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Newsletter – August 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings!

This month, the Church presents us with three feasts that focus on the glory of God revealed in our human nature. The three foundational glorious feasts are the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Queenship of Mary. Just as the Transfiguration of the Lord gives us a preview of the future when the Son of Man will come in glory in the Heavenly Kingdom, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary shows us the goal of our own life pilgrimage. May Jesus and Mary inspire us to hope and persevere in the process of our own transformation to our glorious communion with God.

I cannot help feeling glorious and grateful that the AC/Heating unit has finally been installed on the second floor of the rectory. It is such a great relief from the summer heat and I am sure an even greater relief from the winter cold when it comes. A heartfelt thanks to the parishioners who have donated. To date, donations total \$4,175.00 ... so we are still \$2,825 short of the \$7,000.00 cost of the unit. As such, we are still accepting donations for the full payment of the AC/Heating unit. Thanks again to those who have already donated and an advance thank you to those who are yet to donate.

My gratitude goes to all who made the Mexican Feast Under the Moon (Fiesta Mexicana Bajo La Luna) a roaring success. It was my first time to wear Mexican boots, Mexican belt and a sombrero! It was fun! Special thanks to the Servidores de Maria for organizing the fun-filled and colorful event.

Funds raised during the event totaled \$6,520.00 which will go into the completion of the grotto and the gazebo. As soon as these are done, we can next plan on the installation of our engraved pavers. Everyone is enjoined to submit names to be engraved, including names of your dearly departed that may be remembered in prayers at the grotto.

As school opens for the new academic year, the parish also opens classes for children preparing for their first reconciliation and communion and for their confirmation. I would like to thank the commitment and generosity of our teachers and teacher's aides. As I promised in the July newsletter, here are the names of our new teachers and teacher's aides. For the confirmation classes, the teachers will be Pamela Quiroz and Elizabeth Weiss. For the first communion classes, the teacher will be Olivia Campus and with Veronica Diaz as a teacher-aide. Patricia Giacomini will serve as our consultant and adviser. An experienced directress of religious education, I am profoundly grateful to Patricia for her help in preparing the lesson plans, materials and schedule of classes and her valuable advice for our religious education programs.

For now, seven (7) students have enrolled for our first communion classes and nine (9) students have enrolled for confirmation classes. Let us all pray for our teachers and students as we continue to teach and impart our Catholic faith and traditions to our children.

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Mass Times

St. Joseph

Tuesday – Friday

8:30 a.m.

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

and

4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Our Lady of the Lake

Loch Lomond

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pines

Sunday's at 11:30 am.



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Please pray for the sick in our parish... and those who care for them.... Larry Boll,

Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Cheryl Elliehausen, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Andre Kelley, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.

I am utterly amazed with our parishioners who continue to generously help and support the improvement and beautification of our Church and the compound. Thanks to Barbara Bianchi for donating two climbing roses, Pamela Quiroz for two roses, Sean Millerick for six roses, Mike Tomko for six rose-trees, Ned Munger for two rose-trees, Aram Thuesen one rose-tree and Benjamin Juarez for donating 25 roses. So grateful, indeed, for our lovely rose garden.

Lastly and most importantly, it is so uplifting observing the spiritual growth of our parishioners and the increase of parishioners coming to Sunday and daily masses, adoration and other spiritual rites and activities. Let us continue to bring our families, friends and neighbors to Church. Entrusting our families and our Parish community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to our Parish Patron Saint Joseph!

To God be the Glory!!!

In Christ,

Fr. Lawrence Mendoza
Pastor
St. Joseph Catholic Church



July 2023 Collection Totals			
	1st	2nd	Total
07/01-02/2023	\$ 1,510.00	\$2,376.00	\$ 3,886.00
07/08-09/2023	\$ 1,447.00	\$1,766.00	\$ 3,213.00
07/15-16/2023	\$ 1,181.00	\$1,196.00	\$ 2,377.00
07/22-23/2023	\$ 1,432.00	\$1,336.00	\$ 2,768.00
07/29-30/2023	\$ 1,468.00	\$1,894.00	\$ 3,362.00
Total	\$ 7,038.00	\$8,568.00	\$15,606.00

Paula Johnson passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, August 19.

Paula was a long-time parishioner of St. Joseph, and she will be missed. Our sympathy to her family. Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph on September 30 at 10 a.m. May she rest in peace!