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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 A.D.
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, August 15, 2022**

**Masses will be celebrated at:
6:30am, 9:00am, 12 noon and 7:00 pm**

Upcoming Parish Events

8/13	Sat	Confessions 8:30am & 4pm
8/13	Sat	NA 7pm LH
8/14	Sun	K of C Mass 11:30 a.m.
8/15	Mon	Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Masses at 6:30 & 9:00 am, 12 noon & 7pm
8/17	Wed	St. Jude & St. Anthony Novena follows 9am Mass
8/17	Wed	Book Study Group 10:15am LH
8/19	Fri	AA 8pm LH
8/20	Sat	Confessions 8:30am & 4pm
8/20	Sat	NA 7pm LH

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **ST. JOHN PARISH** may be restored to health and that those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Rhyen, Vincent, Jeanne Aimone, Marilyn Badami, Sue Baniel, Chieko Bernard, Pauline Bernard, Alexa Carpenter, Sheila Conroy, Joseph Corbo, Barbara D'Amato, Harold Del-Monte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, James Gonzales, Brendan Horan, Richard Hrbeck, Joanne Kennedy, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyddon, Audrey Maguire, Carolyn McKeon, Michael Marino, Jean Marrano, Traci May, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Dorothy Steffenauer, Maria Uhm, Anne Vaughan, and Adam Villavecchia.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You. For You are God, for ever and ever.

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GOING ON VACATION?

During the Summer months let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives while we travel. Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass schedule throughout the world.

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, ST. PONTIAN, POPE

9:00 AM ALEGRIA DAVENPORT DUNGCA FAMILY
5:00 PM PALKA & LOPEZ FAMILIES CHARLENE & RICH PALKA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM KATHERINE RYBAK BEATRICE RICCIARDI
9:30 AM ANTHONY CIRILLO & DIANE BOLES ELIZABETH CIRILLO
11:30 AM TERRY SARMIENTO JURIS & GUIA CASIMIRO
6:00 PM FELY ESPENILLA NANCY & ED VENTURA

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 AM RENE GAYOL TARA & ELAINE LUPETIN
9:00 AM MARIE ORRICO
12:00 PM KEITH EDWARDS JIM & GAIL O'HARA
7:00 PM LUZ DUNGO THE DUMLAO FAMILY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

9:00 AM BOBBY LUCILA JURIS & GUIA CASIMIRO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, ST. LIBERATUS, ABBOT

9:00 AM COVIELLO FAMILY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, ST. HELENA, EMPRESS

9:00 AM DEC'D. OF GIANNINI FAMILY JAMES T. SCANLON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, ST. JOHN EUCLES, PRIEST

9:00 AM RICH & JANE JOHNS SR. TARA & ELAINE LUPETIN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, ST. BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00 AM MONICA LEE (BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS) MONICA LEE
5:00 PM PAUL PALKA CHARLENE & RICHARD PALKA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM CHAN TIANKANON BARBARA & BARRY DAVIS
9:30 AM ANGELINA & LOUIS RIZK ELAINE LUPETIN
11:30 AM CARMEL & MICHAEL FULLER THE FULLER FAMILY
6:00 PM NERINA PICINIC MIKE & DINA VRKIC

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Nidia M. LaBandeira

Requested by Josephine Cacciola

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
The Markowski Family

Requested by Evelyn & Jerry Solokas

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Rectory and Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

St John's Altar Society

- Altar Society plant fundraiser continues from now until the end of the year. During this time, Metropolitan Plant Exchange will donate \$10 for every \$50 you spend when presenting the coupon (available at the doors of church or you can download from our website). Thank you for your support!
- For more information about the Altar Society or to join, call Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7147 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.



