



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

## PARISH PRIESTS

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Rev. Mr. Senovio Sarabia, Jr.

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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.

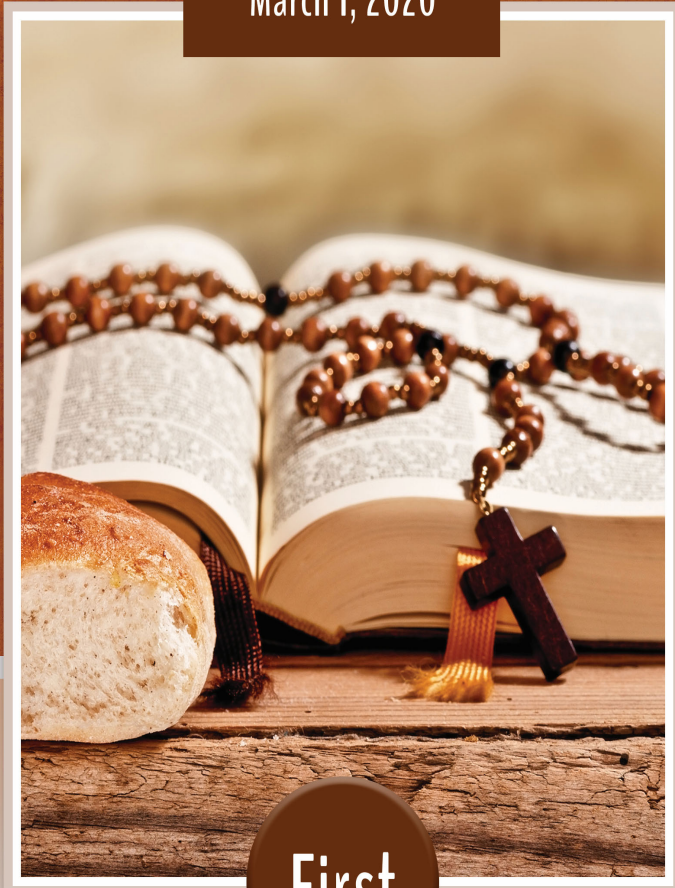
## CONFESSIONS

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

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First

*Sunday of Lent*

Jesus said,  
"One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....**  
**Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!!**

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. We all know Lent as a time of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. We know it too as a time to reflect on our sinfulness, go to confession, and do penance in preparation to celebrate Easter. While repentance is a

well-known Lenten theme, many people are surprised to learn that Baptism is just as an integral part of the season of Lent as is the sacrificing and penance. Having said that, we generally do not baptize infants during Lent (except in an emergency). During Lent, we want our focus to shift to adult baptism. Lent is the final period of preparation for adult (catechumens) for baptism at the Easter Vigil. In the coming weeks they will have a more intense preparation through the scrutiny prayers and anointing with the oil of Catechumens. The rest of us, baptized as infants, are to prepare ourselves to renew, on Easter Sunday, the promises of baptism that our parents and godparents made for us. Here are a few questions for your reflection during Lent. After water was poured over your head, you were then anointed on the head with the oil, the Chrism of salvation, as Priest, Prophet and King. *How are you living that reality – that you, like Christ, are a Priest, Prophet, and King?* Then you were clothed in a white garment as a sign that you have become a new creation and clothed yourself in Christ. *How have you lived your Christian dignity as a person clothed in Christ?* One of your godparents lit a candle from the Easter Candle, with these words: “Receive the Light of Christ.” *How has the light of Christ shown through you in your thoughts, actions, and words?* Think about these as you prepare to climb the mountain of Lent to the glorious heights of Easter.

