



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS  
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**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am  
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm  
Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## CONFESSIONS

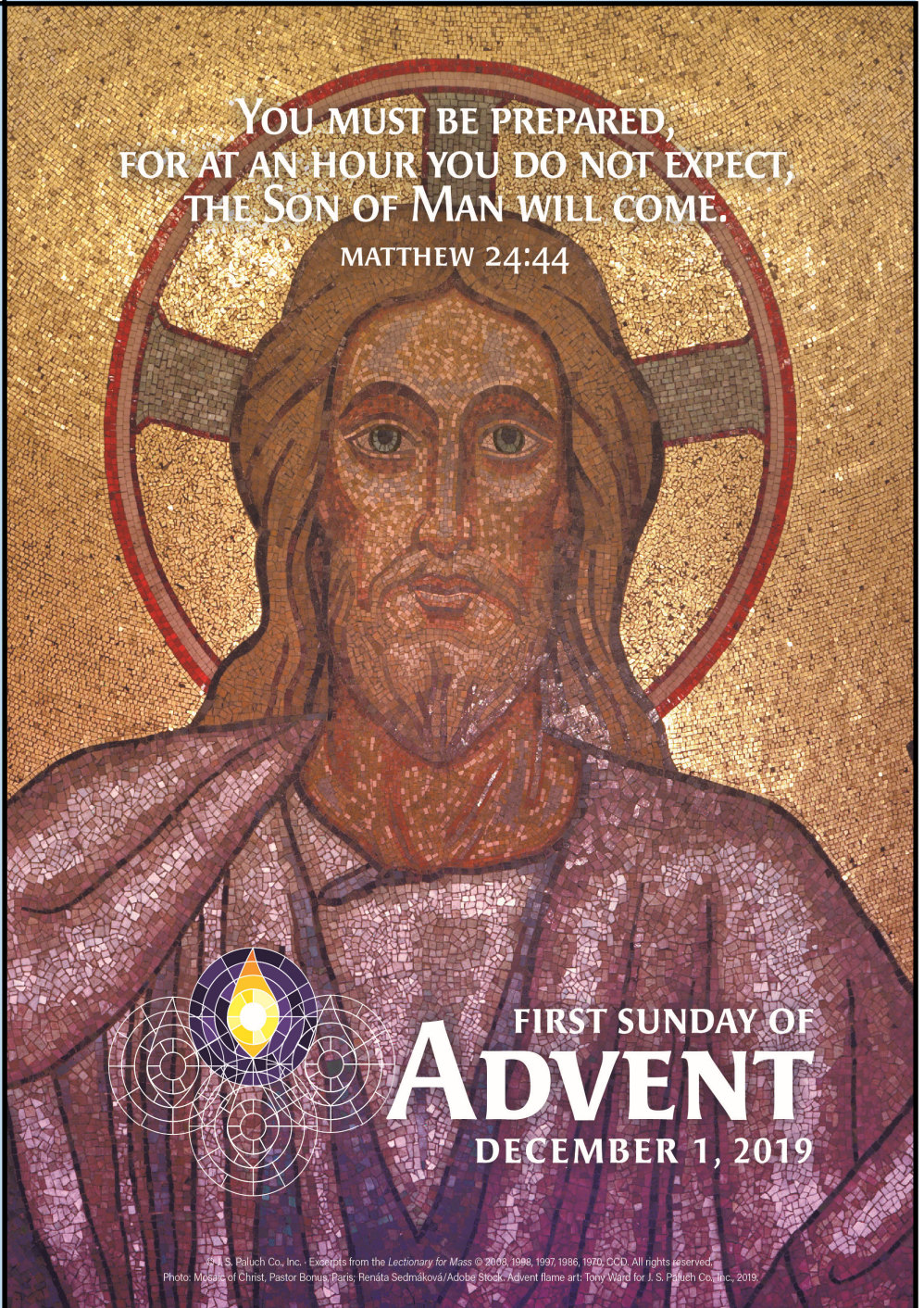
Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:00am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

YOU MUST BE PREPARED,  
FOR AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT,  
THE SON OF MAN WILL COME.

MATTHEW 24:44



FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 1, 2019



From The Pastor's Desk...  
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

A new year has begun - liturgically speaking. The First Sunday of Advent ushers in the start of a new cycle of scripture readings. This liturgical year we will hear the story of Jesus' life primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. In last week's article, I drew out some of the primary themes of Matthew's gospel. So let us look now at the four weeks of Advent.

