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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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Friday..... 8:30am-1:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm
Sunday.....7:30am, 9:00am
10:45am, 12:30pm, 5:30pm
Monday-Friday8:00am
Rosary prayed after all daily Masses

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

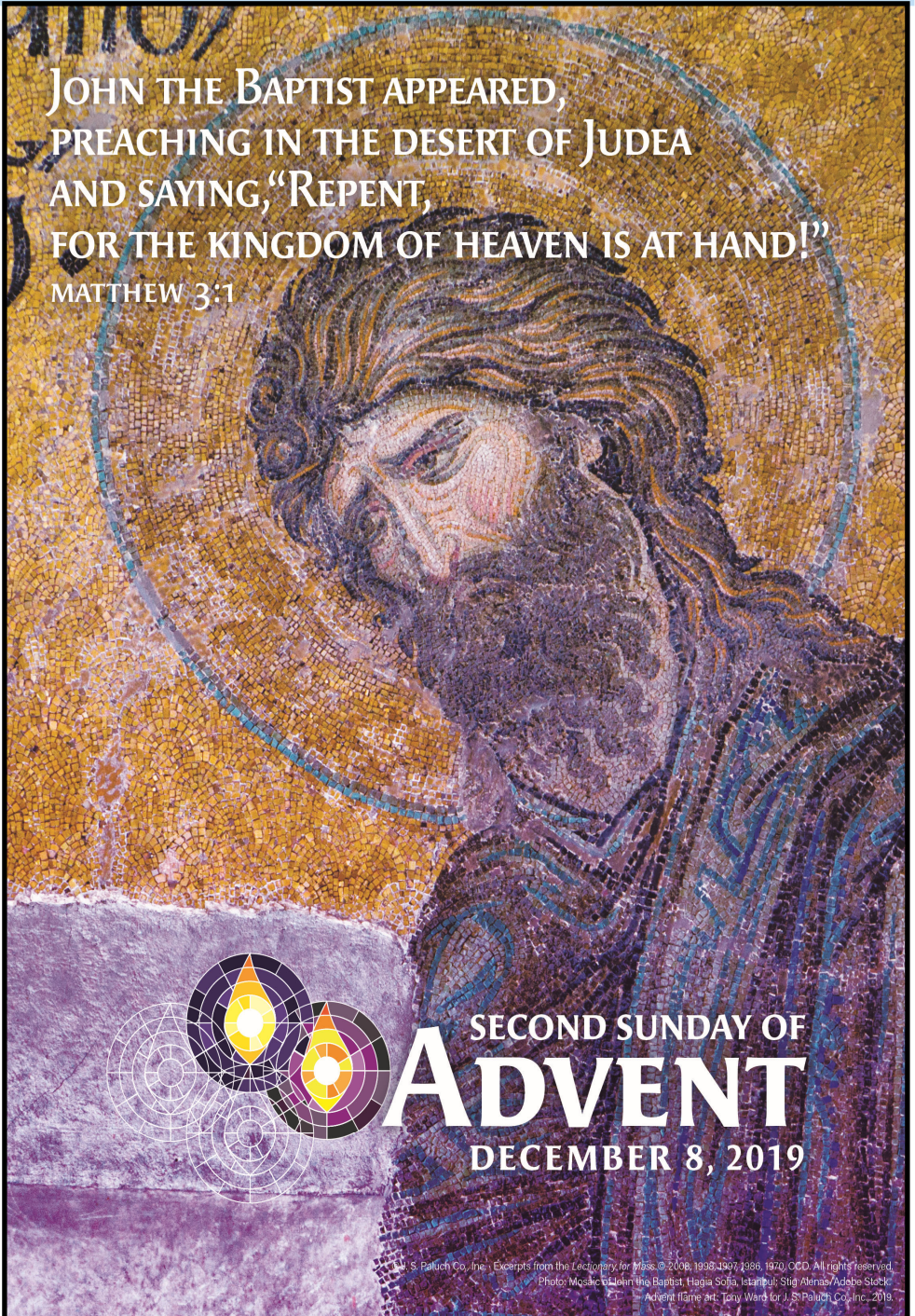
CONFESSIONS

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

PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily7:00am-8:00pm
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday
8:30am-6:00pm
Benediction.....Monday, 6:00pm

JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA
AND SAYING, "REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!"
MATTHEW 3:1



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

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

Normally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is celebrated on December 8th. However because this year it falls on a Sunday, the Sunday Mass always take precedence over any feast day. The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th and is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. Mass is at 8:00AM on Monday and there is not any additional Masses scheduled since it is not a holy day of obligation this year.

What does the Immaculate Conception celebrate? Officially taught by Pope Pius IX in consultation with the world's bishops and promulgated in the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus* on December 8, 1854. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary "was, from the first moment of her conception, by the singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin."

The religious meaning of this dogma centers on the victory of God's grace, freely given in Christ. Sin is universal, and the whole human race is in need of salvation. This is offered because of God's love and mercy poured out in the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, prior to any merits or deserving works on the part of human beings. The dogma of Mary's original sinlessness celebrates God's victory over the powers and principalities of this world as this woman comes into existence. In her very being, through the mercy of God, the grip of evil is broken. So to us Catholics, it is fitting that grace be freely given to Mary from the first moment of her existence because of her role in being the faith-filled mother of Jesus. Her yes to God brought Christ into the world, through whom the ancient sin of Adam and Eve is overturned. That God generously graces Mary, enabling her living union with God from her beginning even while not removing her from the sufferings of history, is congruent with divine mercy. It also signifies the good news that for the Church and for every human being, grace is more original than sin!

We light the second candle of the Advent wreath today. The countdown to Christmas is moving on. The media, and especially advertisements, remind us constantly that time is short. So too does John the Baptist in today's gospel. His reminder is to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. With that in mind, I invite you to our Advent Communal Penance Service this Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00PM. There will be a brief prayer service followed by individual confession. Clean not only your house for Christmas, but your soul as well!!

Have a blessed Advent

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 - Immaculate Conception

Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year

- 8:00 AM † Albert Kirnbaur, by Italo B. Russo, Jr.
 † Hailey Carlson, by Alexa
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

- 8:00 AM † Alfonso Ramirez, Sr. by Bonnie Ramirez
 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

- 8:00 AM † John Horton, by Dorothy Horton

Thursday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00 AM † Maryann & Lissy
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 5:00 PM
 6:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
 7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Friday, December 13 - St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:00 AM † Charles Renn, by Family

Saturday, December 14 - St John of the Cross

- 3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent**
 † James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr.
 by Helean M Ray

Sunday, December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Melva Purnell, by John Salentine
 9:00 AM † Catherine Campion, by Sharon Fernandez
 10:45 AM † Emmanuel Masangcay, by Shirley Staples
 12:30 PM † Francisca Sebastian, by Imelda Brink
 5:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy

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. Diane Kiefer |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Mel Schmudde | 12. Eugenia Lynn |
| 5. Mason's Well Being | 13. Ben & Imelda Orig |
| 6. Jim Hartnett | 14. Good Health for Ricky |
| 7. Louise Touvell | 15. Joseph Kurian |
| 8. The Deceased | 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.

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy
 Nicholaus Laurie, US Marines
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army
 Roberto Ramos, Army
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines
 Mason Webber, Army
 LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
 PFC Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

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	Helga Manglinong	La Moua
Mel Schmudde	Michael Dandan	Valerie Plesha
Kathryn Martini	Charlene Oates	Deacon Bob Vavra
Mary Moody	Maria Luna	Hedy Sterling
Brady Pembroke	William Nimmow	Christopher Rich
Wayne Draper	Jill Brisceno	Diane Pazos
Ailani Banulos	Lexi Brisceno	Diane Ramonas
Julia Schremp	Michael Butler	Diane Singer
Billy Walowski	Mary Ellen Reiter	Joyce Craig
Kathy Walowski	Hailey Hartnett	Bob Chima Mary Ubi
Flo Paprzycki	Thomas F. Sterling	John Swanston
	Henrietta Pineda	

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!

