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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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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

MAY 17, 2020 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



JESUS SAID.

"IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

~ John 14:15



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

The gospel from John today situates us at the Last Supper, not post resurrection appearances. After calling on the disciples to trust him beyond all else, Jesus proclaims: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments and I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate."* That might make us think someone is impersonating Jesus at the table. It is as if Jesus were saying, "If you behave yourselves I'll ask God so send you help." That is one way to interpret this Gospel passage – it focuses our attention on the relative merits of our behavior with the hope that we can demonstrate enough virtue to pass muster. But that interpretation flounders, when Jesus goes on to speak of a Spirit of truth that the world cannot perceive. The idea of putting in great effort, pulling your own weight and earning everything you get is exactly the system of the world. Instead, Jesus is speaking of something else. When we listen carefully, we hear that Jesus is not talking about obedience but about loving him. He is talking about the transformation that happens when we fall in love with him. Falling in love with another person changes our perspective, we see the world differently and understand everything in relation to the beloved. People who love one another often take on some of the characteristics of the other. Long-time married couples often even start to look like each other! Such love points toward what Jesus is describing with his words. The love Jesus is talking about is devotion to the one who loved us first, whose love for us is immeasurable. This love is a commitment to the one who offers us a future of life beyond our imagining. The love Jesus is talking about orients absolutely everything else in our life. So when he says "If you love me you will keep my commandments," we could easily rephrase that to say, "If you love me you will share my perspective and desire."

In promising to send another Advocate or the Spirit, Jesus is promising that we will have help in perceiving or knowing the mind of Jesus so that we can remain true to who Jesus calls us to be. The role of the Spirit is expressed quite beautifully in the fourth Eucharistic Prayer which says: "That we might live no longer for ourselves but for him...he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection his work in the world, he might sanctify creation to the full."

Loving Christ, open us to the Spirit who empowers us to bring Christ's work to completion. Or as Jesus said so simply, "If you love me, you will keep my commands."

Have a blessed Easter Season!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, May 18 - St John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00 AM † Katherine A Schmidt, by Family

Tuesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

Wednesday, May 20 St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:00 AM † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

Thursday, May 21 - St Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM † Patsy Pilarski, by Bill & Brenda Fries

Friday, May 22 - St Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM † Mike & Carole Brogan, John & Carol Shea

Saturday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

4:00 PM **Vigil - The Ascension of the Lord**

† Christi Rubey, by Family

Int Stephanie & Dan Tanner, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy

† Pascual Melchor, by Family

Sunday, May 24 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

The People of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM † Marge Nowak, by Gene & Mary Morrissy

10:45 AM Int Nikhil & Neha Yannam

12:30 PM Int Dcn Senovio Sarabia

5:30 PM † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva

MASS INTENTIONS

Since the reduction of Sunday Masses due to the closure of church during the COVID-19 pandemic, those intentions are offered by the other priest con-celebrating the 8:00am weekday Mass.

Due to the Governor's stay-at-home order, all Masses are closed to the public.

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
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
Hedy Sterling
Diane Pazos
Diane Ramonas
Diane Singer
Joyce Craig

John Swanston
Robert Ciulla
Bridget Garry
David Bakke

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.

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. Bishop Daniel Conlon |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Nurses & Doctors | 12. Front Line Workers |
| 5. Police & Firemen | 13. An End to Covid-19 |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. The People of OLM |
| 7. Vocations | 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 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, US Army
Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy
Capt. Keith Harris, USAF
SSG Gina Maro, USAF
Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF
Aaron Godinez, US Marines
SPC Mason Webber, US Army
LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines
Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army
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