Our Middle School Youth Minister, Candy Rice has announced that she will be retiring (for the second time) from Our Lady of Mercy at the end of June. Candy led the EDGE program for our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and parents. Candy worked in that position from 2007 until retiring (the first time) in 2012. John Werle held the position from 2012 – 2017. Prior to Fr. Hugh's retirement in June 2017, he invited Candy to come back to OLM as Middle School Youth Minister, which I am glad she did! When I arrived in June 2017, it was good to have staff all in place. I want to thank Candy for the years of service she has given to the Our Lady of Mercy Parish as a staff member, a guide and friend to countless number of middle school youth, and their parents! She has always brought joy and enthusiasm to her ministry, and her love for the emerging teens was always very evident! We wish Candy every blessing in her retirement!

Have a blessed Lent!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Louise Walski  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Tuesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † George Kurian, by Family

### Wednesday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Mass Int Xavier Jimenez, by Family

### Thursday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Alejandro Caceres, by Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration to 6:00 PM

### Friday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Tim Hurley, Sr., by Marichu Morelos  
 8:30 AM Reconciliation

### Saturday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday

3:00-3:45 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent**  
 † Hailey Carlson, by Arquiza Family  
 † Emily Slowik, by Fr Don McLaughlin

### Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Melva Purnell, by John Salentine  
 9:00 AM † Dean Coit, by Michael Coit  
 10:45 AM † Rafael Anaya, by Family  
 12:30 PM † Ted Tenny, by The Parcels Family  
 5:30 PM † Mario Riccardi, by Maybird D'Silva  
 People of Our Lady of Mercy

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

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

- |                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon       | 9. The Feldman Family         |
| 2. The Sick             | 10. CRHP Retreat Weekend      |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos      | 11. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 4. New Associate Priest | 12. Joanna Tayaban's Recovery |
| 5. OLM Priests          | 13. Louise Touvell            |
| 6. Deacon Bob Vavra     | 14. Good Health for Ricky     |
| 7. Douglas T.           | 15. The Pluskota Family       |
| 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 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  
 Kathryn Martini  
 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  
 Hailey Hartnett  
 Thomas F. Sterling  
 Henrietta Pineda  
 La Moua  
 Valerie Plesha  
 Deacon Bob Vavra

Hedy Sterling  
 Diane Pazos  
 Diane Ramonas  
 Diane Singer  
 Joyce Craig  
 John Swanston  
 Baby Otto  
 Robert Ciulla  
 Bridget Garry

*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!

Hoy es el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma. Todos conocemos la Cuaresma como un tiempo de ayuno, limosna y oración. También lo conocemos como un tiempo para reflexionar sobre nuestros pecados, confesarnos y hacer penitencia en preparación para celebrar la Pascua. Si bien el arrepentimiento es un tema Cuaresmal bien conocido, muchas personas se sorprenden al saber que el Bautismo es una parte integral de la temporada de Cuaresma como lo es el sacrificio y la penitencia. Dicho esto, generalmente no bautizamos a los bebés durante la Cuaresma (excepto en una emergencia). Durante la Cuaresma, queremos que nuestro enfoque cambie al bautismo de adultos. La Cuaresma es el período final de preparación de adultos (catecúmenos) para el bautismo en la Vigilia Pascual. En las próximas semanas ellos tendrán una preparación más intensa a través de las oraciones de escrutinio y la unción con el aceite de los Catecúmenos. El resto de nosotros, bautizados como bebés, debemos prepararnos para renovar, el domingo de Pascua, las promesas del bautismo que nuestros padres y padrinos hicieron por nosotros. Aquí están algunas preguntas para tu reflexión durante la Cuaresma. Después de verter agua sobre tu cabeza, fuiste ungido en la cabeza con el aceite, el Crisma de salvación, como Sacerdote, Profeta y Rey. *¿Cómo estás viviendo esa realidad, que tú, como Cristo, eres un Sacerdote, un Profeta y un Rey?* Luego te vistieron con una prenda blanca como una señal de que te has convertido en una nueva creación y te vestiste en Cristo. *¿Cómo has vivido tu dignidad Cristiana como persona vestida de Cristo?* Uno de tus padrinos encendió una vela del Cirio Pascual, con estas palabras: "Recibe la Luz de Cristo". *¿Cómo se ha mostrado la luz de Cristo a través de ti en tus pensamientos, acciones y palabras?* Piensa en esto mientras te preparas para escalar la montaña de la Cuaresma a las gloriosas alturas de la Pascua.

