededor, incluyendo a nuestra familia, nuestro lugar de trabajo, nuestros amigos cercanos, incluso dentro de nuestra parroquia, la familia de familias. Todo esto es humano, Desde la caida de Adan y Eva, la atraccion de ser nuestro propio dios, es el gran deseo de Satanas, el diablo. Le encanta causar divisiones, especialmente en la familia, el nucleo, el centro de nuestra sociedad. Le encanta dividir a la Iglesia, la Iglesia Universal, la Iglesia Catolica. Le encanta promover mentiras, dudas y divisiones. El diablo trabaja a traves de gente que ni siquiera sabe quien es su Señor. A veces estamos rodeados por lobos disfrazados de ovejas...

Pero Dios nos ama a todos y cuando estamos verdaderamente con El no tenemos miedo de cualquier espíritu maligno. Jesus ya esta victorioso sobre el demonio a traves de su pasion, muerte y Resurreccion ! El nos dice a todos hoy :NO TENGAN MIEDO !

Todos podemos ser RENOVADOS EN LA EUCHARISTIA !

Como ustedes saben he tenido cinco semanas muy difíciles. Dios me ha dado un mensaje muy claro. Ya no puedo continuar estando involucrado en las actividades de la Parroquia desde las 6 am hasta la medianoche con tanta intensidad y pasion, y tambien causandole estress a la gente a mi alrededor, siendo impaciente, irritable y nunca tomando tiempo de descanso . He tenido el habito de estar siempre apurado como lo hice desde Abril hasta mediados de Julio : cuatro viajes diferentes, incluyendo mini peregrinajes de tres dias a Luisiana organizado por el Diacono Bill, Mientras asistiamos al nombramiento del Obispo Doprsonville, como Ordenario a cargo de la Diocesis de Houma -Thibodeau antes de la Pascua, un peregrinaje de una semana con cinco parroquianos a Francia justamente despues de Pascua (el cual yo organize), un viaje de tres dias a Ecuador para asistir a la primera Misa de nuestro anterior seminarista Padre Juan Pablo en su pais de origen, y finalmente tres dias de vacaciones a California a visitar mi familia del 17 al 19 de Julio...

Y entonces...el 19 de Julio, el dia que iba a tomar el vuelo de ultimo momento de regreso a Waldorf , Dios me dio un mensaje muy fuerte: Me humillo. Tengo que ir mas despacio .Tuve un derrame cerebral !

No pude regresar a tiempo para participar en la celebracion del 6 de Agosto para el Aniversario del Centenario de la Muerte de Padre Martin! Un evento que ayude a preparar por varias semanas que iba a ser uno de los mas importantes en nuestra parroquia.

Si, Dios me pido que vaya mas despacio. Pero el fue bondadoso conmigo. El escuchó todas sus oraciones. El me permitió empezar mi recuperación rodeado por mi familia! El me concedió un camino rápido para regresar a las actividades de la parroquia, las que empecé la semana pasada con mi primera Misa en la Iglesia. También me concedió una semana entera de retiro espiritual, tiempo para pensar. El me dio la inspiración para poner en **SER RENOVADO**, no solo yo , sino que para todos los que participamos en María Auxiliadora!.

"Una creación nueva por el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, Recurso de nuestra Sanación y Esperanza" este es el tema central **de LA REAVIVACIÓN EUCHARÍSTICA NACIONAL** que fue lanzada por la conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos en Junio del 2021.

Apenas hemos completado el primera año de este Programa de tres años. El programa en el primer año (Junio 2021-Junio 2022) enfocado en las actividades que tomarían lugar a nivel diocesano. El Segundo año empezaría enfocándose completamente a nivel parroquial.

