

October 14-15, 2023: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FROM PADRE PIO TO BISHOP MENJIVAR

From Relics to Latino Festival!

First, Padre Pio came to us in October 7. Last Saturday was one of the most spiritual and powerful events ever held at OLHOC with the Veneration of Padre Pio's Relics from 8 am through 7 pm; it was also the Celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day.

There was a sense of **awe**. One could feel the presence of one of the most famous and powerful Saints of modern times. There was excitement -over 30 volunteers were there starting at 7 am making sure that it would be a most beautiful day for all coming to pray and venerate the relics of one of the giants of contemporary Saints.

At the same time our patroness Our Lady Help of Christians was smiling upon us as we celebrated her **Feast Day: Our Lady of the Rosary**.

The **Holy Spirit** was present as well. Of the hundreds of people (more than 800 hundred attended), some people were in shock. One was weeping profusely as if a heavy burden had been lifted. A teenager became open to sharing with his peers about his sufferings as he had never done before. Some were healed emotionally , physically and spiritually. Entire families with children came to pray together and receive special blessings . I, for one, was nearly levitating to experience such a prayerful gathering. I felt completely cured of the effects of my recent stroke—no more need to use a staff to avoid falling when climbing stairs , no more fear of losing balance when walking .

By 9 am the Church was completely packed to participate in the Eucharistic Celebration with our Vicar for ADW Clergy, Most Reverend Father Anthony Lickteig. **Padre Pio loved the Eucharist!** He spent hours in prayer before Mass and often entered into ecstasy while Celebrating the Eucharist - an inspiration for our parish as we have entered into the **Year of Renewed: Renewed in the Eucharist, Renewed in Christ!**

Father Anthony's homily was most inspirational . Despite the large crowd, one could hear a pin drop ! He was able to link all the various celebrations happening on that golden day : the **First Saturday Devotion, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, and Veneration of the Five Relics of Padre Pio**. He also referred to the origin of the Feast of the Rosary, October 7, 1571, the day of the great naval Victory of the Pope's Allies against the more numerous Turks . Also, for the first time, Our Lady Help of Christians was added to the Loretto Litany on October 7, and it is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Victory.

More celebration to come! We are welcoming **Bishop Evelio Menjivar** to lead us in the **12th Anniversary of Our Hispanic Ministry at OLHOC!** We are very happy to welcome His excellency, Bishop Evelio Menjivar, who will preside over the 7 pm Spanish Mass this **Sunday, October 15**.

Join the Bishop and your fellow parishioners at the **joyful reception** that will follow the Mass! The reception will include the typical dishes from all the Spanish-speaking countries represented in our parish, music by our choir and soloist, as well as a traditional Salvadorian dance by our children and a Peruvian Dance "La Marinera" whose are excited to present their program.

The 12th Anniversary Celebration will begin at 5:30 pm, Adoration and the Rosary, then at 6 pm, a Eucharistic procession. The Mass will begin at 7:00 pm, and the Celebration Reception will follow at 8:00 pm. Everybody is welcome! I will have more to share about the celebration next week's column.

We, at OLHOC, have been praying for 13 year old Abraham . Many prayed for him during the veneration of the Padre Pio Relics.

"Let us pray with confidence to God for the healing of Abraham Ugues through the intercession of Fr. Narcisse Martin, Seminary Professor, Theologian and Pastor a century ago, serving the people of Waldorf, Baden, and Aquasco (1894-1923), and whose canonization process is under consideration by Cardinal Wilton Gregory. Together, and in union with Abraham, we say the "Our Father" prayer that Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us. Amen."

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain



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DEL PADRE PIO AL OBISPO MENJIVAR

De las Reliquias a la Fiesta Latina!

