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September 4, 2016

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*We are to take up our cross and follow Jesus each day.*



*"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33*

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*Something to ponder and put into action this week:*

*"Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."  
C.S. Lewis*

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## Ministries for September 10th & September 11th

Ministry	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 9:00am	Sunday 11:00am
<b>Lector</b>	Rick Martinelli Cathy Martinelli	Genevieve Rotella Ana Rotella	Chris Frank
<b>Bread</b>	George Mazotti	Mike Del Hierro Bernie Humphreys Denise Welham	Michael Fontaine John Jiron Patches Lucero
<b>Cup</b>	Charlene Theis Susanne Valdez	Sheila Ontis Mary Vargas Vic Palazzini Cathy Markoff	Tracy Hull Lorraine Crespini Anna Rose Martinez Judy Rosenbach
<b>Altar Server</b>	Lacy Wikison Byron Fanning Aedan Fanning	Joseph Rupinen Jamison Horan Johnny Aiello Leah Aiello	Sophia O'Doriso Angelo O'Doriso Giacomo Frank Gianni Frank Camryn von der Hofen

## Stewardship of Tithing August 28th, 2016

Saturday, 5pm Mass	\$1,547.06
Sunday, 9am Mass	\$1,681.00
Sunday 11am Mass	\$1,629.04
Children's Collection	\$50.75
Capital Improvement	\$417.00
School	\$35.00
Outreach	\$1080.00
Parish Hall/Gym Reno. Project	\$661.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,101.35</b>

### Parish Hall/Gym Renovation

Amount raised to date: **\$281,358.70**

Amount still needed: **\$18,641.30**

#### How you can contribute:

- Use the blue envelopes in the pews
- Use the Capital Improvement envelopes that are in your regular giving envelope packs
- Mail or drop a check off at the office (be sure to write "Renovation" or "Capital Improvement" in the memo space)
- Go online to <https://membership.faithdirect.net>

### Assumption Food Bank

Wednesday's 9:00am - 3:30pm

#### Donations needed at this time:

Canned Tuna      Cereal      Canned fruit  
Pasta Sauce      Jelly      Peanut Butter  
Pasta/Rice  
Fresh fruits and vegetables



(Please no canned vegetables - we have plenty!)

\$10 grocery/gas gift cards are also very helpful.

*Thank you for your support!*

Last week we served 12 families.

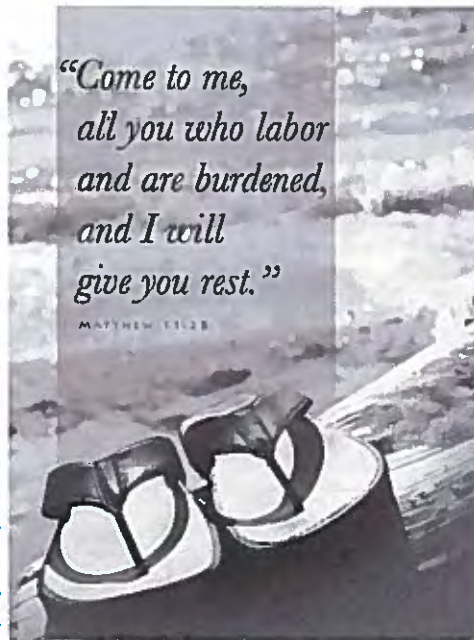
### Attention All Seniors!

Are you 55 and over? The Seniors Group at Assumption would like to invite you to join our group. Please call Arlene at 303-287-3797 or Irene at 303-288-3666 for more information.



*"Come to me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28



### Happy Labor Day!

Parish and School Office closed Monday September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



## From the Pastor's Desk .....

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." It's a modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice guy who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God must be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to "hate" our "father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters," and even our own life.

It's important to understand that the use of the word "hate" here does not mean to despise anyone or treat them unkindly. It means rather to prefer something-or someone-else, namely, God, to these important relationships. Taken in the context of the Gospel as a whole it is clear that Jesus is not advocating cruelty or animosity. On the contrary, just a few weeks ago we heard from Luke 10:27 as Jesus instructed us to love our neighbors as ourselves. However, in putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It is a kind of hatred of family, self, and "stuff" when we don't allow these things to become mini-gods in our lives. Instead, we keep God as God.

What does this mean for us? It means not allowing a family member to prevent us from practicing our faith to the fullest, and also not putting our trust in gadgets and gizmos. It means, instead, putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Understanding God's ways and intentions is very difficult. We even have difficulty grasping the complexities of human existence! We need God's wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in order to walk straight on the path of discipleship. Even as we seek God's wisdom and guidance, are we really prepared to pay the possible price of discipleship? Making a choice to follow the Lord requires much preparation and assessment.

