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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-Friday8:00am
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

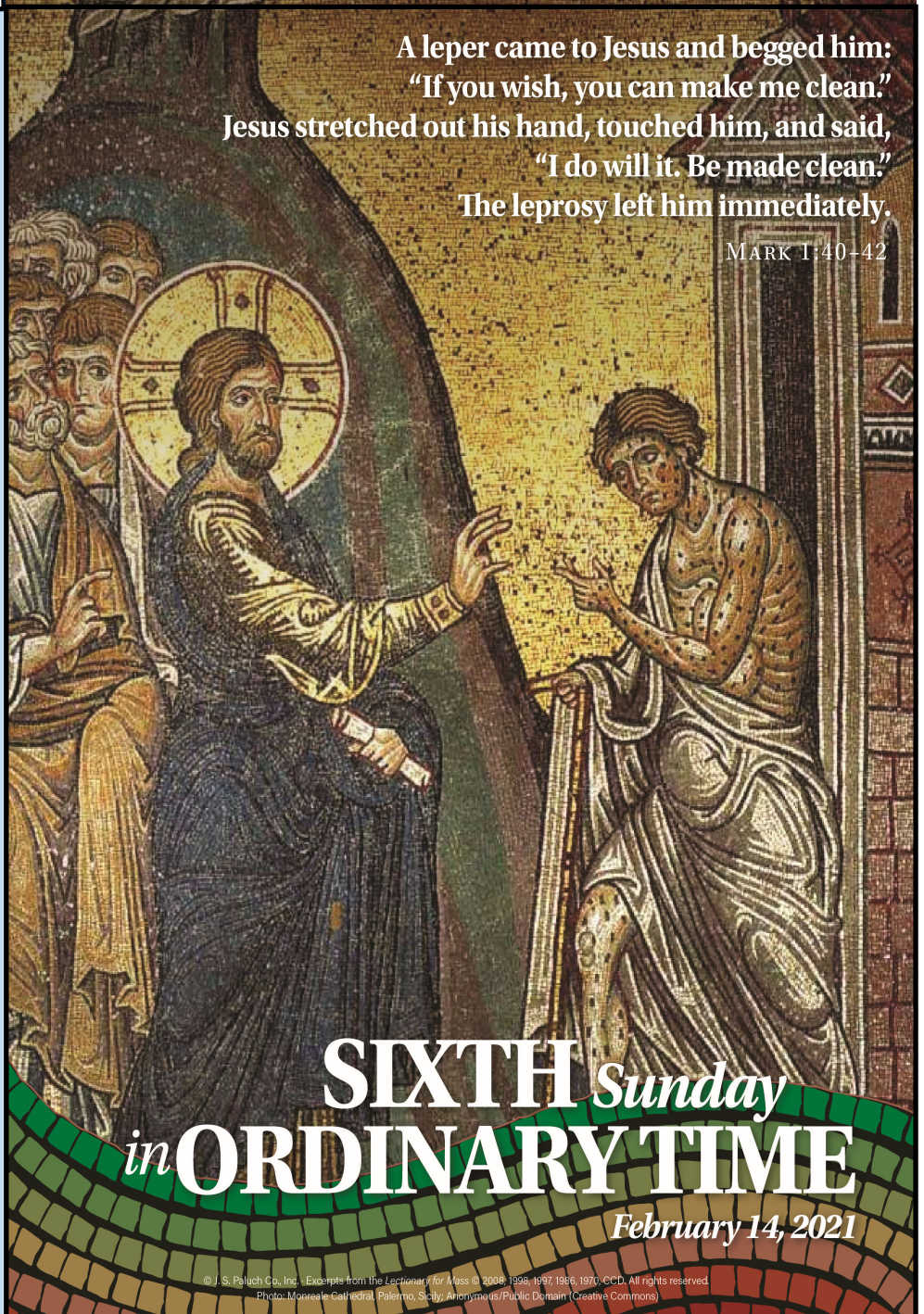
Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am
1:30-2:30pm
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am
Or by Appointment

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

SEMINARIAN INTERN

Tom Logue



A leper came to Jesus and begged him:

“If you wish, you can make me clean.”

Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,

“I do will it. Be made clean.”

The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42

SIXTH Sunday
in **ORDINARY TIME**

February 14, 2021



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

In addition to today being the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, it is also World Marriage Sunday. How appropriate – Valentine's Day! I will share with you some points about the day from the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- The readings for today highlight our need for Jesus as the Divine Physician. The Old Testament reading from Leviticus lays out the law for those who have contracted leprosy: such persons would be declared unclean, turned out from society, and made to live apart from others in efforts not to spread the disease. If a person were to touch a leper, they would then be declared unclean as well, facing the same restrictions.
- Jesus, “moved with pity...stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’” The act of Jesus actually touching a leper would have shocked those around him. Love reaches out and touches others. Jesus touches this man, regardless of the risk of being ostracized himself. True love does not count the cost. Jesus gives all for all, unreservedly because his love knows no limits.
- Every marriage is meant to be a little icon of the love of Christ and his bride, the Church. The love shared between a man and a woman in holy matrimony points us to the self-emptying, self-sacrificing love God has for each one of us.
- The promises that married couples make to each other illustrate what this love looks like lived out in the day to day experience: to have and to hold, exclusively, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, to cherish, to honor until death. A person gives everything to his or her spouse.
- The continuation of living life amid a global pandemic may have some married couples reflecting that this has been a season of “for worse, for poorer, and in sickness.” There are many married couples who are suffering right now: marital strain, illness, unemployment, etc. The sacrament of marriage provides the grace necessary to weather the storms of marriage and family life.

On this World Marriage Day, I thank all married couples for the witness of their sacrificial love “to have, to hold, to honor”!

Have a blessed week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	Int Lois & Evelyn Storto, by Mark & Dottie
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction
6:30 PM	Spanish Mass † Rachel Vasquez

Tuesday, February 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM	Int Fr Don McLaughlin, by Shirley Staples
6:30 PM	† Alan Gustaitis, by Faith & Fred Andrews
7:00-8:00 PM	Reconciliation

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Mass	The People of Our Lady of Mercy
8:00 AM	Scripture Service
12:00 PM Mass	† Savina Kalinowski, by Shirley Staples
4:30 PM	Scripture Service
6:00 PM Mass	† Alan Gustaitis, by Fred & Faith Andrews
7:30 PM Mass	Int Staples & Masangcay Families

Thursday, February 18 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM	† Cathie VanMilligen
8:00 AM	† Jim Horton, by Dorothy Horton
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction

Friday, February 19 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM	† Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
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Saturday, February 20 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM	† Departed Souls
9:00-10:00 AM	Reconciliation
1:30-2:30 PM	Reconciliation
4:00 PM	Vigil - First Sunday of Lent
	† Phillip Sylvester, by Joan & Mike DeSmedt
	† Corazon Gamaro, by The Santos Family

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM	† Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
	† Melva Purnell & John Salentine
10:00 AM	The People of Our Lady of Mercy
12:00 PM	† Austin Chase, by The Lazowski Family
5:30 PM	† Theresa Saracho, 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. Mother Mary | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. The Homeless |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention | 12. Frank Kingsley |
| 5. Good Health-C.H. | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Olivia Horan |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 15. The Pluskota Family |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Charles & Sophia Martin |

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

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
 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
 Helen Joseph
 Antoinette Humanski
 William Gardaphe

Allene Doddali
 Mary Dunbar
 Frank Kingsley
 Susan Mennenga
 Olivia Horan

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!