Primero, Padre Pio nos visito el 7 de Octubre. El Sabado pasado fue uno de los eventos poderosos y espirituales que hayamos tenido en Maria Auxiliadora con la Veneracion de las Reliquias de Padre Pio desde las 8 am hasta las 7 pm; tambien fue la Celebracion de la Festividad de Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

Habia una sensacion de **asombro**. Se podia sentir la presencia del poderoso y famoso Santo de estos tiempos modernos. Habia mucha emocion —mas de 30 voluntarios estuvieron desde las 7 am asegurandose de que fuera el dia mas hermoso para todos los que vinieran a orar y venerar las reliquias de este gran Santo. Al mismo tiempo nuestra Santa Patrona Maria Auxiliadora estaba sonriendonos cuando celebrabamos su **Festividad: Nuestra Sra. Del Rosario**.

El **Espirito Santo** estaba presente tambien. De los cientos de personas (asistieron mas de 800), algunos estaban impresionados. Otro estaba llorando tanto que parecia que se le habia quitado un gran peso de encima. Un Adolescente estuvo compartiendo con sus compañeros los sufrimientos que ha estado teniendo como nunca antes. Algunos fueron curados emocional, fisica y espiritualmente. Familias enteras vinieron a orar juntos y recibir bendiciones especiales. Y yo, estaba casi levitando al ver a la gran multitud orando. Me senti completamente curado de los efectos del derrame que sufri recientemente — ya no hay necesidad de usar el baston para evitar caerme cuando subo escaleras, no mas miedo a perder el equilibrio cuando camino.

A las 9 am la Iglesia estaba completamente llena para participar en la Celebracion Eucaristica con nuestro Vicario del Clero de la Arquidiocesis de Washington, el Reverendisimo Padre Anthony Lickteig. **Padre Pio amaba la Eucaristia!** El pasaba horas en oracion antes de la Misa y con frecuencia entraba en extasis mientras celebraba la Eucaristia- una inspiracion para nuestra parroquia ahora que estamos entrando en el **Año de la Renovacion: Renovado en la Eucaristia, Renovado en Cristo!**

La homilia de Padre Anthony fue inspiradora . A pesar de la multitud, se podia escuchar la caida de un alfiler ! Habilmente unio varias celebraciones en este dorado dia : la **Devucion del Primer Sabado, la Festividad de Nuestra Sra. Del Rosario, la Festividad de Maria Auxiliadora, y la Veneracion de las Cinco Reliquias del Padre Pio.** Tambien explico el origen de la Celebracion de la Festividad del Rosario, el 7 de Octubre de 1571, el dia de la batalla naval de la Victoria

de los aliados del Papa contra el gran numero de Turcos. Asi tambien, por primera vez, Maria Auxiliadora fue agregada a la Letania de Loreto el mismo 7 de Octubre, y tambien era la Festividad de Nuestra Sra. De la Victoria.

Y vienen mas celebraciones! Estamos dandole la bienvenida al **Obispo Evelio Menjivar** quien dirigira el **12^{vo} Aniversario de nuestro Ministerio Hispano aqui en Maria Auxiliadora!** Estamos felices de darle la bienvenida a Su excelencia, el Obispo Evelio Menjivar, quien presidia la Misa en Espanol de las 7 pm este **Domingo, 15 de Octubre.**

Unase a la **alegre recepcion** que tendremos junto al Obispo y sus demas amigos parroquianos despues de la Misa! La recepcion incluira comida tipica de cada pais de habla española que tenemos en la parroquia, musica por el coro y solos, tambien Bailes tradicionales del Salvador presentados por nuestros niños y una danza de Peru La Marinera, todos estan muy emocionados de presentarse en el programa.

La Celebracion del 12^{vo} Aniversario empezara a las 5:30 pm, con Adoracion y el Rosario, seguida de la Procesion del Santisimo a las 6 pm, La Misa empezara a las 7:00 pm, y al terminar sera la Recepcion a las 8:00 pm. Todos son bienvenidos! Tengo mucho mas que compartir acerca de la celebracion en la columna de la proxima semana.

Nosotros, aqui en Maria Auxiliadora hemos estado orando por Abraham de 13 años de edad, Muchos han orado por el durante la veneracion a las Reliquias de Padre Pio.