Nuestra Ministra de Jóvenes de la Escuela Intermedia, Candy Rice, ha anunciado que se jubilará (por segunda vez) de Our Lady of Mercy (OLM) a fines de junio. Candy dirigió el programa EDGE para nuestros estudiantes y padres de sexto, séptimo y octavo grado. Candy trabajó en ese puesto desde el 2007 hasta su jubilación (la primera vez) en el 2012. John Werle ocupó el cargo desde el 2012 hasta el 2017. Antes de la jubilación del Padre Hugh en junio del 2017, el invitó a Candy a regresar a OLM como Ministra de los Jóvenes de la Escuela Intermedia, ¡lo cual me alegra que ella lo haya hecho! Cuando llegué en junio del 2017, fue bueno contar con todo el personal. ¡Quiero agradecer a Candy por los años de servicio que ha prestado a la Parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy como miembro del personal, guía y amiga de innumerables jóvenes de la escuela intermedia y sus padres! ¡Ella siempre ha traído alegría y entusiasmo a su ministerio, y su amor por los adolescentes emergentes siempre fue muy evidente! ¡Le deseamos a Candy todas las bendiciones en su jubilación!

¡Que tengan una Cuaresma bendecida!

*Padre Dan*

## FORTALEZA ANTE LA TENTACIÓN

El primer domingo del tiempo de Cuaresma siempre incluye el relato evangélico de la tentación del Señor Jesús en el desierto por el diablo. Este año tiene como trasfondo la primera lectura de Génesis, en la que se narra la primera tentación del diablo que ocurre en un jardín de delicias. El relato del Evangelio transcurre en el desierto. Los creyentes sabemos que la tentación viene tanto en nuestros propios jardines de delicias como en los desiertos de nuestra vida. La Cuaresma comienza, y nuestra atención se dirige a esa tentación dentro de nosotros de hacernos como Dios –queremos control, poder y respuesta a todas las difíciles preguntas de la vida. A nuestras comunidades de fe se les ofrece este tiempo de arrepentimiento para que podamos unir nuestro corazón al de otros en el difícil camino de la conversión. Nos volvemos a Dios y hacia los demás buscando fortaleza ante la tentación. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32  
Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

## STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

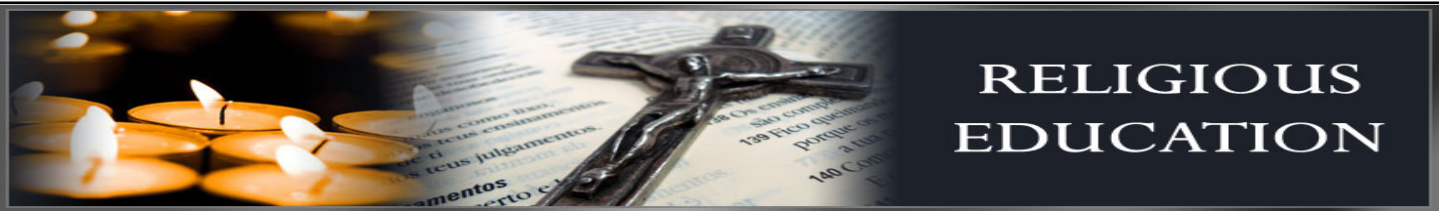
**Psalms** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

## Lenten Regulations

- ◆ Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ◆ All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ◆ On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- ◆ To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- ◆ Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- ◆ Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