Normalmente, la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María se celebra el 8 de diciembre. Sin embargo, debido a que este año cae en domingo, la Misa dominical siempre tiene prioridad sobre cualquier día de fiesta. La Inmaculada Concepción se celebrará el lunes 9 de diciembre y NO es un día de precepto obligado este año. La

Misa es a las 8:00am del lunes y no hay Misas adicionales programadas ya que no es un día de precepto obligado este año.

¿Qué celebra la Inmaculada Concepción? Enseñada oficialmente por el Papa Pío IX en consulta con los obispos del mundo y promulgada en la bula papal *Ineffabilis Deus* el 8 de diciembre de 1854. El dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción sostiene que la Santísima Virgen María "fue, desde el primer momento de su concepción, por la singular gracia y privilegio de Dios todopoderoso y en vista de los méritos de Jesucristo, el Salvador de la raza humana, preservada libre de toda mancha del pecado original".

El significado religioso de este dogma se centra en la victoria de la gracia de Dios, dada libremente en Cristo. El pecado es universal, y toda la raza humana necesita salvación. Esto se ofrece por el amor y la misericordia de Dios derramados en la vida, muerte y Resurrección de Jesús, antes de cualquier mérito u obras merecedoras de parte de los seres humanos. El dogma de la falta de pecado original de María celebra la victoria de Dios sobre los poderes y principados de este mundo a medida que esta mujer nace. En su propio ser, a través de la misericordia de Dios, se rompe el dominio del mal. Entonces, para nosotros los Católicos, es apropiado que la gracia sea dada libremente a María desde el primer momento de su existencia debido a su papel de ser la madre llena de fe de Jesús. Su sí a Dios trajo a Cristo al mundo, a través del cual se anula el antiguo pecado de Adán y Eva. Que Dios generosamente honra a María, permitiendo su unión viva con Dios desde su principio, incluso sin apartarla de los sufrimientos de la historia, es congruente con la misericordia divina. ¡También significa la buena noticia de que para la Iglesia y para cada ser humano, la gracia es más original que el pecado!

Hoy encendemos la segunda vela de la corona de Adviento. La cuenta regresiva para la Navidad está avanzando. Los medios de comunicación, y especialmente los anuncios, nos recuerdan constantemente que el tiempo es corto. También lo hace Juan el Bautista en el evangelio de hoy. Su recordatorio es arrepentirse porque el reino de los cielos está cerca. Con eso en mente, los invito a nuestro Servicio de Penitencia Comunal de Adviento este martes 10 de diciembre a las 7:00pm. Habrá un breve servicio de oración seguido de una confesión individual. ¡Limpia no solo tu casa para Navidad, sino también tu alma!

Que tengan un bendecido Adviento

Padre Don

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Jueves: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Bienaventurada María Virgen

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Advent & Christmas Masses & Services

Sunday Dec. 8	Tatiana Concert 7:00 pm in Church
Monday Dec. 9	Immaculate Conception BVM NOT a Holy Day of Obligation This Year. 8:00 am Mass
Tuesday Dec. 10	Advent Penance Service & Confessions 7:00 pm
Thursday Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass 7:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass
Saturday Dec. 14	Simbang Gabi Mass 6:00 pm Mass – Ticketed Reception
Tuesday Dec. 17	Reconciliation Before Christmas 6:00 pm-Confessions Until All Heard Last Confessions Before Christmas
Saturday Dec. 21	2:30pm – 4:00pm Regular Weekend Masses will take place.
Tuesday Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Masses 3:00 pm (Church & Parish Center), 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 12 Midnight Masses Preceded by Carols
Wednesday Dec. 25	Christmas Day Masses 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm
Tuesday Dec. 31	Vigil Mass of Mary Mother of God 4:00 pm Mass <i>For Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Wednesday Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary Holy Day Obligation 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Christmas Flower Offerings

This Christmas we will again display poinsettias around the altar to remind all of us that the best gift we can give is the gift of love. If you wish to remember a family member this Christmas, please use this form or a Flower Offering donation envelope (available in the Narthex). Please return this form along with the suggested stipend of \$10 to the Parish Office by December 6th in order to be inserted in the December 22nd bulletin.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given by: _____





**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.

**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 and their loved ones 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. Gatherings will take place on the third Monday of the month in 2020 in room 114 at 7:00PM.