Además de ser hoy el Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, también es el Domingo Mundial del Matrimonio. ¡Qué apropiado, el Día de San Valentín! Sobre este día compartiré con ustedes algunos puntos de la Secretaría de Laicos, Matrimonio, Vida Familiar y Juventud de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos:

- Las lecturas de hoy resaltan nuestra necesidad de Jesús como el Médico Divino. La lectura del Antiguo Testamento del Levítico establece la ley para aquellos que han contraído la lepra: tales personas serían declaradas inmundas, expulsadas de la sociedad y obligadas a vivir separadas de los demás en un esfuerzo por no propagar la enfermedad. Si una persona tocara a un leproso, también se la declararía impura y se enfrentaría a las mismas restricciones.
- Jesús, “conmovido... extendió su mano, lo tocó y le dijo: 'Lo haré. Queda limpio'”. El hecho de que Jesús realmente tocara a un leproso habría sorprendido a quienes lo rodeaban. El amor se extiende y toca a los demás. Jesús toca a este hombre, independientemente del riesgo de ser condenado al ostracismo. El verdadero amor no cuenta el costo. Jesús lo da todo por todos, sin reservas porque su amor no conoce límites.
- Cada matrimonio está destinado a ser un pequeño icono del amor de Cristo y su esposa, la Iglesia. El amor compartido entre un hombre y una mujer en santo matrimonio nos señala el amor abnegado y sacrificado que Dios tiene por cada uno de nosotros.
- Las promesas que las parejas casadas se hacen entre sí ilustran cómo se ve este amor vivido en la experiencia del día a día: tener y retener, exclusivamente, para bien, para mal, para más ricos, para más pobres, en enfermedad y en salud, amar, cuidar, honrar hasta la muerte. Una persona le da todo a su cónyuge.
- La continuación de la vida en medio de una pandemia mundial puede hacer que algunas parejas casadas reflexionen que esta ha sido una temporada de "para peor, para más pobres y en enfermedad". Hay muchas parejas casadas que están sufriendo en este momento: tensión marital, enfermedad, desempleo, etc. El sacramento del matrimonio proporciona la gracia necesaria para capear las tormentas del matrimonio y la vida familiar.

¡En este Día Mundial del Matrimonio, agradezco a todas las parejas casadas por el testimonio de su amor sacrificial “para tener, para sostener, para honrar”!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don

EL CAMINO DE JESÚS

Las lecturas de hoy presentan un contraste entre el “camino de Jesús” y el “camino viejo”. Un ejemplo del camino viejo es la ley que recibieron Moisés y Aarón acerca de la lepra: el leproso era impuro y se echaba fuera de la comunidad. El camino de Jesús es lo contrario: el leproso se acerca, es tocado y finalmente curado.

Tampoco debemos pensar en el “camino viejo” como algo restringido a los días de Moisés y Aarón o incluso al “antiguo” testamento. La diferencia entre el camino antiguo y el camino de Jesús surge en nuestra propia vida. Todavía elegimos, todos los días, a vivir siguiendo el camino viejo o el camino de Jesús.

Jesús se atrevió a tocar a un leproso, sin tener en cuenta el camino viejo. Así el leproso fue cambiado para siempre. Se sintió llamado. No podía dejar de proclamar que había sido tocado por Jesús (¡a pesar de que Jesús le dijo que no lo hiciera!). Una vez que Jesús nos toca, estamos llamados a proclamar su “camino”. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Sal 50 (49):1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mc 8:11-13
- Martes: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Sal 29 (28):1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mc 8:14-21
- Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
- Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
- Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15

February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 | 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 | Mk 1:40-45