**EDGE  
(Grades 6-8)**

**AN EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS DURING LENT**

Spend some time in *Eucharistic Adoration*. The power of the Blessed Sacrament is very powerful. Adoration is an extension of the Blessed Sacrament that happens at every mass. *Eucharistic Adoration happens at OLM every Monday & Thursday from 8:30/6 PM.*

**EDGE**

Our last EDGE NIGHT is in February is on **MONDAY, FEB 24<sup>th</sup> and it's MARDI GRAS!** **PARENTS, please make sure your teen wears a coat to EDGE as we will be going outside for a bit to burn last year's palms.** A party will follow with lots of fun things to do & a DJ, our own *JOHN WERELE!*

**EDGE-MARCH**

- March 2**      6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grades      Lent & Holy Week  
Fr. Mark, Presenter
- March 9**      6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grades      Reconciliation Service &  
Palm Weaving
- March 16**    6<sup>th</sup>-Commandments/Beatitudes  
7/8<sup>th</sup>-Corporal Works of Mercy-Fr. Don

**EDGE PLUS**

- March 15**      Bowling at Parkside 1:00-3:00 PM  
(This is a change of date from March 29)  
(Permission Forms Needed)

**LENTEN EXPERIENCES FOR OUR TEENS**

To indeed have a virtuous Lenten experience it's necessary to know and follow **The Three Pillars of Lent., Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.**

Fasting during Lent, has been a tradition for centuries. Fasting is difficult for everyone. Fasting takes a lot of effort and dedication as we offer up to Our Lord the food we're not eating. Think about this, if we follow the guidelines for adult fast during Lent we'll always be aware that it's the Season of Lent. There's no way we can forget why we're fasting. Isn't this what we want? To have Jesus on our mind every day during Lent? Maybe if we're able to stick with the fast during Lent, we'll be blessed to have Jesus stay in our mind and hearts even after Lent is over.

This week, how's your fasting going? What did you choose to give up? You didn't?? It's not too late! Christ suffered terribly on the cross for us. What can we do to show him how much we love Him in return?

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

**Service and Discipleship Projects** are available for sign-up on the L.I.G.H.T. webpage. Get details on upcoming projects that will help meet your L.I.G.H.T. requirement for Confirmation.

**Teen Retreat Team is now forming!** Any high school teen, college student or parent/adult is invited to consider the retreat team! We will be planning the summer Discovery Retreat for our teens who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next fall. Please contact Dave if you are interested in help OR to learn 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.



## Taking Care of Our Hearts

The month of February has been designated as *American Heart Month*. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about heart disease which is the leading cause of death in the United States. After many years of education about heart healthy lifestyle choices, one in four people still die of heart disease each year. In order to live a heart healthy life it is important to connect with others. Studies show that if you join with others either at home, at work, in your faith community, or online, you will have a better chance of staying motivated. Get together with your support network and make a commitment together to live a heart-healthy life!



It may seem too much to change or do. Remember that small steps can help you reach your goals. The following suggestions are areas to evaluate in your life that promote a healthy heart. Move more. It is recommended to get at least two and a half hours of physical activity each week – that is 30 minutes a day, five days a week. If you do not have 30 minutes at one time, try 10 or 15 minutes a few times a day. Also do muscle strengthening exercises at least two days a week. Eat healthy foods. A diet low in sodium and saturated fat is key for the prevention of heart disease. Follow the DASH diet, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension as a way to decrease blood pressure which is a risk factor for heart disease. Other suggestions are to aim for a healthy weight, reduce stress and improve sleep, quit smoking and know your numbers.

