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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Our Lady of the *Assumption*



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Monday– Friday

■ 9 AM - 5 PM

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## SUNDAY COLLECTION:

WEEKLY GIFTS GOAL: \$13,500

10.01.23 Regular Collection \$11,420.24

Respect Life \$3,146.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

October 22– World Mission Sunday

### CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

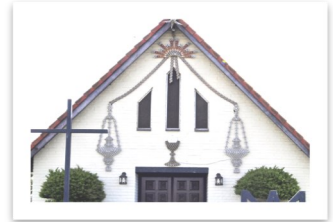
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## Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

■ 9 AM Portuguese

Wednesday

■ 6 PM English

Saturday

■ 5:30 PM English

■ 7 PM Portuguese

Sunday

■ 9:30 AM English

■ 11:15 AM Portuguese

■ 1:30 PM Latin

■ 6 PM English



## Confession Schedule

All Saturdays

■ 5 PM–5:30 PM

First Friday

■ Following 9 AM Mass

First Saturday

■ 9 AM –10 AM



Valley Area Living Enabling Resources

V.A.L.E.R. Office 209.634.0380

Monday - Thursday

■ 2 PM - 6 PM



Council #12847

### Steak & Shrimp Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Drive Thru: 4:30 PM—6 PM

Seated Dinner: 6:30 PM–9 PM

Dinner includes: Steak, All You Can Eat Shrimp,  
Salad, Baked Potato, Roll and Rice Pudding

Please contact a Knight for tickets: Anthony Lopes

(209) 241-1638, Leonard Costa (209) 620-3338

\$35 per person

## OLA YOUTH CHOIR

We are looking to add more singers to our group! If you have a child over the age of 7 that loves to sing, please contact Ashley Soto at 209-648-9340. Practices are every Tuesday 4-6 pm in the new church. Choir sings every first Sunday of the month at the 9:30 am mass.



## WESTERN REGION REGIONAL DAY



### Marriage & Family Spirituality: Relationship, Identity, Mission

Teams of Our Lady invites all married couples to a day of prayer, reflection and community!

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**  
9:00 am to closing mass at 5:30 pm  
Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Turlock

Adoration \* Speakers \* Couple Time \* Social Time \* Mass

#### Featured Speaker Deacon Ben Seitz

Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz, members of Teams of our Lady in North Dakota, founded the Six Stone Jars Mission in 2021 to share the peace, joy, and love that can only be found in Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church with others. Deacon Ben was born in Saint Paul, MN in 1964 and raised in a Catholic family, attended Catholic schools from K-12 and joined the United States Air Force (USAF) shortly after graduating from high school. It was at a USAF he met Jennine and they were married a year later in Great Britain where both were assigned. They spent the next 23 years traveling the world in the USAF while raising five children.

Over the years, both Deacon Ben and Jennine have figured out the importance of a sharing their faith as a couple, making time to pray together and nurturing a Catholic culture in their marriage. They now share the lessons learned in marriage over the past 38 years with other married couples. Jesus Christ is the answer to every trial in marriage! Deacon Ben retired from the USAF in 2007 and the family moved to Fargo, ND. He earned a Masters of Arts in Theology from Catholic Distance University and was ordained a Deacon in the Fargo Diocese in October 2020. He is currently the Director of Evangelization at Sts. Anne and Joachim Parish in Fargo, ND.



For more information or to RSVP contact:  
Karyn & Tony Alamo, Western Region Responsible Couple  
209.678.1857 or [western-rc@teamsfourlady.org](mailto:western-rc@teamsfourlady.org)

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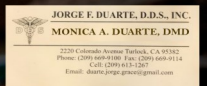
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## Pastoral Council Nominations

The Pastoral Council is accepting nominations for new members this weekend. Please prayerfully discern your nomination.

There will be an informational meeting for nominees on:

November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Pastoral Council is a Consultative Body that:

- Is advisory to the Parochial Administrator
- That listens to the parish
- That creates a pastoral plan of action
- That invites others to help carry out that plan
- That assists parishioners with implementation through resources and evaluation.

A Council Member is :

- Prayerful
- Has the ability to listen
- Understands or is willing to learn about the Mission of the Church and the Diocese
- Enthusiastic about the future of this parish
- Willing and able to make the commitment to this ministry

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

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Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

MEAL CONSISTS OF:  
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# radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (In 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."<sup>1</sup> As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."<sup>2</sup>

Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and



persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."<sup>3</sup>

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: "In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance,

**"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."**

John 13:34

in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone."<sup>4</sup>

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, "she is even capable of heroism."<sup>5</sup> Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity "refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*."<sup>6</sup> A culture of radical solidarity "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others."<sup>7</sup> We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, "What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?"<sup>8</sup>

Inspired by Christ's own example of love, may we "enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep."<sup>9</sup> May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit [respectlife.org/radical-solidarity](https://respectlife.org/radical-solidarity).