Ahora depende de cada parroquia de tomar la iniciativa de su propia reavivación Eucarística. Ya estamos enfocados en la **EUCARISTIA** como ya tenemos el **MILAGRO EUCHARÍSTICO** El 23 de Abril del 2021 (Vea nuestra página de Internet). Estoy escribiéndoles hoy para que cada parroquiano pueda darnos algunas ideas en las próximas dos semanas. Lo invito a leer más acerca de la Reavivación Eucarística nacional en nuestra página de internet . Sus ideas y sugerencias (envíenlo a office@olhc.org o pastor@olhc.org) que las discutiremos en el Concejo Parroquial. Y me comunicare con ustedes con actividades que serán implementadas en Julio del 2024 .

La tercera y última parte de la Reavivación Eucarística nacional comenzará con el Congreso Eucarístico que se llevará a cabo en Indianapolis, IN del 17-21 de Julio, 2024 y preparar las parroquias participantes a tener su propio plan de evangelización para ponerlo en práctica. Esto será una presentación **Misionera** que buscara a Católicos en pausa y gente que ya no tiene una relación con Cristo. El Diacono Bill y Yo planeamos asistir a este décimo congreso Eucartístico en nuestro país, el primero en los últimos 50 años. Este será un **Renovado** peregrinaje, involucrando parroquianos que representarán diferentes grupos (Catequesis, Jóvenes, Los de Casa, El Grupo Mariano, Hombres, etc.) Si están interesados en participar en el Peregrinaje a Indianapolis (por la Eucaristía , no por la Carrera), por favor avísele a la oficina, Diaconoo Bill, o a mí hasta el 15 de Septiembre , 2023.

"Padre Celestial, ayúda a cada uno de nosotros a ser renovado en la Eucaristía, en renovar nuestra relación con Tu Hijo, Jesucristo, Unidos con todos en nuestra parroquia. Ayudanos a transformarnos en Discípulos intencionales de Cristo. Manténnos derramando Tus bendiciones sobre María Auxiliadora! Manténnos Unidos en Cristo!"

Uno en Cristo,

Padre 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
Tess Franch
Margaret Ferguson
Mary Ott

Bonnie Mesler
Gloria Bravo

Names will remain for three months or until healed



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, August 26,

9:00 AM: Adelaida Santos (+)
5:00 PM: Peter Nikolai(+)

Sunday, August 27,

8:30 AM: Gabriel Auza(+)
10:00AM: Lorrin Green (+)
11:30 AM: Jaymee Calma
1:00 PM: Heather Trotter
7:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Monday, August 28,

9:00AM: Arit & Chris Idedevbo & Family

Tuesday, August 29,

9:00AM: Daniel Jaghab

Wednesday, August 30,

9:00 AM: Cosette Nolen

7:00 PM: Monique Truxon Makle(+)

Thursday, August 31,

9:00 AM: Miles Torreyson (+)

Friday, September 1,

9:00: AM: Pregnant Women

Outreach News

Our Shepherd's Table menu was a big hit! Approximately 165 meals of "Frank's World Famous Sloopy Joe's" were prepared and distributed on August 17th. Many thanks to our menu coordinators Dianne and Frank Soloninka and all of our OLHOC volunteers who worked to make it a big success.

Our next Outreach meeting will be September 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall. Meetings last no longer than 1 hour. Everyone is welcome!

The next Shepherds Table will be October 19, 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 in Waldorf.

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.

Mass Readings for September 3, 2023

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*First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9 (124A)

*Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

*Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

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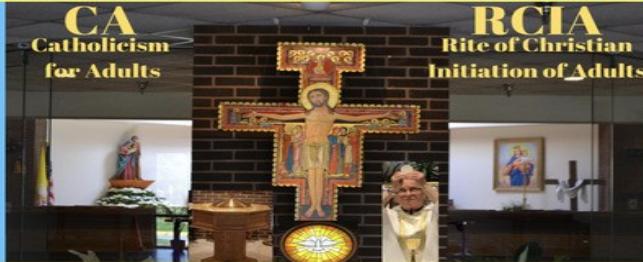


Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

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



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

Classes Meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm
Location - Fr. Martin Hall

All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

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

Información con Milton Galvan/ María Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salón 103

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



Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website 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

Registration for Confirmation
2023-2024 is open visit
www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1



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Attention:

**The Morning Scripture Group
will resume in September!**



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