Advent has a two-fold character to it. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. My experience is that most of us spend a lot of time and energy preparing for the celebration of the First Coming of Jesus in our Christmas celebrations. But it's hard to do much preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus during Advent because our culture, marketing, and commercialization focus all our attention on the celebration of Christmas. The selection of our scripture readings for the first, second, and third Sundays of Advent turn our attention to the Second Coming of Jesus. It isn't until the Fourth Sunday of Advent that our thoughts are turned to Christmas.

On the First Sunday of Advent, the prophet Isaiah turns our thoughts to "in the day's to come".....a vision of a peaceful world where there will be no more war. That will be a reality when Jesus returns. In the gospel, Jesus gives a warning about the end of time. On the Second Sunday of Advent, Isaiah continues his vision of a world where everything is in harmony -don't we long for the day! In the gospel, we meet John the Baptist who calls us to repentance. On the Third Sunday of Advent, Isaiah continues his vision of a world where healing will take place - and don't we need that!! The gospel tells a story of John in prison, Jesus already born and doing miraculous things. It isn't until the Fourth Sunday of Advent that we get to the Christmas theme.

I know it's difficult with all the details of getting ready for Christmas....the shopping, decorating, cooking, cleaning etc. but I urge you in your interior life to take the slow movement toward Christmas that our Advent readings do to think and pray about the Second Coming of Christ. Then perhaps, when the Church's Christmas Season comes (December 25 through January 12) you will have a little more energy to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus as the Church does, and not end your Christmas celebration as the commercial world does on December 26<sup>th</sup>!

Have a blessed Advent!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM † Jose Cabreza Torres, by Ordonez Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 4:00 PM  
 4:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, December 3 - St Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 AM Int Uriel Ruiz

### Wednesday, December 4 - St John Damascene, Priest

8:00 AM † Ron Peterson, by Patsy Peterson

### Thursday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 AM Int Fr Mark Bernhard  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 AM † Cathy Gargas-Parinella by, Iskrzycki Family

### Saturday, December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop

12:00 PM Baptism  
 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent  
 † David Schremp, by Machtemas Family  
 † Baby Tristan Pazos, by Tom & Letty Nolan  
 6:30 PM Charismatic Healing Mass

### Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 Int Campion Family, by Ron & Cheryl Lohse  
 9:00 AM † Norma Knecht, by Lazowski Family  
 10:45 AM The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 12:30 PM † Bonifacio Talaue, by Family  
 5:30 PM Int Uriel Ruiz

Normally, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception, but since it falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th and IS NOT a holy day of obligation this year. Therefore, there are no additional Masses for the Immaculate Conception.

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon         | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick               | 10. Msgr. Tom Powers       |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos        | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde           | 12. Theodore Sofos         |
| 5. Melecia's Death Anniv. | 13. Laura Eddy             |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra       | 14. Mason's Well Being     |
| 7. Healing-John Swanston  | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. Healing-Gary Benton    | 16. The Homeless           |

*If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.*

A Christmas Concert Experience  
**EMMANUEL**  
 with award winning music artist and author  
 TATIANA 'TAJCI' CAMERON  
 Featuring country music artist David Langley  
 idobelieve.com  
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 7 PM  
 OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## We pray for our sick, confined and their families

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema  
 Mel Schmudde  
 Kathryn Martini  
 Mary Moody  
 Brady Pembroke  
 Wayne Draper  
 Ailani Banulos  
 Julia Schremp  
 Billy Walowski  
 Kathy Walowski  
 Flo Paprzycki

Helga Manglinong  
 Michael Dandan  
 Charlene Oates  
 Maria Luna  
 William Nimmow  
 Jill Brisceno  
 Lexi Brisceno  
 Michael Butler  
 Mary Ellen Reiter  
 Hailey Hartnett  
 Thomas F. Sterling  
 Henrietta Pineda

La Moua  
 Valerie Plesha  
 Deacon Bob Vavra  
 Hedy Sterling  
 Christopher Rich  
 Diane Pazos  
 Keith Patzer  
 Diane Ramonas  
 Diane Singer  
 Joyce Craig  
 Bob Chima Mary Ubi  
 Dave Doughrty

John Swanston

**Please note:** Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....  
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Ha comenzado un nuevo año, litúrgicamente hablando. El Primer Domingo de Adviento marca el comienzo de un nuevo ciclo de lecturas de las escrituras. Este año litúrgico escucharemos la historia de la vida de Jesús principalmente del Evangelio de Mateo. En el artículo de la semana pasada, mostré algunos de los temas principales del evangelio de Mateo. Así que veamos ahora las cuatro semanas de Adviento.

