

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

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FOCUS ON WITNESS

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Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, humbly proclaim with our beloved Virgin Mary, that we are the servants of the Lord.

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we value and celebrate the diversity of our cultures and strive to be of loving support to one another. We are committed to the sacramental life and Traditions of the Church through worship, prayer, study, and service.

We seek to become true evangelists by continuing to nourish and strengthen our Roman Catholic Faith.

Declaración de la Misión

Nosotros, la comunidad de fe de la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, proclamamos humildemente con nuestra amada Virgen María, que somos siervos del Señor. Enraizados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, valoramos y celebramos la diversidad de nuestras culturas y nos esforzamos amorosamente a darnos apoyo el uno al otro. Por medio del culto, la oración, el estudio y el servicio, estamos comprometidos a la vida sacramental y a las tradiciones de la Iglesia. Buscamos ser verdaderos evangelizadores nutriendo y fortaleciendo nuestra fe Católica Romana.

Marriages / Bodas

Arrangements require a six month period of preparation. Please call the Ministry Center Office. / Reservaciones se requieren seis meses de anticipación para los preparativos.

Quinceañeras

The scheduling for Quinceañeras should be made at least one year in advance. / La reservación de la fecha para una Quinceañera debe ser hecha por lo menos un año de anticipación.

Funerals / Funerales

Please call the Parish Ministry Center Office. / Favor de llamar a la Oficina Ministerial.

Wills / Bequests - Testamento / Legado

Please call the Diocese / Por Favor llame a la Diócesis: 909 475-5300

July 19, 2015



Mass Schedule Horario de las Misas

Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am
12:00 pm en Español
4:30 pm Youth Mass
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Wednesday 8:15 am
Thursday 8:15 am
Friday 8:15 am
First Friday 6:30 pm Mass
Sacred Heart & Santo Niño Devotions

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Sacramento de Reconciliación, Veneración y Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Sábado 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Visiting of the Sick & Home Blessings

If you'd like our priest to visit and anoint a sick family member, or to bless your home, please contact the Parish Office. He will call to arrange a date and time.

Visitas a los Enfermos y Bendición de Hogares

Si le gustaría que nuestro sacerdote vaya a dar la unción a un familiar enfermo, o a bendecir su hogar, por favor hablar a la oficina parroquial. El sacerdote se comunicara con usted para acordar la fecha y la hora.

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Horario de la Oficina Ministerial

Sunday / Domingo: 10am to 12pm
Monday through Friday - 9am to 3pm
Saturday / Sábado - closed / cerrado

Baptisms and Baptism Preparation

Bautizos y Preparación 909 882-2931

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**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2015**

Behold, the days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will raise up
a righteous shoot to David.
— *Jeremiah 23:5a*



**Decimosexto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
19 de julio de 2015**

Viene un tiempo, dice el Señor,
en que haré surgir un renuevo
en el tronco de David.
— *Jeremías 23:5a*

This Week's Mass Intentions

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday 7/18/2015	4:30PM		
Sunday 7/19/2015	8:00AM		
	10:00AM	Mass for the People	
	12:00PM	Hermanos Figueroa - Special Intention	Elidia Zenteno
		Maria De La Rocha - Rest in Peace	Elidia Zenteno
	4:30PM		
Tuesday 7/21/2015	6:30PM		
Wednesday 7/22/2015	8:15AM		
Thursday 7/23/2015	8:15AM		
Friday 7/24/2015	8:15AM		
Saturday 7/25/2015	4:30PM	Mass for the People	

**Perpetual
Light of Christ**

July 19th - Sept. 12th

Fernando Arias

Special Intention

Requested by

Sandra Arias

**Prayer
Requests**

Michelle Acevedo, Don Brimmer, Alejandra Campos, Carmen Cardona, Corey Day, Pat Dittenhaver, Arturo Figueroa, Sr. Fintan, Fr. David Fitzgerald, Diana Fitzgerald, Cecelia Good, Maria G. Hernandez, Sandy Lent, Egor Lisizin, Tina Lopez, Margaret Mauricio, Cathy Mess, Ellen Molina, Marihna Monroe, Patricia y Julia Moya, Pam O'Camb, Martha Pinedo, Christine Preedanon, CJ Reynolds, Joan Sefirt, Derek Sherrier, David Shupe, Ken Sousa and Lee Walker

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — You who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).
Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Apollinaris
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
 Thursday: St. Bridget
 Friday: **St. Sharbel Makhlūf**
 Saturday: St. James

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK



This week is NFP Awareness week. "The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation for men and women—an invitation to let God be God, to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world" (*Married Love and the Gift of Life*).