## Assumption Catholic School Pre-Kindergarten

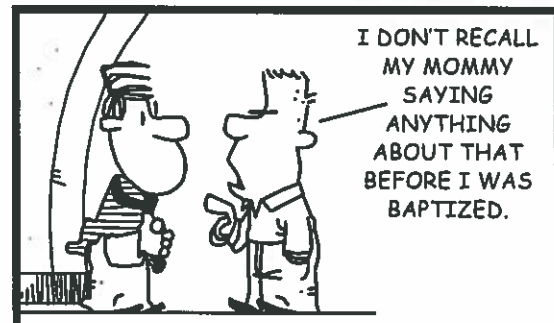
Have you considered enrolling your child in a Catholic School Pre-School program?  
Assumption Catholic school has space in their 4-year old Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2016-17 school year.

**Tuition assistance is available.**

Please contact us at  
[303-288-2442 x 110](tel:303-288-2442) or  
email [sgrey@assumptiondenver.org](mailto:sgrey@assumptiondenver.org) if  
you are interested in learning more.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### **Save The Date:**

Flu Shots will be available on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00m – 11:00am in the Parish Office.  
Donations to cover the cost of the shot gratefully accepted.

## *Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy*

Week 6 of our mission to answer the call of the Pope for each and every one of us to share in Christ's mission by putting the Works of Mercy into action.

### Bury the Dead:

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your own card and use some of the prayers found at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/prayers-for-death-and-dying.cfm>
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost, or for a stranger. Bring a flower to leave at the grave.
- Spend time planning your own funeral mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection.
- Offer to visit someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, especially in the months following the funeral and on or around the six month or annual anniversary of the person's death.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

"You were created on purpose for a purpose." That may sound like pop psychology gibberish to you at first, but it is the truth. Modern studies into strengths and gifts, along with constantly new understandings of the complex wonder of DNA, lead us to conclude that each human being is truly unique. You hold within you a unique set of gifts that cannot be duplicated in the same way by another. What your parents may have told you about snowflakes growing up holds true for people too: No two are exactly alike.

However, we often live our lives in such a way that gives testimony to a falsity, that is, anybody can do just about any job. Positions in the workforce and in our parishes are filled with people who only fulfill one requirement for the job: they have warm bodies. (Meaning, they are not dead.) There are two realities that create this problem. First, we ask people to do things they are not equipped to do. We tell them to work harder at it and eventually they will get it. But I can guarantee that no matter how hard I try, I will not be able to lead an NBA team to a title. Sounds ludicrous on that level. But I assure you, it is no more ludicrous than asking someone that doesn't really like children to teach elementary catechesis. Second, we ourselves sometimes believe that we have nothing special to offer. We go through life having no idea what our gifts are and how to give of them. We take dead-end jobs and rarely share ourselves with the community. But you may just be the answer to a business or parish problem that, to some, seems unsolvable.

On this Labor Day weekend, thank God for the gifts you have received. Use them to elevate your labor, both in the workplace and in the parish. If you don't know how, there is help out there. You are not like everybody else. God has given you a purpose.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Upcoming Community Events

**Faith Sharing**  
September 5th

**Bingo**  
September 6th 12:00 pm  
September 7th 7:30 pm  
Turn II Bingo Hall at 72nd  
and Pecos

**Grandparent's Day  
Breakfast**  
September 11th  
8:00am—12:30pm

**Welby Days**  
September 17th  
9:00am -2:00pm

**Faith Formation/RE  
Classes**  
September 18th 10:00am

**Assumption Golf  
Tournament**  
September 24th  
1:30pm Shotgun Start

**Flu Shots**  
October 9th  
8:00am—11:00am

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday September 6**  
9:00 am † Ariday Gallegos and Karla Escobedo-Sainz

**Wednesday September 7**  
9:00 am † Peter Thieu

**Thursday September 8**  
9:00 am † Tisha Alpers

**Friday September 9**  
9:00 am Communion Service

**Saturday: September 10**  
5:00 pm People of Assumption

**Sunday: September 11**  
9:00am † Frank Molinaro  
11:00am † Gabriel DeLeon

### Prayer Corner:

**Pray for:** Gene Brienza, Robert and Marge Rodriguez, the Romero Family

**The sick:** Carol Gephardt, Doris Sninchak, Ron Winter, Hailey Christensen, Stanley Kapron, Dave Chartier

**For the repose of the souls of:** Doris Jarvis and Arthur Romero

Call Sandy in the parish office to have names added to this Prayer Corner list.  
303-288-2442 x 100



## Contact Us

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**Fax:** 303.288.4716

### PARISH HOURS

Monday 12:00pm-3:30pm  
Tue – Thu 8:00am-3:30pm  
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am  
Saturday Confession 4:00pm  
Mass 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

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## Readings for the Week of September 4, 2016

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

## Grandparent's Day

Sunday September 11th is Grandparent's Day. Please join us for a free breakfast to celebrate our wonderful grandparents. Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus in our school cafeteria after the 9:00am and 11:00am mass.

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