Adviento tiene un doble carácter. Es un tiempo de preparación para las solemnidades de la Navidad, en el que se recuerda la Primera Venida del Hijo de Dios a la humanidad, y de la misma manera, al recordar esto, las mentes y los corazones se ven dirigidos a esperar la Segunda Venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Mi experiencia es que la mayoría de nosotros gastamos mucho tiempo y energía preparándonos para la celebración de la Primera Venida de Jesús en nuestras celebraciones de Navidad. Pero es difícil prepararse mucho para la Segunda Venida de Jesús durante el Adviento porque nuestra cultura, marketing y comercialización centran toda nuestra atención en la celebración de la Navidad. La selección de nuestras lecturas de las escrituras para el primer, segundo y tercer domingo de Adviento dirige nuestra atención a la Segunda Venida de Jesús. No es hasta el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento que nuestros pensamientos se dirigen a la Navidad.

En el Primer Domingo de Adviento, el profeta Isaías dirige nuestros pensamientos a "en el día por venir"... una visión de un mundo pacífico donde no habrá más guerra. Eso será una realidad cuando Jesús regrese. En el evangelio, Jesús da una advertencia sobre el fin de los tiempos. En el Segundo Domingo de Adviento, Isaías continúa su visión de un mundo donde todo está en armonía, ¡no anhelamos el día! En el evangelio, nos encontramos con Juan el Bautista que nos llama al arrepentimiento. En el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, Isaías continúa su visión de un mundo donde se llevará a cabo la sanación, ¡y no necesitamos eso! El evangelio cuenta una historia de Juan en la prisión, Jesús ya nacido y haciendo cosas milagrosas. No es hasta el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento que llegamos al tema de Navidad.

Sé que es difícil con todos los detalles de prepararse para la Navidad... las compras, la decoración, la cocina, la limpieza, etc., pero les insto en su vida interior a tomar el lento movimiento hacia la Navidad que nuestras lecturas de Adviento hacen para pensar y orar sobre la Segunda Venida de Cristo. Entonces, tal vez, cuando llegue la Temporada de Navidad de la Iglesia (del 25 de diciembre al 12 de enero), Uds. tendrán un poco más de energía para celebrar la Primera Venida de Jesús como lo hace la Iglesia, ¡y no terminar su celebración Navideña como lo hace el mundo comercial el 26 de diciembre!

¡Que tengan un bendecido Adviento!

*Padre Don*

## Clases de inglés para mujeres Regístrese ahora para la clase de enero

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## Eventos de Adviento en Diciembre 2017

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

- 1.) **Rezo del Santo Rosario (Novena)**  
*Acompañenos a rezar dos días consecutivos como parte de la novena*  
Lunes 11 de Dic a las 7:00 pm –Iglesia-  
Martes 12 de Dic a las 5:00 pm – antes de misa-
- 2.) **Celebración de la Santa Misa por las Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la iglesia:**  
Martes 12 de Diciembre a las 5:30 p.m.
- 3.) **Las Posadas: Rezo del Santo Rosario en la iglesia**  
15 de Diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. –iglesia-  
16 de Diciembre a las 7:30 p.m. –iglesia-  
17 y 18 de Diciembre a las 7:00 p.m – iglesia-  
19 de Diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. en el MPR
- 4.) **La Pastorela con cena**  
19 de Diciembre en el MPR

## Office of Communications Diocese of Joliet

### STATEMENT FROM BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON REGARDING THE AMAZONIAN SYNOD November 14, 2019

For the past three weeks there has been considerable comment and questioning about the Pan-Amazon Synod that was held in Rome for three weeks during October. Prior to the U. S. bishops' meeting in Baltimore this week, I had very little objective information about the synod. I am now able to answer some of the most frequently asked questions and concerns.

The synod, which is an official gathering of bishops called by the Pope, brought together bishops from nine countries, parts of which comprise the Amazon region of South America, known mostly for its rain forests and indigenous tribes. The synod was requested by these bishops to discuss significant pastoral issues and to propose potential solutions in the presence of the Holy Father.

These significant pastoral issues include social problems, such as drug violence, government repression and the intentional burning of the rain forest to provide more pasture for exported cattle. The bishops also discussed church matters, especially the extreme shortage of priests. (Most baptisms and weddings in the Amazon are performed by lay catechists, and some Catholics receive Communion as rarely as once a year.)