Read more here about this gift: <http://goo.gl/Nifipe>

PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL

Esta es la semana para conocer la PFN. "La doctrina de la Iglesia sobre la sexualidad marital es una invitación a los hombres y las mujeres — una invitación a permitir que Dios sea Dios, a recibir el don del amor y el cuidado de Dios, y a permitir que este don nos dé forma y nos transforme, para que podamos compartir ese amor el uno con el otro y con el mundo" (*El amor matrimonial y el don de la vida*).

Lee más sobre este don en: <http://goo.gl/M6gY6t>

This Week's Events - Focus on Witness

Date		Time	Event	Location
Sunday	7/19/2015	Morning Masses	Food & Fellowship: Eucharistic Ministers	Parish Hall Kitchen Side
		1:30-2:30PM	Grupo Coordinador Hispano	Mercy Ministry Center
Monday	07/20/15	7:00-9:00PM	Al-Anon	OLA School Library
		7:00-9:00PM	Spanish Baptism Class	OLA School Classroom
		7:00-9:00PM	Sex Addicts Anonymous	Mercy Ministry Center
		7:00-9:00PM	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall Stage Side
Tuesday	7/21/2015	9:00AM - 1:00PM	Fraternidad Catolica Cristiana de Mujeres	Parish Hall Stage Side
		6:30-10:00PM	AYM 4 Christ Core Team Meeting	Parish Hall Kitchen Side
		6:30-9:00PM	OLA Café	Parish Hall Kitchen Side
Wednesday	07/22/15	5:30-6:30PM	8:00 AM - Choir Practice	Church
		6:00-8:00PM	Information Night for New Catechist	Parish Hall Stage Side
Thursday	07/23/15	6:30-9:00PM	El Coro	Church
Friday	07/24/15	6:30-9:00PM	Coro de Niños	Parish Hall Kitchen Side
		7:30-9:00PM	Grupo de Oración "Amor y Fe"	Church
Saturday	7/25/2015	9:00-10:30AM	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Reconciliation Room Church Sanctuary
Sunday	7/26/2015	Morning Masses	Food & Fellowship: FCCW/FCCM	Parish Hall Kitchen Side



Assumption Goodwill donation drive Fundraiser

Acceptable:

- Antiques and Collectibles
- Artwork and Frames
- Audio/Visual Equipment**
- Bedspreads, Blankets, Liners
- Books
- CD's, DVD's, Records and Videos
- Clothing, Shoes, Accessories (Infants to Adult)
- Computers, Printers and Computer Accessories (Working or Not)*
- Cookware, Dishware and Utensils
- Crafts (Packaged Sets)
- Curtains (No Rods or Hardware)
- Electronics including: Radios, Stereos, Small Appliances, etc.**
- Giftware and Knick Knacks
- Glassware
- Hand Tools and Small Power Tools**
- Holiday Decorations
- Jewelry
- Lamps** (With or Without Shades)
- Sporting Goods and Sleeping Bags
- Televisions** (Except Consoles)
- VCR's and DVR's**

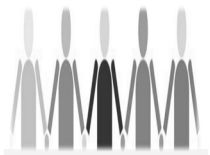
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Unacceptable:

- Automotive Parts/Equipment
- Bed Frames, Head/Footboards
- Bed Pans, Porta-potty's
- Bicycles and Wheeled Toys
- Blinds (Unless in Original Package)
- Bolts of Fabric
- Carpeting, Carpet Pads
- Construction Materials
- Exercise Equipment
- Filtration Systems
- Food
- Furniture (Sofas, Tables, Chairs, Dressers, etc)
- Gas Powered Tools, Landscape Equipment
- Guns, Knives, Bows, Arrows, Ammunition
- Hangers
- Hazardous Products/Waste (Paint, Oil, etc.)
- Hospital Beds, Waterbeds, Air Mattresses
- Infant Cribs, Playpens, Car Seats, Strollers
- Major Household Appliances
- Mattresses, Box Springs, Bed Pillows
- Metal Desks, Metal Filing Cabinets
- Personal Care Items
- Pianos and Organs (In-store Only)
- Pool Tables
- Recyclables (Paper, Glass, Plastic, Aluminum)
- Skis, Ski Boots
- Sofa Beds, Futons
- Water Heaters
- Wheelchairs, Walkers