Our faith community has ministries that promote the spiritual, physical and emotional health of your heart. Consider looking into the many faith formation ministries that connect with the spiritual care of your heart. Some ministries provide spiritual and physical care of the heart such as Fit Shepherds, Mary's Squad, ANEW and Walking to Jerusalem. A ministry that addresses spiritual, physical and nutritional care of the heart is Come Alive! The Open HEARTS Ministry promotes emotional and mental health and well being which relates to the care of your heart. Blood pressure screenings by volunteer health care professionals on the last weekend of the month help you track your blood pressure and is an opportunity to ask questions about your health. If you have any questions about these ministries, would like personal health counseling about heart health concerns or have pastoral care needs, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

## Walking to Jerusalem

It is not too late to join fellow parishioners in the *Walking to Jerusalem* program during Lent. Stop by the parish office to register and pick up a packet. It is a way to grow closer to Jesus while improving your physical health. The theme this year is to Walk with Jesus – PRAY – FAST – GIVE.



## Open HEARTS Ministry

The Open HEARTS Ministry is one of the pastoral care ministries of our faith community focusing on mental and emotional health and well-being. With caring hearts, the ministry offers Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support.

The ministry offers a safe and sacred space to come together with others to share stories, pray together and support one another by sharing resources and ideas. The next gathering is Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. There will be a discussion on coping strategies. 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).





**ISRAEL**  
**HOLY LAND**

**GREECE**

2021 Oct

There will be an information meeting for all those interested in the 2021 Parish Pilgrimage to Israel/Greece. It will be Saturday morning, March 7th at 10am in room 217.

Please be ready with your questions!"

16 Day Pilgrimage with Deacon Mike Plese. Informational meeting Sat 3/7 @ 10am, Room 217. For more details, connect with Proximo Travel 855-842-8001

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
CLOTHING DRIVE  
MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> & MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>**

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **March 21st and March 22nd** for our **Clothing Drive!!** Donations will be accepted before and after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and all Sunday Masses until 12 noon. The truck will be leaving shortly after noon on Sunday.

**We will accept.....**

**Clothing, shoes, linens and books** in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

**Small housewares** and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – [saintvincent-donate@gmail.com](mailto:saintvincent-donate@gmail.com).

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.



**Thanks for your generous donations!**  
*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

**Save the Dates!!**



**Friday, March 13 &  
Friday, March 27**

**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Choice of fried cod, salmon,  
shrimp or baked fish**

**\$10/Adult in Advance  
\$12/Adult at the Door**

**Benefits the Summer Teen Mission Trip.**

*Women  
at the Well*

*Sir, give me  
this water for I  
get thirsty.*



Join us for an evening of fellowship with women of the parish centered on Scripture and living our faith

**Friday, March 6  
6:30pm  
(PLC) Room 114**

Feel free to bring a snack to share and your Bible or just yourself and a friend!!

Please reach out with any questions

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*Parish Sacrificial Giving*

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 02/16/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,049,017
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,056,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(6,983)</b>
02/16/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	30,132
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,868)</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
December, 2019	\$ 897,631
January, 2020	\$ 887,129

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA**

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of \$146,700.

This year's CMAA theme is *Be Kind and Merciful*. In this spirit, the 30 ministries our CMAA supports help us do God's work here on earth. Providing these ministries is not only beyond the means of any one parish, the ministries benefit all of us, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews. Our parish is counting on you for your support. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year's CMAA.

**GEMS**



**HELLO TO ALL GEMS MEMBERS AND O.L.M. PARISHONERS OVER 50:**

**WANTED:** People over 50 years old who would like to join in social interaction with fellow OLM parishioners. This is a great way to make new friends, share experiences and enjoy some delicious luncheon food. Consider coming to join our group, GEMS, which meets on the second Wednesday of each month and see what we're all about.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at noon on March 11. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special luncheon at Pomegranate Restaurant (55 S. Commons in Aurora). Our menu will feature (no surprise here) corned beef and cabbage with all the fixings. If you have special dietary requirements please contact Len Eickhoff via email at [leonard\\_eickhoff@msn.com](mailto:leonard_eickhoff@msn.com) or text him at 630-904-0906 with details of your requirements. We need an accurate count of diners for the restaurant in advance so if you plan on being with us on March 11 please contact Rose Zois via phone at 630-247-1513. Cost for this luncheon will be \$14 per person.