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

El evangelio de Juan hoy nos sitúa en la Última Cena, no en las apariciones posteriores a la resurrección. Después de pedir a los discípulos que confíen en él más allá de todo lo demás, Jesús proclama: *"Si ustedes me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos, y yo rogaré al Padre y les dará otro Abogado"*. Eso podría hacernos pensar que alguien se hace pasar por Jesús en la mesa. Es como si Jesús estuviera diciendo: "Si se portan bien, le pediré a Dios que les envíe ayuda". Esa es una forma de interpretar este pasaje del Evangelio: enfoca nuestra atención en los méritos relativos de nuestro comportamiento con la esperanza de que podamos demostrar la suficiente virtud para ser más aceptables. Pero esa interpretación se tambalea, cuando Jesús continúa hablando de un Espíritu de verdad que el mundo no puede percibir. La idea de hacer un gran esfuerzo, tirando tu propio peso y ganando todo lo que obtienes es exactamente el sistema del mundo. En cambio, Jesús está hablando de otra cosa. Cuando escuchamos atentamente, escuchamos que Jesús no está hablando de obediencia sino de amarlo. Él está hablando de la transformación que ocurre cuando nos enamoramos de él. Enamorarnos de otra persona cambia nuestra perspectiva, vemos el mundo de manera diferente y entendemos todo en relación con la persona amada. Las personas que se aman a menudo adoptan algunas de las características del otro. ¡Las parejas casadas desde hace mucho tiempo a menudo incluso comienzan a parecerse! Tal amor apunta hacia lo que Jesús está describiendo con sus palabras. El amor del que habla Jesús es la devoción a quien nos amó primero, cuyo amor por nosotros es inconmensurable. Este amor es un compromiso con quien nos ofrece un futuro de la vida más allá de lo que imaginamos. El amor del que habla Jesús orienta absolutamente todo en nuestra vida. Entonces, cuando él dice "Si ustedes me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos", podríamos reformularlo fácilmente para decir: "Si ustedes me aman, compartirán mi perspectiva y deseo".

Al prometer enviar otro Abogado o el Espíritu, Jesús promete que tendremos ayuda para percibir o conocer la mente de Jesús para que podamos permanecer fieles a lo que Jesús nos llama a ser. El papel del Espíritu se expresa muy bien en la cuarta Oración Eucarística que dice: "Para que no vivamos más para nosotros sino para él ... envió el Espíritu Santo de ti, Padre, como primicias para los que creen, tal que, llevando a la perfección su trabajo en el mundo, el podría santificar la creación al máximo".

Amar a Cristo nos abre al Espíritu que nos da poder para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. O como Jesús lo dijo simplemente: "Si ustedes me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos".

¡Que tengan una bendecida temporada de Pascua!

Padre Dan

RAZÓN DE NUESTRA ESPERANZA

“¿Cuál es la razón de tu esperanza?”. Imagina que alguien se te acerca y te hace esa pregunta. No “¿qué es lo que esperas?” o “¿qué esperas hacer?”. No; no se trata de los deseos de poseer cosas o de aspiraciones en la vida, sino “¿por qué tienes esperanza?”. Hoy Pedro nos dice que debemos estar dispuestos a responder esta pregunta. A decir verdad, pocos son los que se dedican a pensar por qué tenemos esperanza. Por suerte, las Escrituras de hoy nos ofrecen la respuesta. Esperamos porque Cristo sufrió por nosotros, a fin de que podamos venir a Dios. Esperamos porque sabemos que, en el Espíritu, Dios nos concede otro Defensor en Cristo que permanecerá con nosotros por siempre. Sin importar lo que podamos esperar, o lo que esperamos poder hacer, siempre debemos saber y proclamar la razón de nuestra esperanza: la presencia de Dios en Cristo con nosotros por el poder del Espíritu.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46) :2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Sal 47 (46):2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Domingo: Hch 1:12-14; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pe 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a o (para la Ascensión) Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

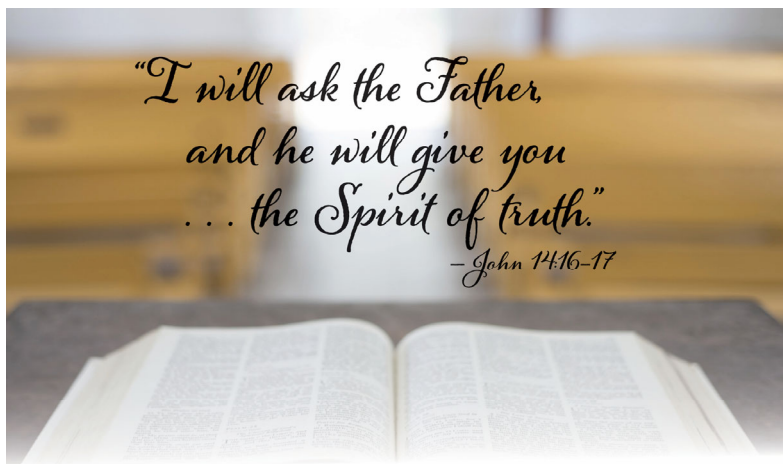
Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or* 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or* Jn 17:1-11a.

