



# 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.**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)...6:30pm  
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm  
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am  
Saturday.....8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)..... 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 5:30pm

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm  
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am  
1:30-2:30pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

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

OCTOBER  
18  
2020



*Jesus said to the Pharisees,*

*“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God.”*

*Matthew 22:21*



**TWENTY-NINTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

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

Could you choose a more challenging Gospel than the one we just heard? It is foolish to think that Jesus' statement about render to Caesar and to God is the Bible's version of separation of Church and State. This Gospel is not that simplistic. It calls us to carefully examine what is really going

on. The question posed to Jesus about taxes is obviously a trick. If Jesus agrees with taxes then he alienates himself from his poor Jewish countrymen who are suffering under the Roman Tax. If Jesus disagrees with the tax then He will be seen as someone who fosters sedition. No easy way out of this! So first Jesus asks for a coin. He is about to reveal the hypocrisy of those questioning Him. The coin that is used for paying the taxes is a special coin that contains the image of Caesar. So hated was this coin, that Jews refused to carry it. When the Pharisees reached into their pocket and pulled out the coin, everyone surrounding them was shocked. Here are people who publicly preach against the tax and yet who carry the hated coin in their pocket. Who are they kidding? They have fallen into the trap of their own two-faced approach to Jesus.

Jesus stares at them, looks at the coin and then comes out with his famous "render to Caesar" statement. But the statement is more than the words. The statement is profound. It is saying: render to Caesar those things which are marked with Caesar's image....and then render to God those things marked with god's image. The coins bearing Caesar's image belong to Caesar – human beings, bearing God's image belong to God.

It is the prophet Isaiah who reminds us that we are marked with God's image. Isaiah reminds us what God taught us in Genesis: "See, I have inscribed you on the palm of my hand." And because we are inscribed on the palm of God's hand, because we are marked by God, we are all brothers and sisters. We are all loved by God. We do not have the right to stand above anyone. God calls us to respect and honor each other. This is what we owe God.

Taxes have always be a hated thing. We live our lives surrounded by taxes. But Jesus' words have nothing to do with taxes. Instead they have everything to do with how we live our lives. We can give Caesar his due. We can understand the role of government in our lives. But when government calls us to overlook what is due to God, then we have cause to pause and consider how we should act. When government forgets that we are all children of God and asks us to push aside the sacredness of all human life then our allegiance to Caesar is in conflict to our allegiance to God. Today's Gospel reminds each of us that while government has a rightful and just place in our lives it can never cause us to fail to respect the profound truth that each and every one of us is marked by God and therefore belong to God and not to government.

Have a Blessed Week!

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## Liturgical Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, October 19 - Sts John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:00 AM	† Barbara Sauer, by Roy Saurer
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction
6:30 PM <small>Spanish Mass</small>	Doloris Bello Amalia Carrallo, by Trany

### Tuesday, October 20 - St Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:00 AM	† Tekla Walter Kunach, by Family
6:30 PM	Int Delfin Masangcay, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
7:00-8:00 PM	Reconciliation

### Wednesday, October 21 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 PM	† Jahaziel Garcia, by Heidi Noyola & Family

### Thursday, October 22 - St John Paul II, Pope

6:30 AM	Int Alfonse Rajasekhar Family
8:00 AM	Int Delfin Masangcay, by Shirley Staples
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction

### Friday, October 23—St John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 AM	Int of the Unborn, by Laney Sebastian
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### Saturday, October 24 - St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:30 AM	† Thomas & Mary Kalathoor, by Thyvelikakath Family
9:00-10:00 AM	Reconciliation
1:30-2:30 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	<b>Vigil - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> † Joyce Markus, by Family † Linette Rubey, by Family † Michael Prasse, by Family

### Sunday, October 25 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	† Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family † Brooke Lopez, by Family
10:00 AM	† Melva Purnell, by John Salentine
12:00 PM	† Loretta Wiencek, by Family
5:30 PM	† Elizabeth Irefo, by Family

## 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. Bryan Lange            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos            | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Angela/Anthony Vincent-HHL | 12. Helen Joseph           |
| 5. JMP - HHL                  | 13. Covid-19 Vaccine       |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra      | 14. Peace of Mind & Heart  |
| 7. Delfin Masangcay, Jr.      | 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

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00AM, Wednesday 12PM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM  
Monday Spanish Mass 6:30PM

## 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  
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  
La Moua  
Valerie Plesha  
Hedy Sterling  
Diane Pazos  
Diane Singer

Joyce Craig  
John Swanston  
Robert Ciulla  
Bridget Garry  
David Bakke  
Bill Morse  
Nancy Higgins  
Marilyn Reich  
Jim Horton  
Helen Joseph  
Antoinette Humanski

Alice Toschak  
John Salentine  
Delfin Masangcay  
William Gardaphe  
Allene Doddali

*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!