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

While leprosy as found in Biblical times is now rare and very treatable, it is not hard to imagine the tragic consequences it had on those who were affected. They suffered physically, but also socially and emotionally: Levitical priests declared lepers unclean, banishing them from the religious community. Jesus, as he did so often, would upend these conventions in his encounter with the leper in today's Gospel. "Moved with pity," Jesus healed him, telling him to return to the local priest for readmittance to the community. Jesus' model of compassion for the man is meant for us to embody. Modern culture continues to stigmatize people perceived as different – those suffering from depression and other mental illnesses, the homeless, perhaps those who struggle with cognitive disabilities – shunning them in different ways from full participation in community. To imitate Christ, as Paul alludes, is to have compassion for the needs of others – to "be moved with pity." Let us pray for the grace to put on the mind and heart of Christ, and dignify the presence of all our brothers and sisters in our community.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I admit I was taken aback by today's Old Testament reading: Not only were lepers banished from the religious community, but they had to announce themselves by crying out "Unclean, unclean!" Jesus changed all that. He healed the leper, encouraging him to return to the priest for readmittance. I am struck by how the leper approached Jesus. He did not demand a cure, but asked, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Although it is unlikely that any of us in the developed world will experience leprosy, we ourselves or people we know may carry inner struggles that have led to separation from the Church or a sense of isolation. In our humanity, we do not have the power to heal these maladies on our own. Instead, let us come to Jesus as the leper does, asking him, if he wills it, to heal us and our wounded world. Let us pray with confidence, knowing that Jesus in his compassion can and will make us clean and whole.

REFLECT Who are today's lepers? What are the inner struggles or wounds that may keep us from fully participating in our parish community or have left us estranged from members of our own family? Bring these before Jesus in your own words. Call a family member you have fallen out of touch with. Invite a person who has left the Church to lunch and listen with compassion.



Celebrate Our Universal & Diverse Church!

Catholic means “universal” showing that all people are called to belong to Jesus, His Gospel message and mission. How awesome that this includes every country and race in every part of the world. **The Communion of Saints reflects this universality and diversity of the Church.** The month of **February** is an important time to reflect and raise up disciples of Jesus of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds who courageously embraced their call to **LOVE** in the midst of the cultural and racial oppression they faced.

Grandparents, parents, and godparents get curious and google children’s Catholic youtube videos on any of the beloved disciples mentioned below to help your child, tween, or teen discover how much we need the legacy, friendship, and intercession of these holy men and women today!

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha - the First Native American Saint

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in present-day New York, in the year 1656. She was orphaned when her family died of smallpox. After their death, her guardians allowed her to receive religious instructions from Jesuit missionaries. After her Baptism, Kateri Tekakwitha made a long and difficult journey to a Catholic mission near Montreal, Canada. When her life became hard, Kateri turned to God in prayer. She focused on helping others, sharing stories about Jesus, and doing everyday chores as acts of love.

Saint Martin de Porres – Patron of Social Justice and Race Relations

Saint Martin de Porres, the son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed black slave, was born in Lima, Peru in 1579. At sixteen, Martin was accepted by the Dominican order as someone who receives food and lodging in exchange for manual labor. At twenty-four, he made profession as a lay brother. Martin de Porres is remembered for his humility, his gifts of healing, his care and concern, and his friendship with all, including the least of God’s creatures.

Josephine Bakhita – Patron Saint of Sudan and Human Trafficking Victims

Josephine Bakhita was born in Darfur, Africa around the year 1869. After a happy early childhood, Josephine was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She endured terrible experiences as a slave and was resold many times, eventually making her way to Italy. Josephine learned about God and was baptized and confirmed while staying with the Canosian Sisters in Italy. She became a Sister in 1896. Josephine Bakhita’s story holds a special meaning to those who suffer and are oppressed in any way.

Saint Juan Diego - The First Saint Indigenous to the Americas

Saint Juan Diego was born Cuauhtlatohauc (“The eagle who speaks”) in present-day Mexico near Mexico City. After learning about Jesus Christ through missionaries, **Juan Diego** was baptized in 1524. One day in December, while he was walking to church, Mary appeared before Juan Diego. **She was dressed like an Aztec princess and spoke to Juan in his own language to entrust him with an important task: asking the local bishop to build a church there.** Bishop Barron reflects on this event as a “second Pentecost” because Mother Mary brought thousands of non-believers to faith in Jesus Christ through the help of the new Christian convert, Juan Diego.