**It is good to be a Christian and know it,
but it is better to be a Christian and show it.**

- 3 - THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Assumption

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

The Dog Days of Summer



The dog days of summer are upon us. Most of us escape and find relief from the extreme heat in air-conditioned surroundings. We are most fortunate. There are those whose financial circumstances prohibit such a luxury as air conditioning. Catholic Charities strives on a daily basis to relieve suffering. Please be part of this effort by contributing to the Donation Bin(s). Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

IT'S IN THE BIBLE

The phrase "*Speak for yourself*", to describe someone who is upset because someone is usurping their rights, comes to us from Acts 26: 1.

DID YOU KNOW?

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.
The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.
Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.
Walt Disney was afraid of mice.
Pearls melt in vinegar.
It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.
A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.

REVERENT CLOTHING

In our much less formal culture, gone are the days of "Sunday best", but have we gone too far with beachwear, gym attire, workout rags and the like at Mass? We are a Church of outward signs; what does your clothing say about your understanding of what happens at Mass? While the Lord loves everyone and accepts us as we are, and there are emergencies, are we giving witness to the sacred nature of the Mass if we just "come as we are"?

Marriage Moment

"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)



Of course my spouse is my closest neighbor; but often, because we are so close, it can be tempting to take each other for granted. Don't overlook your beloved's needs today. Be compassionate.

"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

If you have not done so yet, please visit our website for Registration Form & details. Your registration is important so that we can plan appropriately. Please contact Mirela Tarabokija at religiouseducation@stjohnleonia.org if you have any questions. THANK YOU to those that have already handled their children's registration!

Out of the Mouths of Babes

One Sunday morning, a pastor noticed that a little boy was staring up at a large plaque that hung in the vestibule of the church. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The boy had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up to him and quietly said, “Good morning” to the lad. “Good morning to you,” replied the little boy, who was still focused on the plaque. “What is this? the little boy asked the pastor. “Well, son, it’s a Memorial plaque to all the young men and women who died in the service.” Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. The little boy’s voice quivered as he asked, “Which service was it, the 9:00AM or the 11:00AM service?”

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY

Did you know that every Wednesday after the 9:00AM Mass we have a novena to St. Jude and St. Anthony?

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you’re thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more info., call the Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

Relevant Radio—1430 AM

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

August 14, 2022 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
JER 38:4-6, 8-10; PS 40:2-4, 18; HEB 12:1-4; LK 12:49-53

Today’s readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? “For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross.” If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ’s disciples, we are told, “In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.” In other words, “If you’re not bleeding, what are you complaining about?” That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” A couple of verses later Jesus adds, “Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Jesus’s life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That’s because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

- **Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)**

St John’s Knights of Columbus

All men over the age of 18 are invited to join the St. John’s Parish Knights of Columbus, the world’s largest men’s fraternal organization.



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

St. John’s Tithe Aug 6-7, 2022

Budget: \$ 7,000.00

Sunday Collection: \$ 6,280.00

KIDZ KORNERS ANSWERS

1. The Sistine Chapel
2. Genesis
3. Baptism, Confirmation Eucharist
4. Ten
5. Assumption of Mary

**I have come to set
the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already blazing!**

Luke 12:49

Twentieth
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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Prophets have been described as being on fire with God's message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah's king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own people leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah's king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God's prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God's message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays "of

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go; first of all, in your own home. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next-door neighbor."

~St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Besides the Holy Mass there is nothing more powerful or important we can do, for ourselves or those around us, than praying the Holy Rosary while meditating on Christ's life, death, and glory."

~St. Louis De Montfort

Pentecost." That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit's Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit's fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

Today's Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

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**What we need is
a cup of understanding
a barrel of love and
an ocean of patience.**

KIDZ KORNER

1. Where Cardinals meet to elect a new pope.
2. Book in the Bible about how God created the world.
3. Name the 3 Sacraments of Initiation
4. How many commandments did God give Moses?
5. Which Holy Day of Obligation is in August?

Answers on page four.



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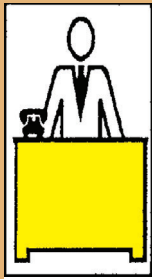
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