¿Podrías elegir un Evangelio más desafiante que el que acabamos de escuchar? Es una tontería pensar que la declaración de Jesús acerca de dar al César y a Dios es la versión Bíblica de la separación de la Iglesia y el Estado. Este evangelio no es tan simplista. Nos llama a examinar cuidadosamente lo que realmente está sucediendo. La pregunta que se le hizo a Jesús sobre los impuestos es obviamente un truco. Si Jesús está de acuerdo con los impuestos, entonces se aleja de sus pobres compatriotas judíos que están sufriendo bajo el impuesto Romano. Si Jesús no está de acuerdo con el impuesto, El será visto como alguien que fomenta la sedición. ¡No hay forma fácil de salir de esto! Entonces, primero Jesús pide una moneda. Está a punto de revelar la hipocresía de quienes lo cuestionan. La moneda que se utiliza para pagar los impuestos es una moneda especial que contiene la imagen del César. Tan odiada era esta moneda, que los judíos se negaron a llevarla. Cuando los fariseos metieron la mano en el bolsillo y sacaron la moneda, todos los que los rodeaban se sorprendieron. Aquí hay personas que predicán públicamente contra el impuesto y, sin embargo, llevan la moneda odiada en el bolsillo. ¿A quién engañan? Han caído en la trampa de su propio enfoque de dos caras a Jesús.

Jesús los mira fijamente, mira la moneda y luego sale con su famosa declaración "da al César". Pero la declaración es más que las palabras. La declaración es profunda. Está diciendo: devuélvanle al César las cosas que están marcadas con la imagen del César... y luego devuelvan a Dios las cosas marcadas con la imagen de Dios. Las monedas que llevan la imagen del César pertenecen al César, los seres humanos que llevan la imagen de Dios pertenecen a Dios.

Es el profeta Isaías quien nos recuerda que estamos marcados con la imagen de Dios. Isaías nos recuerda lo que Dios nos enseñó en el Génesis: "Mira, te he inscrito en la palma de mi mano". Y porque estamos inscritos en la palma de la mano de Dios, es porque estamos marcados por Dios, todos somos hermanos y hermanas. Todos somos amados por Dios. No tenemos derecho a estar por encima de nadie. Dios nos llama a respetarnos y honrarnos unos a otros. Esto es lo que le debemos a Dios.

Los impuestos siempre han sido algo odiado. Vivimos nuestras vidas rodeados de impuestos. Pero las palabras de Jesús no tienen nada que ver con los impuestos. En cambio, tienen todo que ver con cómo vivimos nuestras vidas. Podemos darle al César lo que le corresponde. Podemos comprender el papel del gobierno en nuestras vidas. Pero cuando el gobierno nos llama a pasar por alto lo que se le debe a Dios, entonces tenemos motivos para hacer una pausa y considerar cómo debemos actuar. Cuando el gobierno olvida que todos somos hijos de Dios y nos pide que dejemos de lado el carácter sagrado de toda la vida humana, entonces nuestra lealtad al César está en conflicto con nuestra lealtad a Dios. El evangelio de hoy nos recuerda a cada uno de nosotros que si bien el gobierno tiene un lugar legítimo y justo en nuestras vidas, nunca puede hacer que dejemos de respetar la profunda verdad de que todos y cada uno de nosotros estamos marcados por Dios y, por lo tanto, pertenecemos a Dios y no al gobierno.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*

## SÓLO EN DIOS

Isaías nos habla hoy de Ciro, el rey de Persia, ungido del Señor. Dios llama a Ciro por su nombre y lo conduce a servir a los israelitas. En este pasaje oímos que es el Señor quien le da a Ciro su título, quien lo arma contra sus enemigos, y quien abre los portones, y no deja nada trancado ante él. Y Dios hace todo esto para que su pueblo llegue a saber que "yo soy el SEÑOR," y que "no hay otro" (Isaías 45:6).

Pablo abre su carta esencialmente con la misma noción, que sólo en Dios podemos hallar gracia y paz. Pablo también da gracias a Dios en nuestro nombre, recordando nuestro trabajo fatigoso de fe, esperanza y amor. Y en la familiar lectura del Evangelio, Jesús dice a los fariseos que den al César lo que es del César y a Dios lo que es de Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Ef 2:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 12:13-21  
 Martes: Ef 2:12-22; Sal 85 (84):9ab-14; Lc 12:35-38  
 Miércoles: Ef 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lc 12:39-48  
 Jueves: Ef 3:14-21; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lc 12:49-53  
 Viernes: Ef 4:1-6; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 12:54-59  
 Sábado: Ef 4:7-16; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Lc 13:1-9  
 Domingo: Ex 22:20-26; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



October 18, 2020

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5B | Mt 22:15-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed *with* me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage, and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

## WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CHILDREN & FAMILY AT "TRUNK-OR-TREATING WITH THE SAINTS!!!"

Mary Jo, the R.E. staff, and Parent Advisory Team (PAT) are excited to host the first ever "Trunk-or-Treating with the Saints" event in Our Lady of Mercy's parking lot! Your family is invited to trick-or-treat from car to car on **October 30 from 6-8PM!** Each car will be decorated in a way that represents the life and patronage of different saints. Come dressed in costume with a face mask covering (**costume face masks do not count as a covering**) and enjoy learning about the saints as you collect fun treats at each car! **Please bring your own bottle of hand sanitizer as well as a bucket or bag to collect your treats in!**

We'd love for you to join us! For contract tracing purposes, **please register each person in your family who will be attending the event and be sure to see the safety precautions outlined below!** We look forward to welcoming you! <https://olmercy.com/trunk-or-treating-with-the-saints/>

Prior to coming to the event, please take a moment to go through a health-protocol self-checklist, at <https://olmercy.com/trunk-or-treating-with-the-saints/> If you experience any of the symptoms, out of charity for your brother and sister in Christ we ask that you stay home.

### Safety Precautions on the Day of the Event:

- Please enter through the entrance by the circle drive and follow the parking lot attendants who will direct you to a parking space in our main parking lot.
- Please sanitize your hands prior to entering the event.
- After exiting your car and for the duration of the event, everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a face mask covering.
- Please make your way from car trunk to car trunk by family of the same household
- Please adhere to the 6' social distancing guidelines as marked by cones in the parking lot between cars
- Please wait to open any treats until you are at home
- All treats will be individually wrapped and store-bought
- All treat distributors will be required to wear a face mask covering, face shield, and gloves upon distributing the treats into each child's bucket or bag

**Thank you so much for working with us on keeping each other safe! We look forward to seeing you soon on Friday October 30 from 6-8PM at Our Lady of Mercy's Parking Lot!**



## TRUNK-OR-TREATING WITH THE SAINTS @ OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARKING LOT!!!

Please save the date for October 30 from 6-8PM for our first ever "Trunk-or-Treating with the Saints" event! Come trunk-or-treat as you learn about different saints, get a treat & have some fun! Wear your Halloween costumes and a face mask covering! Registration is required! Please see our website for registration and contact our DRE at [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com) if you are interested in decorating your trunk to represent a saint!



**Registration for EDGE (Grades 6-8) is now open!**

Check out the EDGE program for middle school youth and register online. Get all the details at our webpage: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

**EDGE Nights** will be held with students once a month VIRTUALLY on Zoom Meeting beginning in October through December. The next EDGE Night is Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details will be sent to families who have enrolled in EDGE.

**The EDGE Parent/Student Lesson** for October should have been sent to all EDGE families. Please let us know if did not receive this material so we can get it to you. Please check the EDGE webpage for more details.

**Parents and Interested Adults:** Can you help by serving as an EDGE Catechist? You will help with our monthly sessions by leading activities, discussion and sharing our Catholic faith with our teens! Please contact Dave if you are interested or need additional information. Contact [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5371.



**Registration for LIGHT is open!** Check out the LIGHT program for high school teens and register online. Get all the details at our webpage: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

**Youth Alpha Continues this Sunday with gathered and virtual sessions.** Please check the LIGHT webpage for more details.

**CAN YOU HELP?** 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 and Youth Alpha sessions. Please contact Dave if you are interested or need additional information. Contact [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5371.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Choose Kindness

Being kind matters more than ever. A touch of kindness usually makes a person desire to be kinder. A memory of someone being kind reminds us of how we felt comforted or special. It may have been an unexpected gift from a loved one or a stranger. Ways of showing kindness are through thoughtfulness, generosity, patience and care.

Kindness does have a positive impact on the brain. Studies show that receiving, giving or witnessing acts of kindness boosts serotonin and dopamine. These neurotransmitters in the brain promote feelings of satisfaction, well-being, and light up the pleasure/reward centers of the brain.

Kindness starts with being kind to yourself through self-care. Take time to relax, get adequate sleep, make healthy food choices, take a break from technology, incorporate physical activity into your daily routine, cultivate an attitude of gratitude, practice positive self-talk and spend time with the Lord in prayer.

As we reach out to others in kindness, we are sharing God's love and being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Share a positive story. Donate your time and expertise. Write a card or note to someone who has made a difference in your life. Call the person that keeps coming to your mind instead of putting it off. Give someone a compliment. Smile to everyone. Hold the door for someone.

Take this challenge: do one small, kind thing each day or each week for someone. You may want to keep a journal on the experiences. Everyone has the capacity to be kind. Be kind and see how it changes your world and the world around you.