Among many other recommendations, the bishops did propose the possibility of ordaining a few select married men as priests and some women as deacons, while strongly supporting the Church's general practice in this regard. (It should be remembered that for many years the Church in the United States and other developed countries has been permitted to ordain as priests married ministers from Protestant communions.) The Pope will decide about the recommendations in the months ahead.

Finally, there was the question of the wooden statues that the lay pilgrims, who accompanied their bishops to Rome, displayed as part of their prayer at the Vatican. Known as "Pachamama" and featuring a pregnant woman, the figure comes from pre-Christian culture and represents the goddess of creation. The Vatican apparently offered no official explanation for the presence of the statues but denied that they were being worshipped. Perhaps they were intended as symbols of the threatened eco-system in the Amazon.

Finally, the Amazon is not the United States. Its history, ecology and culture are radically different, as are the current social and ecclesiastical conditions. The people there deserve our respect and support, even if we may have difficulty understanding their circumstances. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a publicly available link to this statement:

<http://dioceseofjoliet.org/communications/newsdetail.php?id=110>

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

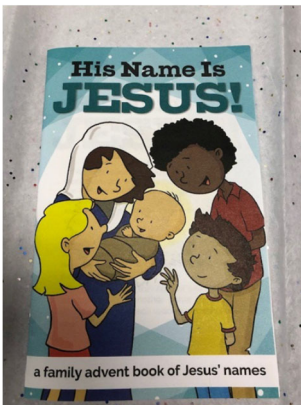
**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Grades K-5)

An Advent Family Devotional...  
His Name Is Jesus!

"You will name him Jesus," the angel told both Mary and Joseph, and that is the name we still use most often to talk about our dear Savior. That name has a special meaning, which you can learn and pray about when the children bring this awesome, family advent booklet home the week of December 1st!



The Bible tells us that Jesus has other names too, lots of them, and all of those names have special meanings as well. They help us to understand who Jesus is and what he does for us.

Using this booklet, you and your loved ones can learn another name for Jesus each day during Advent. When your family has completed the booklet together, consider sharing which name is your favorite during your Christmas dinner or sometime during your Christmas break.

## EDGE (Grades 6-8)

### EDGE NIGHTS

Dec. 2	ALL GRADES	ADVENT RECONCILIATION/SERVICE PROJECT
Dec. 9	ALL GRADES	MARY, OUR MOTHER, Zara Tan, Presenter
Dec. 16	ALL GRADES	PROVERBS, Fr. Don, Presenter, & CHRISTMAS PARTY

### EDGE PLUS

Sat. Dec. 7	SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING	9/3 PM	(PERM. FORM NEEDED)
Sun. Dec. 8	ALDEN CHRISTMAS CAROLING	1:30/3:30 PM	(PERM. FORM NEEDED)
Sun. Dec. 29	COOKING AT OLM FOR HESED	2/4 PM	(OLM KITCHEN)
Mon. Dec. 30	BOWLING AT PARKSIDE	1/3 PM	(PERM. FORM NEEDED)

Please find all forms needed on OLM website w/links

### CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATE!! This invitation is for all parishioners.

On Sunday, January 11, OLM will participate in the *Chicago March for Life*. We will be joining many other Joliet Diocese parishes as we *SPEAK WITH OUR FEET!* We will be taking the bus from St. Petronille's Church in Glen Ellyn. Permission forms will be available through EDGE Nights, in front of RE Office & on OLM website. WE WILL BE NEEDING CHAPERONES FOR THIS TRIP. If you are a parent attending, please fill out a permission form.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS (Grades 9-12)

Service and Discipleship projects are available for teens! Sign-up online! Go to the LIGHT webpage for more details!

Teen Bible Study meets on Wednesday's from 6-7pm in the youth center. Any teen is welcome to attend.

Signup for LIGHT Mini-Courses now! Courses for teens are filling up fast. Get the LIGHT Guidebook on the LIGHT webpage or in the lobby wall display.

Faith Conversations with high school teens interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in November. Check out the LIGHT webpage for more details.

Parents and Interested Adults in the parish community are invited to consider helping with the Senior High Youth Ministry! We are in need of mini-course facilitators, Alpha hospitality and kitchen crew members as well as trip and event chaperones. Please contact the youth ministry office or see the LIGHT webpage for more details.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. Through the ministry, we pray that individuals feel comfortable reaching out for support and prayer, that the stigma associated with mental health is broken and that people realize that treatment is available.