“Oremos confiados en Dios por la curacion de Abraham Uges a traves de la intercesion de Padre Narciso Martin, Profesor del Seminario, Teologo y Pastor hace un siglo, quien sirvio a la poblacion de Waldorf, Baden, y Aquasco (1894-1923). De quien su proceso de canonizacion esta bajo consideracion por el Cardenal Wilton Gregory. Juntos, en union con Abraham, decimos, la oracion del “Padre nuestro” que el Señor Jesucristo nos enseño. Amen”

Uno en Cristo,

Padre Alain



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

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

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

Father Alain
Theodore Danneico Hall
Tess Franch
Margaret Ferguson
Mary Ott

Mirna Eugofoama
Ollie Johnson
Mike Sofield, Sr.



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, October 14,

9:00 AM: Monica Anderson (+)
5:00 PM: Benoit Ouedraogo

Sunday, October 15,

8:30 AM: Mary Congel
10:00AM: OLHOC Parishioners
11:30 AM: Jenni Diliberto(+)
1:00 PM: Dr. & Mrs. Francouer & Melanie Magloire(+)
7:00 PM: Keiry Urrutia
Monday, October 16,
9:00AM: Lydia Anderson

Tuesday, October 17,
9:00AM: Wilbur Etbauer (+)

Wednesday, October 18,
9:00 AM: Rode Y Varnell
7:00 PM: Eduardo Garcia (+)
Thursday, October 19,
9:00 AM: Lorrin Green (+)
Friday, October 20,
9:00: AM: Milton Galvan, Jr.

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be November 1st, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall.

Meetings last no longer than 1 hour. Everyone is welcome!

Shepherd's Table will on October 19, 2023. Volunteers are needed. If you can help please contact Frank Soloninka at 301-848-1823

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.



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, Prayer group in Spanish.

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 October 22, 2023

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***First Reading**

Isaiah 45:4-6 (14A)

***Second Reading**

Thessalonians 1:1-5b

***Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-21

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OLHOC is Hiring!

Basic Criteria for Selection include:

- Experience in management & administration
- Strong people skills
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality
- Proficient in computer & media skills
- Office Communication skills (verbal & written)
- Working knowledge of Spanish language desirable, but not necessary
- A strong Catholic Faith & commitment to evangelization

Office Manager

If you are interested, please submit your CV or resume to Fr. Alain by October 26th.

Send by email to pastor@olhoc.org or drop off in a sealed envelope to the office.

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Saturday, October 28th

OUR LADY'S FUN RUN WALK/VIRTUAL

7 AM Mass

7:30 AM Sign-in for all participants

8 AM Run Begins at Mary's Statue!

Health Festival Food/Drinks lots of Family Fun!

\$40 Registration Fee is tax deductible!

Proceeds support the OLHOC Youth Pilgrimage Fund!

Registration fee includes t-shirt, water, snacks, and a great experience! Virtual option includes t-shirt!

www.olhoc.org/funrun



Join us as we celebrate the 12th Anniversary of the OLHOC Hispanic Community with Bishop Evelio Menjivar

Sunday, October 15th

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Rosary & Procession

6:30 PM Welcome of the Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Reception in the Fr. Martin Hall

Volunteers needed please contact Maria Lam or Fr. Jan.

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Stewards of the Earth



Please come help make the Church grounds as beautiful as it is on the inside.



Trae a tus amigos, cuanto más mejor!

Bring your friends, the more the merrier!

Saturday / sabado
October 14th
after the 9 AM Mass
después de la Misa de las 9AM

We will also clean the street in front of the church, St. Thomas Drive & St Ignatius.

Los Guardianes de la Tierra
Ayuda embellecer el terreno de nuestra parroquia
Questions / preguntas: Maria Lam



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

November 4th

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Vendors selling household items, jewelry, gifts, and miscellaneous items are all welcome.

There will also be an Attic Treasures section for flea market items.

For more information, to reserve a table or volunteer, please visit: www.olhoc.com/holidayfair