NO

**Bring
donations
to:
OLA Parish
or School
Offices
Monday thru
Friday
9am to 3pm
and/or
Saturday
& Sunday
Before or
after Mass
Final
Drop-Off
Saturday,
August 1st
8 AM to
12 PM
Parish
Parking Lot**



Food and Fellowship Hosts

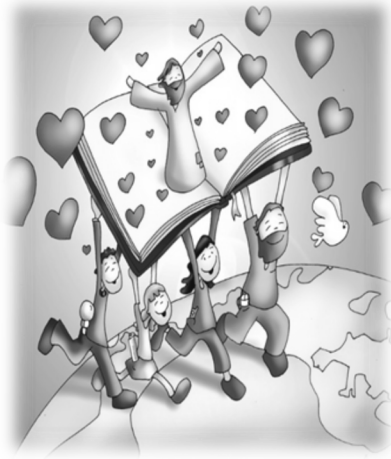
Convivo y Bocadillos

July 19th
Eucharistic
Ministers

July 26th
F.C.C.W./
F.C.C.M.

August 2nd
Social
Concerns

August 9th
Grupo
Coordinador
Hispano



RCIA (CHILDREN)
Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

What is RCIA for children?

The RCIA for children is a process that invites any child, ages 7 to 14, interested in searching the Catholic Faith to discover what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. It is open to un-baptized children, children baptized in another faith, and children who may be baptized but who have not practiced their Catholic faith regularly. Like the RCIA for adults this process is accomplished in a comfortable, friendly and informal environment, but especially designed for children. Separate sessions of Catechesis (education) are presented in dialog format. Certain Rites are celebrated in the church and are combined with the Adults at the same Mass.

RCIA for children is two years of formation and begins Monday, October 5th at 5:30-6:45 pm. An orientation meeting for parents will be September 28th at 5:30 pm.

For more information contact:
 Maria Rivera-Mena (909) 882-2931 Ext. 22

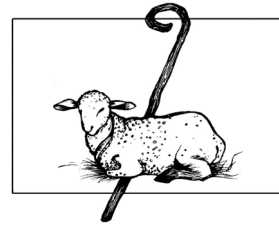
RICA (NINOS(AS))
Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Niños

Que es RICA para niños(as)?

La iniciación cristiana de los niños en edad catequética tiene su referente en el catecumenado de adultos, por eso su modelo es el descrito en el que se indican las adaptaciones propias para un catecumenado de niños. Especialmente, se deberá tener presente la gradualidad, que expresa la dimensión maternal de la Iglesia que acoge y acompaña, y la condición de los destinatarios, en concreto, su edad y situación. La iniciación de los niños, por lo tanto, también se desarrolla durante un proceso adecuado antes de acceder a los sacramentos. En este proceso se distinguen varios tiempos, a la vez que comporta algunos ritos.

RICA para niños(as) es dos años de formación e inicia lunes Octubre 5 a las 5:30-6:45 pm. Reunión de Orientación para padres Septiembre 28 a las 5:30 pm.

Para mas información comunicarse con:
 María Rivera-Mena (909)882-2931 Ext. 22



CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

LA PRESENCIA DE CRISTO EN EL MUNDO

Hay una cierta "conexión" que falta entre las dos primeras oraciones del Evangelio de hoy. En la primera los apóstoles regresan de la misión a la que habían sido enviados de dos en dos ("apóstol" en griego significa "enviado"). Habían sido enviados a predicar la conversión, a expulsar a los demonios, y a sanar a los enfermos en el nombre de Jesús. En la segunda oración, Jesús les dice que se vengan con él a un lugar solitario para descansar un poco. Nos gustaría pensar que, entre esas dos oraciones, una expresión de placer y gratitud cruzó el rostro de Jesús al oír como el Reino ha sido proclamado en su nombre, y como no tuvieron que sacudirse el polvo de los pies en ninguna parte. ¡Bien se merecían un descanso! A nosotros tampoco nos vendría mal, cuando nos juntamos alrededor de Jesús como los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, que nos tomáramos un descanso, para que el Señor pueda escuchar lo que hemos hecho en su nombre –nuestros éxitos, nuestras decepciones, nuestra necesidad de "escaparnos" un rato con él para que nos fortalezca para seguir trabajando en el nombre de Dios. Ya que nosotros los bautizados no somos sólo el rebaño de Cristo; por el agua y el Espíritu hemos sido transformados en el Cuerpo mismo de Cristo, la presencia del pastor para dar vida al mundo.