Also, in true OLM fashion, please consider donating either single or double sized bed sheets for use at Hesed House.

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 March 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room.

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

Please pray for our sick GEMS members.



## Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy

*Spring*

# OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
and  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

### March 7 & 8

### Father Don will preach at all Masses.

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

Get Your Irish On at **ROSARY PUB NIGHT** Featuring the Irish Music of Switchback on Friday, March 6 6 pm doors open / 7 pm music begins

Snacks & Beverages Included  
(Beer & wine also will be available)  
Tickets \$20 adults/\$10 students

Rosary High School  
901 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora  
[www.rosaryhs.com/switchback](http://www.rosaryhs.com/switchback)  
Sister Geraldine Kemper, OP  
(630) 896-0831 x233



### Parish Activities for the Week

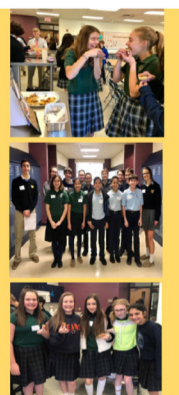
SUNDAY	March 1	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	
7:30-3:30p	CRHP Men's Weekend	PLC
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
6:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Formation	Rm 114
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC
MONDAY	March 2	
4:30-5:45p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:00p	EDGE	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
7:00-9:00p	Boy Scouts	Rm 124
TUESDAY	March 3	
8:30-9:00a	Coffee And...	Ministry Rm
1:00-3:00p	OLM Bridge Group	Rm 108
4:00-5:30p	PADS Drop Off	Narthex
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
6:30-8:30p	Be Healed Study	Ministry Rm
6:30-8:00p	Teen Leaders Mtg	Rm 211
7:00-8:00p	Adult Bible Study	Rm 208
WEDNESDAY	March 4	
9:00-11:00a	Women In Faith	Rm 114
4:45-6:00p	RE Class	PLC
5:30-8:00p	Legions of Mary	Ministry Rm
6:30-7:45p	RE Class	PLC
7:00-8:30p	Mary's Squad	Rm 114
THURSDAY	March 5	
7:00-8:30p	RCIA	Rm 217
7:00-9:00p	Adult Alpha	MPR
FRIDAY	March 6	
8:30-12:00p	Loving Hands	Ministry Rm
9:15-10:30a	Spanish Holy Hour	Church
12:00-9:00p	CRHP Women's Retreat Setup	PLC
12:30-1:30p	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Narthex
6:30-9:00p	Women at the Well	Rm 208
7:00-7:30p	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
SATURDAY	March 7	
7:00-8:00a	Fit Shepherds	Parish Grounds
7:30a-9:00p	CRHP Women's Retreat Wknd	PLC
8:00-9:30a	Come Alive!	Ministry Rm
10:00-12:00p	Worship Commission	Ministry Rm
SUNDAY	March 8	
6:45-7:45a	Exodus 90 Family Workout	Rm 208
7:00-10:00a	Summoned Men of Faith	Rm 204
7:30-4:00p	CRHP Women's Retreat Wknd	PLC
8:00-11:00a	RE Class K-1	PLC
9:00-1:30p	Light Class	PLC
10:05-11:15a	RCIC Class	PLC
5:30-9:00p	CHRP Men's Discipleship	Rm 114
6:45-8:15p	Light Class	PLC

# CHARGER CHALLENGE

🏆 7th Grade Students 🏆

## MARCH 17, 2020

### 8:30AM-11:30AM



**AGENDA**

BREAKFAST  
PRESENTATION  
MASS  
SCHEDULE WALK  
CHALLENGE

SSO CREDIT TOWARD FRESHMEN  
REGISTRATION FOR EACH MEMBER  
OF THE WINNING TEAM



**RSVP**

By March 12 to  
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630-907-0095 x109

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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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