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AUGUST 8, 2021



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STRENGTH

**"This is the bread
that comes down from
heaven so that one may
eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50**

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

6:30AM (except Saturday)

8:30AM

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

5:30PM (Saturday)

SUNDAY MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

5:30PM

Livestream Mass

See Page 5 for details

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Pastor Emeritus

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Associate

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Important Message From Our Pastor

I'm interrupting our liturgical and ritual series in this column, just to address a few "housekeeping" items for our shared consideration.

Last weekend those of our parishioners who usually participate in the livestreamed mass at 11:00AM would have noticed that it didn't, in fact, go live. We had a technical difficulty that upset our usual way of things. While these interruptions are rare, nonetheless they can be frustrating. My apologies to anyone who was caught off-guard. I hope that those who anticipated enjoyment of our livestream were able to avail themselves of the 9:00AM stream, which remains available for viewing from about fifteen minutes after the stream concludes.

As we emerge from the various adaptations we made to our liturgies and our schedules in light of the pandemic and the attendant lockdowns that took place, we do so with an eye to care for and consideration of the most vulnerable among us. I thought this might be a good time to share with everyone some of the strategies that continue to unfold for our life together as a worshipping community.

Our "return" to the liturgies with which we were familiar prior to the pandemic, has been and will continue to be a gradual process. This has worked well for us, in that it has enabled our volunteers who make everything happen around here to slowly ramp-up and grow comfortable returning to the ministries and activities in which they participated prior to the emergence of COVID-19. It has also been good in that our scaled reintroduction of mass-times has been well structured to meet the needs of congregations who themselves have been slowly re-engaging with in-person liturgies. At this writing, we have returned to celebrating six of the seven masses we celebrated pre-pandemic. The remaining anomaly is the 11:00AM Sunday morning mass which was instituted as a bridge for the 10:30AM and 12:00 noon congregations.

Last Sunday our plan to re-introduce the offertory process with which we were familiar pre-pandemic (passing the basket, processing the gifts, priest and servers receiving the gifts, etc.) were deferred. I called an "audible" in light of the recent surge in the COVID-19 delta variant in the community. Until this situation stabilizes, we will hold off on our gradual progress toward full resumption of our pre-pandemic



liturgies. This will very likely also impact our plans for a return to a full pre-pandemic schedule beginning next month. While it is more than likely we will have to defer our plans, we will be keeping a close eye on developments within the community. Prudence and care for our collective health and well-being will continue to be a priority value for us.

Part of our plan going forward also includes a revision of our live streaming schedule. When we instituted our native live-streaming, as distinct from our use of the Zoom platform, we simply began to stream the liturgies that were being conducted in our then empty church. Our provider informed us last week that we are exceeding our

bandwidth usage and so in the coming weeks we will be making some necessary changes to our operations. As we look at the data and the usage of the service, we note that there are about three to four times as many viewers of the 9:00AM Sunday mass (300+ viewers) than the 11:00AM Sunday mass. Our weekday 8:30aAMmass usually reaches between 60 and 80 viewers. Our Spanish-language mass on Sunday has the smallest number of viewers, usually not having as many as 20. This information will shape the decisions we need to make for the appropriate stewardship of this resource going forward. We are mindful that there are ongoing costs associated with this service, and we are called to be prudent stewards of this resource, while at the same time ensuring that we maintain our commitment to our homebound parishioners to provide a live-streamed option.

Apart from our liturgies, we continue to welcome Sunday mass-goers with continental breakfast, and we also welcome back parish groups and ministries who enjoy meeting on-campus, taking advantage of the spaces provided by the Moran Center and Stroup Hall. A phone call or email to the parish office gets that process rolling.

It goes without saying that at all times we observe the protocols encouraged by the county health department, but it is certainly uplifting to see the progress we are making toward a restoration of our regular parish life and activity.

Fr. David

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/
Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:13-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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JOIN US FOR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



This Sunday Women's Council will host Continental Breakfast in Stroup Hall. **Please stop by following the 7:30AM and 9:00AM masses for a cup of coffee and fellowship.**

Catch up with parishioners on what's happening in their lives. It feels good to visit with one another again. Next Sunday, August 15, our breakfast will be hosted by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. We hope to see you there.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY
EVENTS

FRIDAY SEPT. 10TH -
SUNDAY SEPT. 12TH



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- ✓ SCHOOL CHILDREN/FAMILY MASS & AFFAIRS (10AM)
- ✓ HNOJ SCHOOL ALUMNI SOCIAL (7PM-10PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

- ✓ FAMILY & FRIENDS FUN DAY (10AM - 4PM)
- ✓ FOOD, GAMES, AND ENTERTAINMENT
- ✓ BINGO
- ✓ PAINT AND CHAT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- ✓ 100TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING MASS (10AM)
- ✓ 100TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION (12PM)

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Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, closure for lunch from 12:00PM - 1:00PM

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Parents often have an easier time enforcing rules if they are setting good examples for their children. When it comes to drinking, drug use, and other risky behaviors, it is not always enough to tell your children these behaviors are forbidden. Parents should model the behavior they want to see. Drinking in moderation and abstaining from drug and nicotine teaches children about boundaries and responsible behaviors and reinforces the message that dangerous substances really are dangerous. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Ten prevention practices you may not have considered," at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Contact Monica Alvarez at: Safeguard@ollnr.org. "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse 2021 - 2022" is available in the Parish Center Office.