*St. Bernardine & Community Hospitals
 of San Bernardino*



are in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to give their time to offer Eucharist to patients. The commitment would be twice a month or perhaps as "on Call". Training will be provided by the Spiritual Care Staff. For more information please call Sister Terry at: 909-475-5018

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

Happy Summer, OLA!

As we prepare for the 2015-2016 school year we would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued prayers and support and to invite you to consider giving to your young loved ones the opportunity for a strong, faith-filled education. By receiving a spiritual and educational foundation that maximizes personal growth and development, our students are prepared for the future. Please take the time to contact us and explore how we can assist in your child's success.

Summer office hours beginning August 3rd:
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

or email/call for an appointment.

We'll be happy to arrange for campus tours.

Summer is upon us!

Please mark your calendars with these
Important School dates and times:

August 5th – First School Board/PTG meeting of the 2015-2016 School Year! We'll meet in the Library at 6:00 p.m.

August 10th – Payment of fees in the hall 3:00pm – 6:00pm. Fundraising info will be available at that time. True Grits Uniforms will also attend. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact the office before August 10th to make payment arrangements. Miss Rina can take credit card payments in the office during regular summer hours.

August 15th – School clean-up 7:30 – noon. Parents earn double service hours! Please bring cleaning supplies such as brooms, rakes, paper towels, Windex, etc. Don't worry, you'll be done by 11:30; plenty of time to get ready for the 4:00pm celebration Mass for Our Lady of the Assumption!

August 17th – New parent meeting in the Grade 8 at 6:00pm. Parents of Kindergartners, please bring two photos of your child.

August 18th – Mandatory meeting in grade 4 for parents of 6th-8th graders, last names beginning with A-L.

August 19th – Mandatory meeting in grade 4 for parents of 6th-8th graders, last names beginning with M-Z.

August 20th – Meeting in grade 4 for parents of 4th and 5th graders.

August 24th – First day of school! School dismisses at noon. School dismissal is 2:40pm (new dismissal time for the entire school) Tuesday and Wednesday the first week. Noon dismissal Thursday, August 27th; no school Friday.

Although our 8th grade class is closed, we still have space in grades K – 7. If you are interested in providing your children or grandchildren with quality, Catholic education, please contact our office. We will work with you to build a strong learning foundation for your children.

**May the remainder of your summer
provide you with happiness and relaxation!**



*Kindly take a moment to review
this important information:*

All Catholic schools within the Diocese shall adhere strictly to the policy of non-discrimination which states:

The schools of the Diocese of San Bernardino admit students of any sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the respective schools. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Todas las escuelas Católicas dentro de la Diócesis se adherirán estrictamente a la política de no discriminación, la cual declara:

Las escuelas de la Diócesis de San Bernardino admiten a estudiantes de cualquier sexo, raza, color, o origen nacional ni étnico a todos los derechos, privilegios, programas y actividades generalmente concordada o disponible estudiantes en las escuelas respectivas. Estas escuelas no discriminan sobre la base de sexo, raza, color, origen nacional ni étnico en la administración de sus políticas educativas, de admisión, ayuda financiera, atlética y otros programas administrados por la escuela.

*Don't hesitate to contact us at OLAssumption@sbdioocese.org if
you have any questions concerning our school.*



**CORE
TEAM
SIGN-UPS**

- ♦ Did you ever want to become one of the few and dedicated Youth Ministry Core Team Members?
- ♦ Do you want to know what is involved in joining the BEST Core Team in our Diocese?
- ♦ Do you think you might have the gift of working with youth, motivating them, challenging them and helping them grow in their faith...all the while being challenged and growing in your own faith?
- ♦ If you feel a tug at your heart call the Youth Ministry office and let's talk! (909) 882-2931 x 16

Social Concerns

Summer is here and many will be taking vacations, taking more time for relaxing or leisure activities -- family time. The Food Pantry and its volunteers, however, don't slow down during the summer; the need is always there, but the contributed resources are fewer, so please support the Food Pantry over the summer months. There is always a great need for breakfast cereals!

