

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Claremont

Master, to whom shall we go?

John 6:68



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024

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This Weekend:



Volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will be outside the church after Masses this weekend collecting monetary donations to help those in need of one time assistance with utility bills, rent and food.

Register Now For Faith Formation Classes

The Faith Formation team will be in the auditorium after all Masses this weekend to help with registration for next fall's classes. We are looking for more catechists who love Christ and are willing to teach about our Catholic Faith to children and teens. For more information see page 6 or stop by the auditorium this weekend.

Thank you FCCW for hosting coffee & donuts this weekend. Stop by the auditorium after the morning Masses where they will have information on how you can sign up for their next session. See below for more information.

Study, Learn, Pray, and Grow in Understanding with the Women of Hope

During the upcoming Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women® study year, we will learn from the 'rock stars' of the Catholic Church —the four women Doctors of the Church.

Ladies, you are invited to join us as we study, discuss, and share the stories and teachings of the four women Doctors of the Catholic Church. You'll learn how their encounter with Jesus Christ directed their love of the Lord into action to carry out their God-given mission in life. Their holiness will be a model to us, and we will grow in understanding as we become knowledgeable of their insights and their prayer life.

They each created a body of work that the Catholic Church hails as outstanding which we will be tapping into through the guidance of Terry Polakovic, author of *The Women of Hope: Doctors of the Church*. These four women Doctors "prove to us that, as Christians, we can live in confident hope, no matter the circumstances in which we find ourselves."

Contact Carolyn at CarolynFCCW@gmail.com today to learn the additional details and find out the steps you will need to take so you will be ready to begin our new study. Our new study year (for FCCW's Evening Group) will begin on Tuesday PM, August 27th. FCCW's Morning Group will begin on Wednesday AM, September 11th. All of the details will be provided to you when you contact the above email address. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

- Become a Fiesta Sponsor. Forms are available in the Parish Office.
- Donate the following items: Bottled water, name-brand soda (Coca Cola, Pepsi, etc.) Gift cards for our Cake Walk, new plush toys for our game booths, certificates for goods or services.

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Make a choice. Serve the Lord.

The disciples made a choice to remain with Jesus when others returned to their previous way of life. Joshua gathered the people together to renew their covenant with the Lord, asking them to declare their commitment to serve God rather than the idols of the nations that surrounded them. Joshua stated, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b)



We, too, are called to declare and live our faith in God, boldly renouncing the idols that lure us away from God and God's ways and living abundantly in the Lord. Like the people whom Joshua gathered, we too have a choice to make, once and for all and each and every day. Our daily decisions will bear out this great choice for Christ, knowing that the Lord will always be with us, strengthening us and offering us mercy when we fail.

Any time we think about our food sources, especially at this time of growing and harvest in North America, we have a beautiful analogy for abundance. What we put into our soil is what we see in our fruit. If we tend the soil of our lives with God's word, humility, love and attentiveness, our roots, stems and leaves will stay strong when the storms of life roll through. Furthermore, abundance is not always quantity, but quality. When a crop is well-rotated and soil is well-fertilized, its fruit will be sweet if not always plentiful. When we place our trust in the Lord our fruits are not always more time or more energy, but more patience and deeper understanding.

The people whom Joshua gathered had experienced the abundance of the Lord, from their escape from slavery in Egypt, water that flowed from the rock, manna that gave them daily nourishment, and entry into the promised land. In seeing the hand of God in the circumstances of their lives, they responded by putting their faith in the One whose goodness they had known, "Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

"Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding," we hear from the book of Proverbs. Be rooted in Christ, the bread of life, who calls us to bring life to the world. See God's hand in the goodness that surrounds you. Let this recognition grow within you, draw you to the One who provides it, and respond by sharing and serving others with glad and generous hearts. Make a choice. Serve the Lord.



Thursday Morning Bible Sharing

"Who are the Prophets? Messengers of God's Mercy." The Thursday Morning Bible Sharing will begin this new study series starting August 22, Thursday, 9-10am in the Felician Room. This 10-session series is presented by Sarah Christmyer and Thomas Smith, published by Ascension Press.

For further information, please contact Eric Wong at 909-282-2270.

Virtus Training & Fingerprinting

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles mandates all clergy, staff and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs to complete the Protecting God's Children training & to be fingerprinted through the Archdiocese. This training must be renewed every 4 years. All OLA Liturgical Ministers must have up to date certification in order to serve at Masses.

The Protecting God's Children Session is being offered

Thursday, Aug. 29 at 6:30PM in English
 Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30PM in English
 Tuesday, August 27 at 6PM in Spanish
 Wednesday, September 25 in Spanish

Reservations are required through the Parish Office, (909) 626-3596.

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August 24-25

Teach children to evaluate sources

Your children will likely spend a significant amount of time online. All sources are not created equal, so teaching them to evaluate the information online is critical. Using concepts appropriate for their age, teach your children to consider the expertise, motive, and relevance of the information they consume. Being able to separate fact from fiction, and to evaluate the quality of the information received, will help your children assess truth. For more tips, read the VIRTUS® article "Keeping Kids Safe Online By Teaching Them to Evaluate Sources" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

First Reading

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithful to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate? (Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b)

Second Reading

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage? (Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32)

Gospel Reading

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following him because they found some of his teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus? (Jn 6:60-69)

Many followers of Jesus could not accept his teachings. To those that remained, he posed a simple question: "Do you also want to leave?" He asks us the same, every moment of every day. Let us answer with confidence, in all that we do: "Only you have the words of eternal life."

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our sick and suffering...