For more information call Safeguard at 213-637-7508 or email bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Manuel & Carina Alcantara	12
Ross & Marcella Berg	21
Oscar & Judith Quirarte	22
Jose & Laura Salas	26
Chris & Gerri Fedoroff	26
Fausto & Nina Hernandez	30
Scott & Mary Reich	31
Frank & Connie Lopez	32
Vincent & Anna Maffei	33
Chris & Melinda Goode	33
Joe & Maria Wickremasuriya	34
Richard & Tina Sadakane	35
Marcelo & Esther Nabong	38
John & Maria Parker	43
Michael & Karen Crawley	44
Mike & Kathy Ambrose	44
Greg & Leanna Samples	47
John & Jackie Blatter	55
Carl & Suzie Kirchner	57
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Roland & Patti Faucher	57
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Ed & Marge Terhar	71

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Summer is almost over, have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support Our Lady of Lourdes and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Here's how you can help:

- * **Drop off your weekly envelopes in the mail slot at the Parish Center Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM**
- * **Mail your weekly contribution to the Parish Center or drop it in the collection basket on Sunday**
- * **Call Faith Direct at 866-507-8757, church ID 756**
- * **Transition to online giving by visiting, faith.direct/CA756**
- * **Text ENROLL to 818-334-6955 or visit our [website](https://ollnr.weconnect.com) and click on the "Donate" tab**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God bless you,

Fr. David



THE GOD MINUTE



Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are weaved into a ten minute prayer called The God Minute. Go to our [website](https://ollnr.weconnect.com) scroll down under Resources and click on the link to "The God Minute."



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30AM
Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM
Vigil for Sunday 5:30PM (Saturday)
Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM,
12:30PM (Spanish) and 5:30PM

All of our protocols will adhere to best practices and current guidance received from appropriate authorities, both civil and church.

LIVESTREAM MASS

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM
Sundays: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and
12:30PM (Spanish)

To watch our masses live, just visit our [website](#).

The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <https://vimeo.com/ollnr> where an archive of our liturgies will be available.

Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.



Sebastian Cuevas
 Brianna Josephine Emmanuwel



Charles Meyer
 Margaret Gaines

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

August 07	8:30AM	Members of the Legion of Mary (D)
	5:30PM	Eloisa Martin (D), Alejandro Martin (D)
August 08	7:30AM	Sr. Elizabeth Moran (D), Manolo Gonzales (D)
	9:00AM	Yeth Navarro, Noel Arcilla
	11:00AM	Carol McAndrew, Mr. Marco
	12:30PM	Esteban Zamora
August 09	5:30PM	Renato Tech, John Ormiston
	6:30AM	Martin Beaudet (D), Romulo Tucay (D)
	8:30AM	Christina Vanegas
August 10	6:30AM	Paul Ho (D), Seamus McCann (D)
	8:30AM	Mary Baker (D)
August 11	6:30AM	OLL Benefactors
	8:30AM	Irineo M. Pangilinan (D), Carol Lee Sanborn (D)
August 12	6:30AM	Zenaida DeLuna (D)
	8:30AM	Rose DeFrisco (D), Esperanza Peralta (D)
August 13	6:30AM	Antonia Park
	8:30AM	Emiliana Pascual (D), Evdie Arias (D)
August 14	8:30AM	Luis Rafael & Cecilia Castro (D)
	5:30PM	Katherine Vukovich (D), Evan Youkhana (D)
August 15	7:30AM	Jennifer Smith (D)
	9:00AM	Jeremiah Xavier Jaravata (D)
		Claro Xavier Jaravata (D)
	11:00AM	Elena & Alan Arroyo Evangelista (D)
	12:30PM	Edwin Josafat Jeronimo (D)
		Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession resumes in the Church Confessional Chapels from 4:00 - 5:00PM Saturdays

Confession continues to be available by appointment in the event this time is not convenient. To avail of this opportunity, please email parishcenter@ollnr.org or call 818-349-1500 ext. 101.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John Cordova, Arturo Alneida, Tyler Person, Lorena Boncaras, Bobby Gerardo, Ju Yon Cocco, David Merdek, Carol Mullen, Ryan Nonn, Theresa Wagoner, Adeline Ricci, Ruben "AJ" Vidamo, Virginia Black, Ruel Quintillan, Lualhati Rodriguez, Janet Mayers, Rey & Prescy Vivar, Kenny Kelso, Elma Yates, Margarita Perez, Victoria Cruz, Lydia Sanchez, Peter Stresen-Reuter, Cleotilde B. Valerio, Pamela Shafer, Tom Pigatti, Patty Salazar, Lani Palomares, Lukas Araneta, Sharon Wolburn, Sr. Nola Gavin, Clara Loesch, Cyndi Swanee, Helen Bachike, Oswaldo Camero, William and Irene McAndrew, Charles Lazusky



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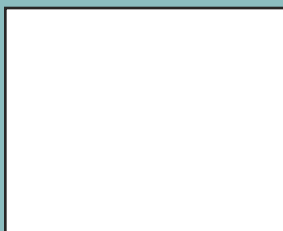
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ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only



true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes

and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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