### Open Hearts Ministry

The emotional and mental health and wellness ministry of the parish will have a gathering on Monday October 19 at 7:00PM in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. It is an opportunity to share resources, support one another, pray together and discuss topics that promote mental and emotional health and wellness. If you would like to attend, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com) so that appropriate space is available as the room is set up to provide six foot distancing. Thank you for wearing a mask when you attend.

### All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance

The annual All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance is on Monday November 2 at 7:30PM. This has been a tradition at our parish to come together in community to receive comfort from our Lord in the Eucharist and from each other. Please register to attend the Mass of Remembrance at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com).

### Pastoral Care Needs

If you or someone you know is in need of support, resources or care for physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Faith Community Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com).



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

**November 7 & 8**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of November 7 & 8 for our Clothing Drive!!

**Items can be dropped off:**  
Saturday Nov. 7 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 - 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass

Sunday Nov. 8 - 15 minutes before the 12 noon mass (The truck will be picked up shortly after noon so it likely will not be there after the noon mass)

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



*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".*  
(Matthew 25:40)



**Our Lady of Mercy Church** is supporting **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet** and the individuals and families they serve by providing new underwear, undershirts, socks, diapers, and other basic need items for children and adults living in low-income households throughout the month of October. This year, due to COVID-19, Catholic Charities is requesting donations in either of the two following ways:

- 1. Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List** – Choose from a list of most-needed items and your donation will be sent directly to Catholic Charities to help those in need.
- 2. Monetary Donations to support Undy Sunday** – Donations made to Undy Sunday will be used to purchase the items needed by Catholic Charities' clients.

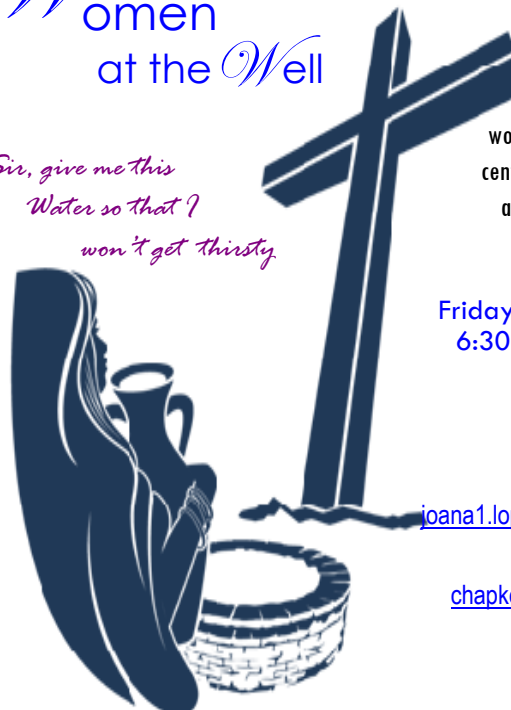
Please visit <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/undy-sunday/> to make a donation or view the Amazon Wish List.

If you'd prefer to send a check directly to Catholic Charities, please mail it to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community, particularly during this difficult time. For questions on Undy Sunday please email Maybird D'Silva at maydsilva@aol.com.

## Women at the Well

*Sir, give me this Water so that I won't get thirsty.*



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

**Friday, October 23**  
**6:30pm—8:30pm**  
**Room 114**

Questions?  
Joana Lopez  
[joana1.lopez@gmail.com](mailto:joana1.lopez@gmail.com)

Cindy Hapke  
[chapke20@gmail.com](mailto:chapke20@gmail.com)





Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy! Just go to our church website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click “Give” located in the menu at the top of the page, then look for the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page.

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Weekend Masses  
October 24 & 25**

**Fr. James will be preaching at all Masses.**

Saturday:	4:00p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Mike Plese
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00a	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin
	5:30p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo

*Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.*

### *Parish Sacrificial Giving*

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 10/04/20)**

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	391,935
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	380,800
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,135</b>
10/04/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	35,340
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	32,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,140</b>

For the Budget Year 2020/21 we have reduced the Parish Sunday goal by 15%, to \$27,200/week, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. This was due in part to the Budget shortfall that we had during the 2019/2020 year.

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
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**Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center**

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
August, 2020	\$ 788,202
September, 2020	\$ 777,203

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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	\$	161,046
Amount Paid	\$	153,313
Remaining Balance	\$	29,446
Rebate Amount	\$	4,629
# of Families Pledged		684

# Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video)

**Video Available:  
November 1, 2020**



This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants available online Sunday, November 1, 2020 in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.



Please register to receive the video online link by email [familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org) or online at <https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>.

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This is a full-time benefited position with 35 hours weekly (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) with the possibility of flexibility in schedule.

Please email resume and cover letter including salary requirements to Dan Sledz via email to [sacredheartchurchresume@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartchurchresume@gmail.com).

### 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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