The next opportunity to come together in a safe and sacred space that honors confidentiality to support one another with resources, sharing of experiences, praying together and sharing food and fellowship is Monday December 16 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. If you have any questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [jaeppli@gmail.com](mailto:jaeppli@gmail.com).

### Gratitude Enriches Your Life

Saying “thank you” is one way of expressing gratitude, but in a deeper sense, gratitude is a state of being. The word gratitude is derived from the Latin word *gratia*, which depending on the context it means grace, graciousness or gratefulness. It is important to have an “attitude of gratitude” every day not just when Thanksgiving is celebrated.

According to Harvard Health Publishing Harvard Medical School, gratitude “helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity and build strong relationships.”

Some suggestions to foster gratitude are to thank others through a written thank-you note, a verbal thank you or thanking someone mentally who has been kind to you or done something nice for you. Take time at the end of the day to write in a gratitude journal or mentally think of what or who you are thankful for that day. Take one day of the week to write down your blessings (three to five) - maybe an event that happened, how a person touched your life in a special way or when and where you felt God’s presence in your life. One of the best ways to cultivate gratitude is through prayer. Be mindful each day of praising and thanking God! *“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

If you are in need of pastoral care for bereavement support, caregiver support, mental health and wellness support, health management assistance, end-of-life concerns or are unable to make it to Mass and would like a Minister of Care to bring Communion to the home, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN, Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

## NEXT HESED HOUSE EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AND WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Please consider donating a food item(s) or volunteering your time to serve a meal at Hesed House, a homeless shelter located in Aurora, which provides men, women and children with shelter, food and unconditional hospitality.



The O.L.M. program for Hesed House provides the food/supplies and VOLUNTEER WORKERS to serve a meal and provide hospitality on the first Tuesday of each month. Each evening anywhere from 100-150 'guests' are appreciative of the meal and companionship provided through this ministry. Donations of food and/or volunteer time are solicited on a monthly basis.

For more information or to volunteer your time or food/supplies items please contact Len or Linda Eickhoff at 630-904-0906 or Deacon Phil Rehmer at 630-851-3444, extension 232. Thank you!

## Justice & Peace Ministry

Thank you to all who donate toiletry items for the ongoing wash-up bag project. Hundreds of bags have been distributed during this past year, providing homeless persons on the street as well as in shelters with needed items that not only allow them to take care of their daily needs to keep clean/healthy but also assure them that someone cares. This gives them hope as well. Please keep all who are homeless, especially during the cold winter months, in your prayers. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth, let us recall the place of His birth, in a cold stable and the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt to escape the danger of Herod’s edict. Pray for refugees, asylum seekers, all migrants around the world. May they be welcomed and cared for.

Remember that we continue to collect hotel size shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, feminine products, deodorant, razors, combs, wash cloths, socks and granola bars. In the winter months we include hats and gloves. A container for donations can be found in this PLC lobby near the desk.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



*In the presence of the tilma, and miraculous image of the Virgen Of Guadalupe...There is a beautiful sense of feeling protected. Of feeling like a child who is loved by the Mother of God. And when you are in her presence, you can almost hear her speaking. The same tender words she spoke to St. Juan Diego: 'Do not let your heart be disturbed. Do not fear. ... Am I, your Mother, not here? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my arms? What more do you need?'" ([aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org))*

**Join us in the celebration of the festivity of Our Lady Of Guadalupe:**

Thursday December 12th  
6:00 pm Bilingual Rosary  
7:00 pm Bilingual Mass  
8:00 pm Fellowship at the PLC Multi Purpose Room. Food to share is welcome but is not required. Children and adults are welcome.

En la presencia de la tilma de la milagrosa imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe....Existe una hermoso sentimiento de protección. Un sentimiento de sentirse como un niño quien es amado por la Madre De Dios. Cuando estas en su presencia, casi puedes escucharla hablarte, de la misma forma tierna que le hablo a San Juan Diego: "No permitas que tu corazón se inquiete. No tengas miedo... No, soy yo tu Madre, que estoy aquí? No estas bajo la sobra de mi protección? No estas en mi regazo, Que más necesitas de mi?" ([aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org))

Acompañanos a celebrar la festividad de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Jueves 12 de diciembre  
6:00 pm Rosario Bilingue  
7:00 pm Misa Bilingue  
8:00 pm Convivencia en el PLC Multi Purpose Room. Comida para compartir es bienvenida pero no es un requerimiento para asistir. Niños y adultos son bienvenidos.