There is no registration for coming to the gatherings. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at jaeppli@gmail.com.

Coping with Grief during the Holiday Season

At a time when others are celebrating the joy of the season, experiencing the loss of a loved one at this time may intensify the sadness and pain that you are feeling. This Christmas ask for God's care and love to help you through each day. If you would like support from others through a support group or on an individual basis during this time, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

Pastoral Care Ministries

If you are in need of pastoral care for caregiver support, mental health and wellness support, health management assistance, personal health counseling, 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.



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Thank you for supporting our parish!!

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)

**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)

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.





Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 11/24/19)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	652,783
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	672,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$	(19,217)
11/24/19 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,904
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,096)

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	\$	164,225
Amount Paid	\$	145,506
Remaining Balance	\$	18,719
Rebate Amount	\$	8,474
# of Families Pledged		611

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 Hesed 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).

Critics Corner Movie Club...contact Pat at 630-585-6437 for information.

SIGN UP NOW: A special trip to Drury Lane Theater is being planned for Thursday, February 20 to view a performance of "An American in Paris". Your \$66 ticket price will cover both the performance and a luncheon...lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the show begins at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Rose Zois at 630-247-1513 for additional information.



Simbang Gabi 20

Saturday, December 14 @ 5:45 pm

**\$6 Per Person
Kids 5& below free.**

**Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses
December 14 & 15**
Fr Mark will preach at all Masses

Saturday: 4:00p Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Phil Rehmer
Sunday: 7:30a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Senovio Sarabia
9:00a Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Mike Plese
10:45a Fr Mark Bernhard/Dcn Tony Martini
12:30p Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
5:30p Fr Mark Bernhard

Parish Activities for the Week

SUNDAY	December 8	
7:00-10:30a	Summoned Men of Fail	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
MONDAY	December 9	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	Edge	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	December 10	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC/Church
7:00-9:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
7:00-9:00p	Light Facilitator Wine & Cheese Wrksp	Rm 217
WEDNESDAY	December 11	
12:00-3:00p	Senior Gems Mtg	PLC
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	ANEW	Rm 208
7:45-9:45p	Magnify	Church
THURSDAY	December 12	
9:00-12:00p	Moms & Tots	Rm 124
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Knights of Columbus Business Mtg	Rm 114
8:00-10:00p	OLG Dinner Celebration	MPR
FRIDAY	December 13	
9:00-4:00p	Art & Environment	Church/Narthex
6:00-10:00p	K of C Christmas Party	MPR
6:00-10:00p	Crafty Souls	Rm 124
7:00-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Rm 208
SATURDAY	December 14	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
8:15-10:15a	Mary's Squad	Rm 208
6:00-10:00p	Simbang Gabi	Church/MPR
SUNDAY	December 15	
8:00-10:30a	Men's CRHP Formation	Rm 114
8:00-11:00a	Re Class K-1	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
7:00-9:00p	Teen Christmas Party	MPR

Space is limited, Register Early to reserve your spot!

Join Fr. Steven Dominic Borello on a
Holy Land Pilgrimage
10 Days - March 23 - April 1, 2020

Optional Jordan Extension

For more information, contact:
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SAVE THE DATE

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Renewal Weekend

Men's Renewal Weekend
February 29 & March 1, 2020

Women's Renewal Weekend
March 7 & 8, 2020

Men's Contact | Bob Maxwell

CRHPOLM@gmail.com

630.962.8464

Women's Contact | Imelda Orig

CRHPOLM@gmail.com

312.409.1644

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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).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Voicemail-ext. 400

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