Stewardship

MONEY CAN BE A BLESSING OR A CURSE,
DEPENDING ON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS IT.

For the love of money is the root of all evils
1 Timothy. 6:10

Applying Bible Principles

How would people describe you? Are you one who "loves" money? Is your life marked by a continual inordinate concern about and striving for money? If so, then perhaps you are one who truly "loves" money.

Money is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. What matters is our attitude towards it. If we view it as a means to an end, a means of exchange, and something God can use in our lives to bring glory to Himself, then we probably do not love money. On the other hand, if we are always wanting more and more money, if we will do just about anything to obtain it, and if we think about money more than anything or anyone else, we likely are guilty of loving money. In that situation, it has become a "god" to us, and we bow at its altar in continuing service in order to obtain more and more of it.

If you are determined to get rich, no matter what, before you continue that lifestyle, read Paul's admonition to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Consider Solomon's counsel in Proverbs 11:28 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. And think about the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6:24, who said, "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Or as Jesus would say, "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SHARBEL MAKHLUF

1828–1898 - Feast day—July 24



July 24th is the feast day of St. Sharbel Makhluf (1828–1898). Born in a Lebanese mountain village, Youssef Makhluf was drawn to the life of his uncles, who were monks of the Maronite rite, but his peasant mother wanted her youngest child to work in the fields. At age 23, he left home for the monastery, taking the name Sharbel, after an early martyr. He was ordained a priest in 1859 and spent the next 16 years in the monastery at Annaya, working, fasting, and praying. From 1875, he lived as a hermit, praying ceaselessly, regarded as a saint by those who knew him. He is the first Maronite saint included in the Latin rite calendar.

SHÁRBEL MAKHLUF -1828–1898 - Festividad—24 de julio

24 de julio es la fiesta de San Shárbel Makhluf (1828–1898). Youssef Makhluf nació en un pueblito en las montañas del Líbano y siempre sintió mucha atracción por la vida que llevaban sus tíos quienes eran monjes del rito maronita, pero su madre, que era campesina, deseaba que su hijo menor trabajara en el campo. A los 23 años, él dejó su casa e ingresó a un monasterio, tomando el nombre de Shárbel, en honor a un mártir del pasado. Shárbel fue ordenado sacerdote en 1859 y pasó los siguientes 16 años en el monasterio de Annaya, trabajando, ayunando y orando. Desde 1875, él vivió como un ermitaño, orando sin cesar y todos los que lo conocían decían que era un hombre santo. Él es el primer santo maronita incluido en el calendario del rito latino.



Mayordomía

DINERO PUEDE SER UNA BENDICIÓN O UNA MALDICIÓN,
DEPENDIENDO DE NUESTRA ACTITUD HACIA ÉL.

Por amor al dinero es la raíz de todos los males
1 Timoteo 6:10

Aplicación de los principios de la Biblia

¿Cómo describirías la gente? ¿Es usted uno que "ama" el dinero? ¿Está su vida marcada por una preocupación excesiva continua acerca y la lucha por el dinero? Si es así, entonces tal vez usted es uno que verdaderamente "ama" el dinero.

El dinero es neutral. No es ni bueno ni malo. Lo que importa es nuestra actitud hacia él. Si lo vemos como un medio para un fin, un medio de intercambio, y algo que Dios puede usar en nuestras vidas para traer gloria a Él, entonces probablemente no amamos el dinero. Por otro lado, si estamos siempre queriendo más y más dinero, si hacemos cualquier cosa para obtenerlo, y si pensamos en el dinero más que nada ni nadie, probablemente somos culpables de amar el dinero. En esa situación, se ha convertido en un "dios" para nosotros, y nos hincamos a su altar en el servicio continuo con el fin de obtener más y más de lo mismo.