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)

If you’re ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita’s shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. “Divine Savior,” Rita prayed, “let me suffer like you!” Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita’s two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise
Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20



Joy Amid Pandemic?

The psalmist reminds us of a radical truth today; we are made for God's joy. *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (psalm 66)* is a call I can easily suppress as our world is turned on its head by COVID-19. But as I take another uncomfortable look at this weekend's Scriptures, my heart is lured by the psalmist's proclamation. I allow my mind to question such joy when our world continues to be struck by a pandemic that diabolically makes some asymptomatic and kills others by the tens of thousands. How does the fruit of the Spirit, joy, dare respond to a pandemic?

For such a question, I look to St. Thomas Aquinas and read what he has written about joy. For Aquinas, the highest joy, results from God's gracious activity. God loves us and enables us to love God in return. In so doing, we are united to God, and God to us. We are enabled then, by grace to experience deep joy. Our soul awakens and recognizes it is created for God who is love- a love that seeks to live in and through us.



As I process what Aquinas wrote about joy, the "ah ha" moment arrives. Joy and its relationship to God reveals a telling choice. I/we can become undone by vast human suffering, placing blame on God and judge He no longer cares for us. Or, we can surrender and participate with Love, who waits for us to live in Him and empowers us to build His kingdom with joy.

Message from our Local Hospitals

On May 7, Mayor Irvin facilitated a conversation with leaders from our two local Aurora hospitals. Richard Roehr CEO of AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center and John Diederich CEO of Rush Copley Medical Center shared important information with the community. One of the key messages stressed is that if you are experiencing an illness or need immediate medical attention, it is safe to go to the hospital. Both hospitals are taking precautions to protect the patients and the healthcare providers. Because people are waiting to go to the hospital for immediate medical evaluation through the emergency room for care, they arrive sicker and are in need of more care than if they had come in sooner. This may also mean that a person is staying in the hospital longer.

The strong message from Mayor Irvin, Richard Roehr and John Diederich is to be socially responsible. It is important to follow the guidelines of staying home. When you do go out, wear a mask, practice social distancing and proper handwashing. By being vigilant we are respecting the healthcare workers and essential workers that are taking care of us. If you are sick, please stay home and check in with your healthcare provider. Be patient while at home and while standing in the line at the grocery store. Have a positive attitude.

Have you noticed what has been missing since people are wearing masks? Smiles! John Diederich mentioned that because we are wearing masks, we cannot see people's smiles. Some people are drawing smiles on masks. Think about smiling with your eyes, your words and your actions! Let's support our hospitals and the employees with our prayers and staying healthy in the best ways that we can.

Resources for Those in Need

As time goes on, you may find that you and your family are in a place of need that you never thought that you would be. Please reach out to your Our Lady of Mercy parish family. If you are in need of food, financial assistance for bills, would like someone to pray with you or for your prayer intentions, or find yourself or a family member dealing with grief, loss, anxiety, stress or depression – please go to the OLM website at olmercy.com and click on the box, "Let us help, post your need here" and complete the confidential request form or contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or leave a message at 331-707-5380. You are not alone. May you feel the love and presence of Jesus through the kindness and assistance from others.

Grief and Loss During the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are grieving the loss of loved ones and coping with loss during this time in different ways. Reasons for experiencing grief as a result of the pandemic involve job loss, financial anxiety, loss of safety, worry about loved ones, social distancing, being in quarantine, feelings of isolation, changes in our daily habits and routines, cancellation of special plans and events, conflict with family members over how to protect yourself, worries about bills, sadness over how the pandemic affects the world and fears for the future.

