



CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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February 3, 2019

- *Today's Mass*
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
- *Sunday Masses*
8, 9:30, 11 am, 12:30 pm
- *Saturday Masses*
7:00am, 5:00pm
- *Weekday Masses*
Monday through Friday
7:00am, 12 noon
- *Holy Day & Holiday Masses*
Please see weekly Mass schedule
- *Confessions*
Monday through Friday
11:30 – 11:50am
Saturday at 4:00pm
- *Baptisms*
Each Sunday following the
12:30pm Mass
- *Matrimony*
Membership in parish for at
least one year prior to mar-
riage plans
- *Devotions*
Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesdays & Sacred Heart
on Fridays after noon Mass

Mission Trip Part II - Immersion

In last week's bulletin I wrote about my trip to Guatemala and visiting the missions. The trip also provided an immersion experience, staying with the family of a seminary classmate, Fr. Samuel Perez. Fr. Sam grew up in Guatemala and was inspired by Fr. Greg Shaffer, the founding pastor of the San Lucas mission.



Sixteen years ago, I visited the mission and Fr. Sam's family. It was enjoyable to see this trip how his eight siblings had grown from teenagers to parents. Along with another traveler, John Roby, we immersed ourselves into the lives of a big, indigenous Guatemalan family. We practiced our broken Spanish, and everyone took great joy in correcting our mistakes – something we asked them to do.

The Guatemalan people are very resourceful, which is especially apparent in family life. They look after each other, care for their aging parents, work hard and waste nothing that is still useful. The home, which was just two rooms in 2003, has grown as the children grew. I was even able to have my own room during this visit. On the family land there is a simple tienda (store), a bakery which sells to other stores, pigs, chickens, turkeys, vegetables and coffee groves. All this plus handmade tortillas, rice and beans provided for our meals.

There is electricity, but the home has no heat, which meant in the cooler mornings and evenings you hung close to the wood burning fire stove in the kitchen, a fireplace in their opened-air living area, then many blankets for sleeping. The annual high temperature range is between 65 and 85 degrees and during our visit the weather was perfect.

For a few days the village water pump went out but it did not phase anyone because this is common. Kids from the local school gladly went up a hill to fetch water, but the Perez family is fortunate to have a cistern. We drank bottled water and used buckets to bring water to the kitchen and bathrooms. For bathing one would heat water on the fire in the kitchen, and then have a shower with a bucket as if one were self-baptizing, full-body style.



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Upcoming Events

- *Baptism Preparation Class*, this Sunday, February 3rd, in lower church, following the 11:00am Mass
- *Throat Blessing*, Tuesday, February 5th, after the 7:00am and Noon Masses.
- *RCIA-Becoming Catholic Class*, Wednesday, February 6th, 6:30-8:00pm, lower level of rectory building.
- *Religious Education Classes*, 9-10:15am, next Saturday, February 9th, at the St. Mary's Campus.
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry* meets next Sunday, February 10, following the 9:30am Mass in lower church. Contact Tammy Clemens, 651-442-0544, for additional information.

We Extend Our Sympathies

To the families of **Frank Sunberg** and **Mary Trader** who passed away this last week. "Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them."

We Welcome into Our Community



The following children who were baptized this weekend at Assumption: **Thomas Gerald Leonard**, child of Tom and Phoebe Leonard; and **Emma Claire Rice**, child of Thomas and Amy Rice.

Celebrating Sixty Years

Congratulations to Assumption Parishioners **Diane & Jim Thomas**, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on February 7th.



Seeking Volunteer Help

The **Carondelet Foundation** is looking for help with stuffing and stamping invitations to their annual gala. Volunteers are asked to gather Wednesday, February 20th, from 9:00am-Noon at the Carondelet Village Auditorium (2nd Floor). There will be treats and door prizes for your help. Please contact Mimi at mpizzi@csjministriesfoundation.org or 651-690-7058.

Second Stork is seeking a very part-time volunteer or team of two to help coordinate packing service events at schools, churches, workplaces and other locations. The time commitment is less than 10 hours per month. For more information please email: info@secondstork.org or call 651-272-0356.

The Power of Prayer

You are welcome to request prayers for yourself or a loved one through our Assumption prayer team. To do so, call the parish office, 651-224-7536. Requests for prayers can be for any reason, including illness, job stress, or family discord. Please identify the timeline for your request. All requests are kept confidential.



Catholics at the Capitol 2019

Begin the day, Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00am with Mass right here at Assumption. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Hebda and 8 other bishops. Later that day, join with thousands of Catholics from across Minnesota for a day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy at the St. Paul River Centre and State Capitol. Tickets: CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org.

Bishop's Mass

The 7:00am Mass on Tuesday, February 19th, will be celebrated by Archbishop Hebda (see article above). Please note that this Mass will last well beyond our regular 20-25 minute daily morning Mass. All are still welcome!

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- Special thanks to:**
- *Snow Plowing*
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Dave Brown
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Brian Christopherson
 - *Porter*
James Prifrel, Jr.

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Good fun happened throughout the whole trip. When not visiting the missions, we took long hikes up big hills through forests and mountain-side coffee groves. Evenings were spent playing cards by the fire or heading up to the flat roof of the house to enjoy more stars than I have seen in years. Daytime views were of mountains, volcanoes and beautiful Lake Atitlán.



Such an immersion into family and community life helps one appreciate the blessings at home, but it was special to experience their rhythm of life. The people of Guatemala have faced many challenges, including political corruption, a civil war in the 70’s-90’s, volcano eruptions, earthquakes, and occasional effects of hurricanes. The mostly indigenous population is resilient, resourceful, hardworking, loyal, friendly and very hospitable. They have been helped by the US church-sponsored missions, but it is clear that they have much to teach us. As always, it’s good to come home, but I am grateful for this immersion with a wonderful family in a beautiful country. I’ll look forward to another trip.

- Fr. Paul Treacy

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 3	8:00 am	†Thomas and †Ruth Clagherty
<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 am	†Hugh Markley
	11:00 am	†Harold and †May Belair
	12:30 pm	†Mary Dietsch
Monday, February 4	7:00 am	†Lilian Mortenson and †Margaret Goutermont
	12:00 pm	†Michael Poston
Tuesday, February 5	7:00 am	†Ruth Kamnikar
<i>Saint Agatha</i>	12:00 pm	†Mary Ellen Coyne and †Tony Rancone
Wednesday, February 6	7:00 am	†Salome Malleta
<i>St. Paul Mikki and Companions</i>	12:00 pm	Brooke Medama
Thursday, February 7	7:00am	†Jack Andrews
	12:00pm	Ann Martin
Friday, February 8	7:00 am	†Frank Sunberg
<i>Saints Jerome and Josephine</i>	12:00 pm	†Said and †Ann George
Saturday, February 9	7:00 am	†Elaine Smolinski
	5:00pm	†Maureen A. Hunt
Sunday, February 10	8:00 am	†John and †Billy Roach
<i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9:30 am	Parishioners
	11:00 am	†Bud Faricy
	12:30 pm	Kait Beaudette

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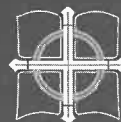


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