Si usted está decidido a hacerse rico, pase lo que pase, antes de continuar ese estilo de vida, lea la advertencia de Pablo a Timoteo en 1 Timoteo 6: 9-10. Considere el consejo de Salomón en Proverbios 11:28 y Eclesiastés 5: 10-11. Y piense en las palabras del Señor Jesús en Mateo 06:24, que dijo, "Nadie puede servir a dos amos. Porque aborrecerá a uno y amará al otro, o se apegará a uno y despreciará al otro. No puedes servir a Dios y a las riquezas". O como diría Jesús: "El que tenga oídos, que oiga."



"O Lord, seize us
with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!

Amen."

—*Laudato Si'*,

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

"Señor, tómanos a nosotros
con tu poder y tu luz,
para proteger toda vida,
para preparar un futuro mejor,
para que venga tu Reino
de justicia, de paz, de amor y de hermosura.
Alabado seas.

Amén".

—*Laudato Si'*,

Oración cristiana con la creación

ADULT FAITH

CORNER



16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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One of the great things about Cycle B Sunday readings is that in the midst of Ordinary Time the unfolding of Mark's Gospel leads us to something awesome and unexpected.

This Sunday's Scriptures are great and gentle comfort to us as we continue our faith journey in the midst of "prayers, works, joys and sufferings." The readings reflect the theme of the Lord as our Shepherd, caring for his flock. The prophet Jeremiah proclaims a Lord promises that he himself will gather the remnant – he will care for, protect and comfort them. For the Jews of old to whom Jeremiah was preaching, these would be words of both comfort and conversion.

For the people who heard the words of Jesus, there was both a call to conversion and a comfort. As the Gospel tells it, the heart of Jesus was moved with pity for his disciples, great numbers of them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd who looked to Jesus for teaching. That they followed him – even preceded him and the apostles – to the place of quiet tells us that they hungered spiritually as well as physically. Perhaps this may also remind us that we need quiet time and a quiet place to speak with the Lord, to offer our prayer and to listen to what God may want to say to us.

The next episode in Mark's Gospel is the feeding of the Five Thousand" – but the Church's lectionary switches to John's Gospel next week for the recounting of Jesus feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fish. Mark's story is powerful also. Take time to explore both versions of the story of the compassion and miracles of Jesus for his followers.

Remember that God speaks to us in many ways – through the Word and Liturgy, through our work and the everyday experiences of our lives, through our vocation and family members. We are reminded of the importance of listening to God. There is within each of us that call – to know that we are loved by God, and to live in such a way that our very lives are a witness of our faith and relationship with God. May we celebrate each day that grace of faith which helps shape our lives, trusting the Lord, following him and living out his teachings in our daily lives.

August 15th: Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption
4:00 PM - Special Feast day Mass
Closing our Anniversary Year Celebration

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

7:00 – 9:00 PM - PARISH HALL

AUGUST 26TH: ADULT INITIATION INFORMATION
SEPTEMBER 2ND: A WALK THROUGH THE CHURCH

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MELKITE CATHOLICS

by Fr. Larry Rice

There are many kinds of Catholics in the world. Latin rite Roman Catholics are the most common, but there are other Christian Churches with unique histories and traditions, who are in union with the Church of Rome, but who still maintain their unique traditions, languages, and liturgical forms.

One of these is the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. Originally the term "Melkite" referred to Orthodox Christians connected to the patriarchs of Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem. In the centuries after the great East-West Schism of 1054, some clergy based in Damascus and elsewhere developed ties to the Church of the West, while maintaining their Orthodox traditions and liturgy.

In 1724, Cyril VI, a pro-Western bishop, was elected as Patriarch of Antioch. This led to a controversy over the patriarchate, when Jeremias III of Constantinople appointed the Greek monk Sylvester to the patriarchate instead of Cyril. Cyril proved to be more popular and led significant numbers of people to seek ties to the West.

The newly elected Pope Benedict XIII recognized Cyril's claim to the patriarchate and welcomed him and his followers into communion with Rome. From that point onward, the Melkite Church was divided between the Orthodox, who continued to recognize the authority of the patriarch of Constantinople, and the Catholics, who recognize the authority of the pope of Rome.

Today, the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in the United States is based in the Eparchy of Newton in Massachusetts, led by Bishop Nicholas Samra. Not just a different "flavor" of Catholic, they are a faith community with a unique culture and history, who maintain ecclesial ties to the Roman Catholic Church.

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