It may be helpful to be aware of the signs of grief that you may be experiencing such as trouble focusing on normal tasks, sleeping more or less than usual, feelings of anger and irritability, headaches and upset stomach, fatigue or low energy, re-experiencing feelings of past grief, or engaging in activities in an unhealthy way related to eating, drinking or online shopping.

Consider the following healthy ways to deal with grief and loss. Practice self-care that includes the basics of eating, staying hydrating and getting adequate rest and sleep. Give yourself time to work through the pain of loss. Remember that everyone experiences grief differently and there is no timeline. Reach out for support to family and friends through Facetime, Zoom, phone calls, text messages or emails. Mental health professionals who specialize in grief counseling are available. Turn to your faith as a source of comfort and support. Let others pray for you and with you.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 17, 2020

A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today's readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God's saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly, especially during this pandemic.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15–18
John 14:15–21

Jesus said, "If you love me
you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 5/3/2020)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 1,322,722
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 1,376,000
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (53,278)

5/3/2020 Sunday Collection:	\$ 31,548
Sunday Goal:	\$ 32,000
Amount in Short of Goal:	\$ (452)

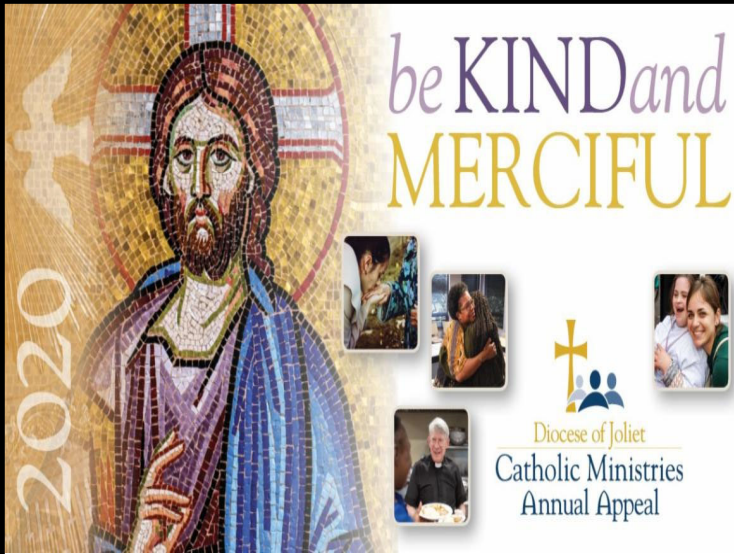
We have received 79% of our Budgeted Collection during this lockdown period. We have had over 190 parishioners sign up for on-line giving during this time, an increase of over 100% since the Lockdown began.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
February, 2020	\$ 852,642
March 20,20	\$ 843,642



*be KIND and
MERCIFUL*

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	\$ 146,700
Amount Pledged	\$ 159,525
Amount Paid	\$ 90,570
Remaining Balance	\$ 68,955
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	633



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said to his disciples,
"If you love me, you will keep ..."

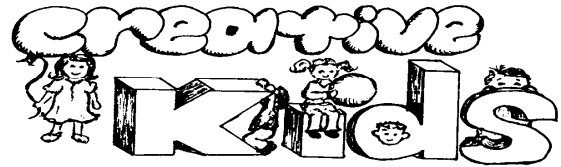
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M _____ "

Answer: *my commandments*

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Coffee Filter Butterfly

You will need:

- coffee filter
- clothes pin
- paint
- water

1. Lay out your coffee filter and smooth it down flat.
2. Use your paints and water to paint different colors all over the filter. The colors will run into each other if your paint brush is really wet.
3. After the paint dries, gather the middle of the filter and clothes pin it together.
4. Open the ends of the filter to display the beautiful butterfly wings.
5. Draw or paint 2 eyes on top of the clothes pin for the eyes if you wish.

For extra fun, put a strip of magnetic tape on the back and display your butterfly on the refrigerator. Or simply tie it to the string of your blinds so it can be flying around your window.

Peter and John prayed for the people of Samaria.
When they laid their hands on them,
the people were given the Holy Spirit.
Look for seven hidden hands below.
Color them purple.

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God gave Philip the power to cure
paralyzed and crippled people.
Find the shapes at the bottom of the page in the picture
and color them.



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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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