



# ASSUMPTION

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

August 30, 2020



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

## A Word from Our Shepherd

My dear flock in Christ,

This past week we celebrated the feasts of several incredible saints. These celebrations reminded us that God desires each of us to grow in sanctity and become the version of ourselves that He has made us to become by grace. Pope Benedict XVI once preached: *"The saint is the person who is so fascinated by the beauty of God and by his perfect truth as to be progressively transformed by it. Because of this beauty and truth, he is ready to renounce everything, even himself. Love of God is enough for him, experienced in humble and disinterested service to one's neighbor especially towards those who cannot give back in return."*

The saints challenge us to ask the question: **Do I believe that by God's grace I can become a saint?**

Here's a few pearls of wisdom from the saints we celebrated this past week that I invite you to use for personal prayer:

*"I think more of the place I was baptized than of the cathedral I was crowned. For the dignity of a child of God which was bestowed on me in baptism, is greater than a ruler of a kingdom. The latter I shall lose at death, the other will be my passport to everlasting glory."* ~Saint Louis

*"Late have I loved you, beauty so old and so new: late have I loved you. And see, you were within and I was in the external world and sought you there, and in my unlovely state I plunged into those lovely created things which you made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The lovely things kept me far from you, though if they did not have their existence in you, they had no existence at all. You called and cried out loud and shattered my deafness. You were radiant and resplendent, you put to flight my blindness. You were fragrant, and I drew in my breath and now pant after you. I tasted you, and I feel but hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I am set on fire to attain the peace which is yours."* ~St. Augustine

*"He must increase, but I must decrease."* ~St. John the Baptist

Let us strive to live by the wisdom of the saints, and by God's grace share in their eternal fellowship!

Father Nick Larkin

# Gospel Meditation

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.



Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 30, 2020

Sunday	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-2
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

### Prayer Corner

Please pray for the sick and those in need of our prayers:

Randy Gonzales  
Kathy Montoya  
Terri Morrow  
Angela Quintana  
Elijah Salazar  
Rita Southwick  
Ed Starcher  
Jaelynn Thomas  
Phyllis Torres  
Eddie Vigil  
Chuck Wheatley

**\*Note:**

Names will stay on this list for a period of 2 weeks.

For the repose of the souls of the recently deceased:

Brian Renstrom  
Anthony Martinez Sr.

*"At the end of our life we shall be judged by charity."*

— St. Paul of the Cross



### STEWARDSHIP OF TITHING

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assumptiondenver.org

#### Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 8:30am  
Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-3:30pm

#### Food Bank:

Wednesday: 8:30am-11:30am

#### Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 9:00 - 10:00am  
Thursday: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:15pm

### SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, August 31st	† Mike Puschino
Tuesday, September 1st	† Joe Molinaro
Wednesday, September 2nd	† Benny Molinaro
Thursday, September 3rd	Pardo Family
Friday, September 4th	Kathy Montoya
Saturday, September 5th	Jim & Gayle Hepp (FOA)
Sunday, September 6th 8:30am 10:30am	People of Assumption Sharal Raphael (Birthday)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
Tuesday, September 1	Confessions	9am-10am	Church
Wednesday, September 2	Food Bank	8:30am-11:30am	Parish Dining Room
Thursday, September 3	Holy Hour & Confessions	6pm-7pm	Church
Friday, September 4	Bingo	12pm-2pm	Turn II Bingo Hall: 7139 N. Pecos St.
Saturday, September 5	Servite Mass & Meeting	8am-10am	Church & Parish Office Dining Room
Saturday, September 5	Confessions	3:45pm-4:15pm	Church

### ASSUMPTION FOOD BANK

Thank you for your previous support of our Assumption Food Bank. We are asking for your support in providing some of the items listed below that we are currently running low on:

- ◆ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ◆ Mashed Potato Flakes/Mix
- ◆ Rice or Rice/Pasta Sides
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Dinner Helper (Hamburger Helper/Tuna Helper/Pasta Helper)
- ◆ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Canned Goods including Tuna, Chicken, Soups, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs etc.
- ◆ Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Products



All non-perishable, **non-expired items accepted.**

To donate perishable items, please call the Parish Office first.

\$10-\$25 Gas/Grocery Store Gift Cards also accepted.

### Our Fall programs are coming soon!

- First to begin is **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), and everyone is invited. If you (A) are interested becoming Catholic, (B) want to complete your sacraments, or (C) wish to learn more about our rich Catholic Faith, join us on Sundays after the 10:30am Mass starting September 13th.
- In October, we'll have a **Parent Information Session** to talk about our new Faith Formation structure; we're really excited to tell you what it's all about!
- November brings the start of **Faith Formation, Youth Group**, and the official roll-out of **Catholic Assumptions** (Stop Assuming; Start Learning!) with monthly talks given by various priests, nuns, and religious brothers from our Archdiocese!

To learn more and to register, please visit [assumptiondenver.org/programs](http://assumptiondenver.org/programs).

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