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1 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 274.  
2 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate* (Charity in Truth), no. 7.  
3 Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (On Social Concerns), no. 38.  
4 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

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6 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 188.  
7 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 24.  
8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), no. 269.



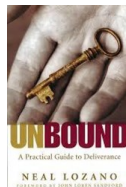
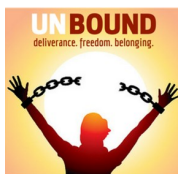
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PRAY the ROSARY to OUR Lady of Fatima for our Monthly Intentions and your personal Intentions

Third Saturday of the Month  
4:30pm ✦ Big Church

Our Lady of the Assumption  
Turlock, CA







## OFFICE OF BISHOP MYRON J. COTTA, D.D.

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### BISHOP'S MONTHLY REFLECTION

October 2023

My Dear People of God,

Each October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and acknowledges the first Sunday of October as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between.

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life; and it offers an opportunity to financially support the efforts of the Diocesan Office of Family and Respect Life Ministry by means of the Respect Life Sunday Collection. The proceeds from the annual collection provides the following for your parish:

- Support parish activities promoting the dignity of all life
- Networking with pregnancy resource centers
- Post-abortion, reconciliation, and healing (Project Rachel)
- Christian marriage (discernment, preparation, and enrichment)
- Natural Family Planning
- Parenting (in times of crisis, and just every day) - building the domestic church
- Single, divorced and separated Catholics
- Caring for the Whole Person, which focuses on care for our sick and elderly and end of life preparations.

Recently, Pope Francis has reminded us that he condemns euthanasia and abortion as actions that “play with life” and said there is such a thing as “bad compassion.” “You don’t play with life, neither at the beginning nor at the end. It is not played with!” His Holiness reminds us: “We must accompany people towards death, providing palliative care to the suffering, but not provoke death, or facilitate assisted suicide.”

As we journey through the month of October, while confronting the ever-threatening presence of the *culture of death*, may we do so by entrusting all of our efforts to Jesus, the *Lord of Life!*

St. Joseph,  
Defender of Life,  
pray for us.

Bishop Cota



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**2023 Bishop's Seminarian  
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Please contact the Knights of Columbus  
for Raffle Tickets.

# Youth Group Starts This Week!

**WHAT: Parent & Teen Info Night**

**WHO: All High School students & their parents**

**WHEN: Thursday, Oct 12th 6-7 pm**

**WHERE: In the Youth Room, inside the Parish Hall**

**WHY: Come learn more about our plans for the upcoming year & make new friends!**



The Fall 40 Days For Life is from Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are hoping to get as many people as possible to come out to 2030 Coffee Rd. for an hour a week any time between 8AM and 3PM. There are people scheduled on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8AM to 2PM, so if you can make it then that would be great, but if you come when no one will be there, please bring a partner.

# OLA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

OUR OLA YOUNG ADULT GROUP WILL BE A SOURCE OF COMMUNITY & FORMATION IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR OUR LAUNCH IN EARLY NOVEMBER. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS, ARE FROM ANOTHER YOUNG ADULT GROUP & ARE INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING, OR WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IDEAS, PLEASE EMAIL [DGERMANN@OLASSUMPTION.NET](mailto:DGERMANN@OLASSUMPTION.NET).



BY HIS  
WOUNDS  
WE ARE  
HEALED

ISAIAH 53:5



## The Factor Youth Group Fall Retreat

All Saints University Parish

Registration for our fall retreat is now open! Spots are limited so make sure to register ASAP.

- All 9th-12th graders are encouraged to take advantage of priority registration beginning September 1st.
- 8th graders are welcome to enroll in the remaining spots starting September 15th.
- The deadline to register is October 5th. We hope you'll join us!

 Christian Berets  
Conference Center in  
Mi Wuk Village, CA

 October 20th-22nd, 2023

Register here:

<https://allsaintscsus.org/factor-fall-retreat-2023>  
or stop by the parish office!



If you would like to sponsor the retreat (either for teens who can't afford to go or to offset the cost of food, lodging etc.) please email [mnunez@allsaintscsus.org](mailto:mnunez@allsaintscsus.org)



# Pray for the Sick

Heavenly Lord, we need Your divine intervention in our lives. We need You to empower our bodies with Your holy presence, and Your arms envelop our minds to soothe this pain. We shall not buckle under the strain and when it's a new day, our healed body will be a representation of Your power. Thank You, Your holiness for such attention to our lives, and In Christ's name, Amen.