**GEMS**

**TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND ALL O.L.M. PARISHIONERS AGE 50 AND OVER...**

Come join us for a special Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 11 in our PLC at OLM. We will be serving Chicken Cordon bleu. We are asking our members to bring your favorite traditional Christmas cold or hot dish/salad and a desert...all to share with the group.

We will be exchanging Christmas ornaments this year so please bring along a wrapped ornament for the exchange. In addition, we will be enjoying singing Christmas karaoke songs.

Also, in the OLM Christmas tradition of helping those in need, please consider donating either single or double sized bed sheets for use at Hased House.

In addition, the Aurora Police Department is collecting new toys for giving to the children of needy families in Aurora. If you'd like to donate a toy please bring it to the December GEMS meeting and we will transport them to the APD for distribution to the kids.

Our GEMS advisory group meets on the first Thursday of each month to formulate plans and ideas for future GEMS activities...come join us...out next meeting will be on December 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

**We will continue to collect GEMS dues (\$20 per person under age 80).**

*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/17/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	622,879
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	640,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(17,121)</b>
11/17/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,761
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,239)</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*


**2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Report**

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	133,400
Amount Pledged	\$	163,710
Amount Paid	\$	143,317
Remaining Balance	\$	20,393
Rebate Amount	\$	6,942
# of Families Pledged		610




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*Placement Exam*

**December 7, 2019 @ 8:00 AM**  
*Registration & Practice Exam - December 4th @ 7 PM*

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**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**Weekend Masses**  
**December 7 & 8**

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Phil Rehmer

Sunday: 7:30a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese

9:00a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Art Tiongson

10:45a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tim Kueper

12:30p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini

5:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Tony Leazzo (A)

**Parish Activities for the Week**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 1</b>	
8:00-10:30a	CRHP Men's Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC	PLC
2:00-4:30p	Lady's Advent Tea	MPR
4:00-7:00p	Simbang Gabi Dance Practice	Rm 208/MPR
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
5:00-9:00p	Simbang Gabi Choir Practice	Rm 119/Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 2</b>	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC/Church
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC/Church
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 3</b>	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:30-5:30p	PADS Drop Off	Narthex
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC/Church
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 4</b>	
9:00-11:00a	Women in Faith	Rm 114/208
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Grounds
4:45-6:00p	Re Class	PLC/Church
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:00-7:00p	Teen Bible Study	Rm 211
6:30-7:45p	Re Class	PLC/Church
7:00-8:30p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
7:00-8:30p	ANEW	Rm 114
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 5</b>	
9:00-12:00p	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 6</b>	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:15-10:30a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
6:30-8:30p	Simbang Gabi Mtg	Rm 217
6:30-9:00p	Women at the Well	Rm 114
8:00-10:00p	Art & Environment	Church
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 7</b>	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:00-12:00p	Poinsettia Sale	Rm 114
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
7:30-10:00p	Charismatic Healing Reception	MPR
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 8</b>	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	Re Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:05a	RCIC Class	PLC
4:00-7:00p	Simbang Gabi Dance Practice	MPR
5:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Christmas Gathering	Rm 114
6:30-8:00p	Light Team Mtg	Rm 211
7:00-9:00p	Simbang Gabi Choir Practice	Rm 119
7:00-9:00p	Tajci Cameron Concert	Church
7:00-9:00p	Adult Men's Basketball	MPR

All 8th grade boys are encouraged to take Marmion's Exam on Dec. 7 to qualify for one of the 15 scholarships available (totaling \$345,600).




**SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING ENTRANCE EXAM**

**SAT., DEC. 7, 2019**  
**AT 9:00 AM**

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**Placement Exam – Scholarship Qualifying**  
**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:00am**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to take the Placement Exam at Aurora Central Catholic High School. The Placement Exam must be taken on this day in order to qualify for the many scholarships. Students are asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. The exam will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:00 a.m. No pre-registration is needed. Exam fee: \$30.00

**Attention Parents:** Please join us during the Placement Exam for "Ask Father Etheredge" – A question and answer session about Aurora Central Catholic High School! Join us for coffee, rolls, and pertinent information from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

**HOSPITALIZATION:** If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

**HOSPITALITY:** "Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after all Saturday/Sunday Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).

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