

Assumption Catholic Church

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*Do Whatever He Tells You.* JOHN 2:5

# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 15, 2023**

*Many are invited, but few are chosen.*

MATTHEW 22:14

***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m. (1st Friday, 12 noon)

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Patrick George, Organist**

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants (Mt. 22:1-14)? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast.

How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honor he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Savior.

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are we ready to feast joyfully at the Lord's banquet (Eucharist)?

**Readings for Next Sunday,  
October 22, 2023**  
Isaiah 45:1-6  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b  
Matthew 22:15-21

## Saint of the Week... St. Luke the Evangelist

On October 18 we celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ.

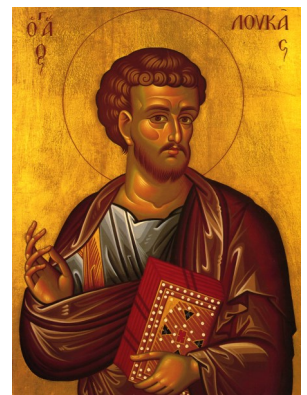
St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period, besides noting the outstanding Greek prose style and technical accuracy of his accounts of Christ's life and the apostles' missionary journeys.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr.

St. Luke is the patron saint of artists, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glassworkers, goldsmiths, notaries, painters, physicians and surgeons.

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Feast Day: October 18

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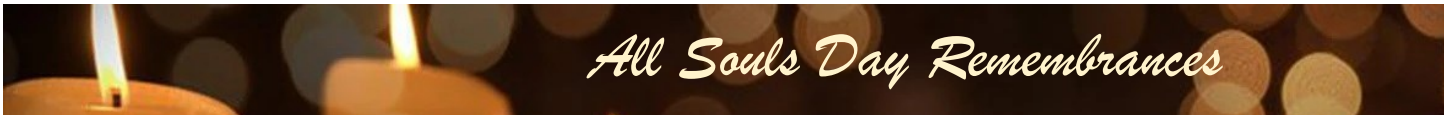
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## True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation

*True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation* is a study crafted to teach about those who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation.

In these six sessions, you will learn about the true benefactors of the human race: the saints. Included are St. Philip Neri, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Thomas More, St. Francis de Sales and St. Charles Borromeo.

The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful—and beautiful—is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace.



As we prepare to celebrate All Souls Day, there will be multiple ways we can remember our loved ones on this occasion.

**Holy Day of Obligation  
All Saints Day  
Wednesday, November 1  
6 p.m.**

All Souls Day Remembrances

Included with today's bulletin is an "All Souls Remembrance" form. Please list those family members and friends whom you want to be remembered at Masses during the month of November and drop them in the offertory baskets. They will be collected and placed in front of the altar.

Photos of Deceased Loved Ones

Submit photos of your deceased loved ones to be included on a display in the church. Photos can be emailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office or in the offertory baskets through October 29. Be sure to identify your photos.

Memorial Candles

Personalized memorial candles can be purchased that will be lit in your loved ones' names beginning on November 1 and continuing through the weekend Masses. The candle will then be yours to keep. Cost is \$5 per candle; envelopes are located in the vestibule (cash or check payable to Assumption Church).

**Jesus and the Eucharist Series Continues**

Our *Jesus and the Eucharist* study series will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:00 in St. Mary's Hall (with the exception of November 1). If you haven't been able to attend in person, the videos are available on FORMED (search for *Jesus and the Eucharist*).

**Vicariate Council Vote Result**

Following last week's vote, Kenny Brant and Mike Landis were elected as our two parish representatives to serve on the Vicariate Pastoral Council. Thank you to all the nominees for agreeing to serve our parish, and to all those who cast a vote.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, October 14	4:00 p.m.	Marsh, Roach & Cessna Families.....	Linda Marsh
		Deceased Members of the Martin Family.....	Lynn McQuinn
Sunday, October 15	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Karen Patterson .....	Linda Marsh
Monday, October 16	No Mass		
Tuesday, October 17	No Mass		
Wednesday, October 18	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tom Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family .....	Sharon Melody
		Soul of Kurt Garvey.....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, October 19	12 noon	Barrick & Travis Families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Soul of Anita Martel .....	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Friday, October 20	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Mildred E. Willis .....	Mary Alexander
		Souls of Bob & Rosemarie Myers .....	Virginia Collins
Saturday, October 21	4:00 p.m.	The Wise & Calemine Families.....	Jean Harber
Sunday, October 22	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor .....	Assumption Parish

*Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.*



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic\*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore\*, Rosalee Freeman\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Debbie Pappas, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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### Anointing of the Sick

As part of our Jubilee celebration, Fr. Thomas will give the Anointing of the

Sick to anyone who is suffering with any chronic illness or impending surgery. This sacrament will be offered following the final blessing the fourth weekend of each month, beginning next Sunday, October 22.

### Christmas Voices Invited

If you've been thinking of joining the choir, we would love to have you join in time for the Christmas season! The choir practices on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Please contact music director Linda Davis-Kyle (301 707 4215) by November 2, or just come to practice!

## Your Faithful Stewardship

October 7-8, 2023

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$3,145
Loose Donations.....	\$1,272
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,417</b>

### Attendance

Saturday, 10/7 .....	66
Sunday, 10/8 .....	109
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>175</b>

### Upcoming Second Collection

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service!



### It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (October 15) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Finance Committee for hosting this month's event.



Our parish Trivia Night is this Sunday, October 15! Doors open at 3:30 and the competition begins at 4:30.

Even if you don't want to play, come for an evening of entertainment! There will be raffles, a door prize and the winner of the \$500 Sheetz gas/gift card will be drawn! Cost is \$15 per person at the door which includes pizza, nachos and drinks.



**A star garnet is a type of garnet that displays a multi-rayed light reflection on its surface resembling a star. This gemstone is found in only two places in the world: the state of Idaho in the U.S. and what other country?**

*Check next week's bulletin for the answer!*

Answer to last week's practice question:

**What is the name of the exercise that combines a squat, a pushup and a jump in the air?**

► A burpee

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### Saturday, October 21

Lector: Anita Tetreault  
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt  
EM: Eric Hatfield, Mere Barrick (c), Janet Corley (c)  
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### Sunday, October 22

Lector: Mike Landis  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EM: Tina Stephen, Charlotte Delilo (c), Jane Placka (c)  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel  
Cantor: Linda Marsh

#### Saturday, October 28

Lector: Kenny Brant  
Servers: Sue Harber & Jane Placka  
EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Jean Harber (c)  
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault

#### Sunday, October 29

Lector: Kelley Kuhn  
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole  
EM: Rosie Landis, Nancy Starcher (c), Mike Landis (c)  
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka  
Cantor: Julie Alt

#### Stonerise EM

October 19 Stacey Rhodes  
October 26 Dave Dunn