Current:

Joyce Raef, Sylvia Salmon, Roberto Ronas

Previous:

Diana Middleton, Eva Vencek, Luis Flores

Deceased:

Carlos Gonzalez, husband of Carmen Gonzalez; Luis Flores, father of Mary Allen Therese Flores and for their family and friends who mourn their loss.

Mass Intentions/Readings

The Twenty-first Sunday in OT Week of August 26 - Year B

MONDAY, August 26

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

8:00 AM Abdual Rasaki Oyewole, †Arturo Corona Jr., Ruth & Manuel Piehl, Aurora Montoya

5:30PM †Arturo Corona Jr., †Joseph, Maria & All Souls, Alice Sawicky, Aurora Montoya

TUESDAY, August 27

St. Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

8:00AM Ruth & Manuel Piehl, †Norman Bortscheller, †Luis Nuñez

WEDNESDAY, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

8:00AM Ruth & Manuel Piehl, †Luis Nuñez, †Augustina Vargas de Garcia

5:30PM †Joseph & Maria, †Paul Nhat, †Robert Ronas

THURSDAY, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

8:00AM Sofia Leticia Pardo, Ruth & Manuel Piehl, †Lloyd Estwick

FRIDAY, August 30

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

8:00AM Ramon Palafox, Ruth & Manuel Piehl, †Norm Bortscheller

5:30PM †Robert Ronas

SATURDAY, August 31

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 25:14-30

8:00AM Ruth & Manuel Piehl, †Luis Muñoz

4:30PM †Nellie Villanueva, †Aurora de Vasconez

SUNDAY, September 1

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7:00AM Jimmy & Angie Perists

9:00AM Italian Catholic Federation, Rosalio Hernandez, †Isolina, Luis & Andres Meneses

11:00AM

1:00PM (Sp) For the People of the Parish

3:00PM (Viet) †Paul The, †Francis Xavier Dam, Health Recovery for Daughter Lan

5:30PM Joseph Ado Oyewole, †Roberto Ronas

LEARN, GROW AND SHARE

It is that time of year to register your children and youth for our Faith Formation Programs. If anyone in your family needs Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation. We have programs for all age levels from the very young, to the young at heart. Please go to the website, look for "Registration 2024-2025" and click on the link you need. We also have programs for children/youth who are not necessarily looking for Sacraments. Preschool program for ages 4-6, and for those who have already received 1st Communion in our Post Communion Class for grades 3-5, and our Edge program for grades 6-8.

Do you feel called to share your faith with others? We are looking for more catechists who love Christ and are willing to teach about our Catholic Faith to children and teens. If you are interested, please get in touch with Ana Ibarra at aibarra@olaclareont.org or (909) 626-3596 ext. 4213. Looking forward to hearing from you.



Registration is now open!

- Sunday Preschool Program (Ages 3-6)**
- First Communion Year One and Year Two (Grades 2-8)**
- Post-Communion (Grades 3, 4 and 5)**
- Junior High Ministry (Grades 6, 7 and 8)**
- Confirmation Year One and Year Two**
- High School Ministry**

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- Rite of Christian Initiation for Children***
- Adult Confirmation***
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We continue to collect non-perishable food items for our ongoing food drives. Your donations support over 100 families in the community at St. Madeleine Church in Pomona and they also help to make snack bags for the homeless in the area.

Please bring your non-perishable items to the Parish Office during office hours.



Domond Foundation Summer Report

Our own Deacon Joe Domond is the bearer of light and hope in Haiti, a country engulfed in darkness and violence. He is executive director of the Domond Foundation which sustains a hospital and Catholic school in the more peaceful countryside of Marbial. There students have not missed a day of school, and the hospital offers medical and dental services to people who have no other access to care. This is especially important for expectant mothers who receive prenatal care, access to a hospital for normal childbirth, and a way to anticipate the need



for specialized care at a larger hospital one hour away. The Foundation also operates a dialysis clinic in the more dangerous capital of Port Au Prince with 18 employees and 8 machines serving desperate patients. Deacon Joe will be returning to Haiti this month to supervise the programs and implement plans to add an operating room to the hospital. OLA parishioners are invited to support this worthy mission with a contribution that goes directly to those in need. Donations may be brought to the parish office or mailed to The Domond Foundation, P.O. Box 1235, Claremont, CA 91711. The QR code enables you to sign up for updates or connect to online donation options. Zelle Direct Deposit is also available through admin@jcdfoundation.org.

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La sesión de Protección de los Niños de Dios se ofrecera aquí

Martes, 27 de Agosto a las 6pm
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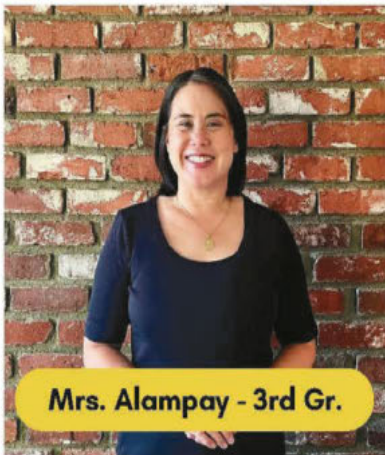




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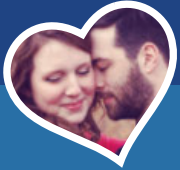


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Sunday 3:00PM Vietnamese

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Weddings - Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick - Please call the parish office day or night for this sacrament for the sick or dying.

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Interested in learning more about joining this ministry? Please leave a message for Olga Anglin at (909) 626-3596, ext.4333

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