Palmira Cardoso	Andrew Godunjo	Antonio Silveira
Jesuina Teixeira	Violante Silva	Alfredo Parreira
Teresa Xavier	Niveria Soares	Edgar Cândido
Marie Dixon	Steve Chambers	Maria Natalia Azevedo
Maria de Jesus Pascoal	Maria Fernandina Carvalho	Rosalia Batista
Lurdes Toledo	Cecilia Pires	
Fatima Linhares	Bobby Moules	
Frank Linhares	Elizabeth Baptista Silveira	
João Parreira	Celeste Drumonde	
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Lucia Cardoso	Olivia Esteves	
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Serafina Jordão	Diane Silva	
Christina Soares da Silva	John Silva	
Maggie Azevedo Barker	George Azevedo	
Filomena Fontes Sadler	Noelia Bettencourt	
Amy Águeda	Rose Cunha Bettencourt	
José Azevedo	Albert Bettencourt	
Lee Joseph Neves	João Silveira	
Natalia Neves	Virginia Azevedo	
João Borba	Maria Emilia Nunes	
Angela Agueda	Tito Rebelo	
Margarida Silva	Richard Fernandes	

Do you have a family member who cannot leave home and is in need of Holy Communion and prayer? Please call Beatriz Lourenco (209) 668-3801.

# Pray for the Recently Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

João Cardoso	João Afonso
Antonio Rosa	Maria Enes
Luis Borba	Manuel Inacio da Silveira
John Couto	Maria Jose Rocha
Samuel Freitas	Idoia Vaz
Edwina Luis	Debra Jean Brasil
Carmen Sanchez	Julio Armando Teixeira
Antonio Rocha	Antonio Brasil
Arthur Silva	Virginio Da Silva
Maria José Pires	Fabio Silveira
Maria Madruga	Maria Lucia Cardoso
Dylan Linhares	Eleuterio Pinto
John Gallardo	Jean Vasconcellos

# Mass Intentions

**Monday • Segunda-Feira, October/Outubro 9**

9:00 AM – Português

Int. de Agnel e Lina Bettencourt e familia

**Tuesday • Terça-Feira, October/Outubro 10**

9:00 AM – Português

† António e Serafina Teixeira – da familia

**Wednesday • Quarta-Feira, October/Outubro 11**

6:00 PM – English

Int. of Isabella Silva, on her birthday

**Thursday • Quinta-Feira, October/Outubro 12**

9:00 AM – Português

Int. de Tony e Tiffany Vitorino, aniversário do casamento e suas filhas – da mãe Cecilia

**Friday • Sexta-Feira, October/Outubro 13**

9:00 AM – Português

† António Clímaco Alves Teixeira – da irmã e cunhado António e Maria Carvalho

**Saturday • Sábado, October/Outubro 14**

5:30 PM – English

Int. of Ricardo Naranjo

7:00 PM – Português

† Maria Fagundes - da nora Ilda

**Sunday • Domingo, October/Outubro 15**

9:30 AM – English

† Adelino Toledo – from wife and daughters

† Alvaro Manuel Silveira, parents and brother – from John & Connie Silveira

† Aníbal Augusto da Silveira – from family

† António & Maria Amélia Bettencourt – from family

† Diane Lopes – from mom & dad

† Eliseu & Ermelinda Mendonça – from family

† Francisco Luis – from wife & daughter Orlanda & Michelle

† Frank & Albina Lopes – from family

† João Arlindo Cardoso – from family

† Maria Madruga – from OLA Knights

† Tony Esteves – from Ann Cabral

† Tony Thomas – from Sherrill Gomes

† Vera Cahill – from Allan & Charleen Cahill

Int. of Honório e Helena Teixeira, children and grandchildren

11:15 AM – Português

† Alvaro Toledo e pela saúde de Lurdes Toledo

† António e Rosa dos Reis Avila – da filha

† António Oliveira Brasil – da esposa Nelcina e filhas

† António Oliveira e António & Lucilia Costa – da familia

† António Vieira Borges – do filho e nora Tony e Jacinta Borges

† Artur Vitorino – da esposa e filhos

† Bernardino Dias e Defuntos de Fátima Dias

† Clemente Leonardo e Defuntos de Jacinta Leonardo

† Dean Arthur Silva and Arthur Silva – from Tina Marie Silva, mother and wife

† Defuntos de Artur e Antelma Oliveira

† João e Maria F. Jorge – de Gerardo e Filomena Freitas

† Joaquim e Aurora André – da familia

† José Luis e Leontina Silva – da familia

† José Natal Sousa – da esposa e filhos

† Manuel e Clementina Silva e António Batista – dos filhos

† Manuel e Idoia Vaz

† Maria L. Machado – do marido José e familia

† Miguel Soares e Defuntos de Maria José Soares

† Pais de Artur e Florinda Teixeira

† Pais de Carlos e Terezinha Costa

† Ramiro Oliveira e Defuntos de Fátima Oliveira

† Teresa Borges Costa – do marido Francisco

† Teresa Olive – de João e Margarida Vitorino e familia

Int. de Diane Fagundes Nunes, aniversário natalício – da mãe Guiomar

1:30 PM – Latin

For Parish Community

6:00 PM – English

† Eugene & Carmelita Becker – from family



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