Sister Thea Bowman – A Servant of God

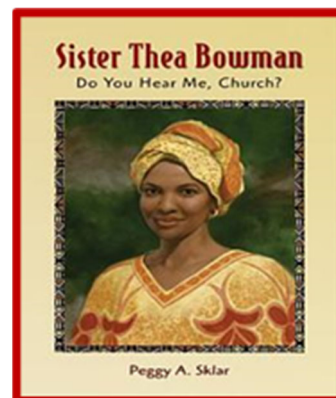
A granddaughter of slaves, Sister Thea Bowman was an African American woman who endured racism and inequality but who fought racial prejudice and promoted education and cultural awareness for those who were marginalized. She was an advocate for racial integration in the Catholic Church and worked tirelessly to bring people together as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Declared a Servant of God, [Sister Thea Bowman](#) is on the path to sainthood.

I suggest the book, ***Sister Thea Bowman~ Do You Hear Me, Church?***

Written by Peggy A. Sklar (Paulist Press), she explores the life and accomplishments of this trailblazing African American sister (1937–1990).

As a teacher and scholar, Sr. Thea made a major contribution to the ministry of the Catholic Church, bringing recognition of black culture to the faith.

(Ages 10 and up)





Parents are needed to assist with check-in at

EDGE nights. Please consider helping with this vital ministry for our young people!

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>



Confirmation Letter of Intent information is NOW available. Check the

LIGHT webpage to get your packet! Teens are asked to complete the Confirmation Letter of Intent (for those teens who have or will have completed the requirements by June 2021) are asked to fill out and return a Letter of Intent. These will be available on the LIGHT webpage starting January 1, 2021.

Online Sign-Up for Faith Conversations, LIGHT Mini-Courses and Discipleship Projects is now open! Check it out on the LIGHT webpage.

LIGHT Mini-Courses continue for Term #1 in the PLC and Virtually. Check the online sign-up on the LIGHT webpage for more information

Parent Volunteers needed to help with LIGHT mini-courses and check-in teens on Sunday mornings and evenings. If you can help, please sign-up on the mini-course sign-up page.

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PASTORAL CARE

Open HEARTS Ministry

As one of the pastoral care ministries of the parish, the ministry focuses on mental and emotional health and wellness. HEARTS stands for what the ministry offers – Hope, Empathy, Awareness, Renewal, Trust and Support. The next scheduled time to meet is in-person on Monday, February 15 at 7:00pm in Room 114. We will share thoughts about emotional and spiritual care of the heart and God's unconditional love for us. We will wear masks, follow the six-foot distance guideline and hand sanitizer will be available.

The ministry meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. If you would like to receive emails about meeting changes, prayer requests, resources, workshops or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Walking to Jerusalem Health Initiative during Lent

If you are looking for a way to grow closer to Jesus during Lent and improve your physical health, consider joining a parish-wide initiative to accumulate miles together to reach Jerusalem and come back home. Handouts to explain the program and to help you on your journey will be sent to you via email (or other arrangements can be made) after you register. Please register by contacting Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolene-el@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380. Our journey together starts on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and ends on Holy Saturday, April 3.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those living with cancer and chronic illness. The St. Peregrine Ministry offers spiritual care and support. There will be a prayer service via livestream and a time to connect after via ZOOM. Deacon Tony Leazzo will be leading the prayer service on Wednesday, February 24 at 2:00pm. More details to follow via social media platforms and the bulletin. Contact Deacon Tony at tonyl@olmercy.com with any questions.

Take Emotional Care of Your Heart

We learn to take physical care of the heart. It is also important to take emotional care of the heart as science shows that there is a link between emotions and heart health. Science suggests an association among stress, depression and heart disease. Psychosocial factors such as grief, depression and job loss may contribute to heart attack and cardiac arrest. Everyone experiences stress. The challenge is to manage your reaction to stress in healthy ways instead of unhealthy ways that may contribute to heart disease.

Consider the following healthy ways to manage stress in your life. Exercise is a great way to burn off excess energy and stress. Aim for 150 minutes of physical activity per week by going for a walk or run, a bike ride or put on music and dance. Breathe deeply throughout the day and during a time of stress. Take a break and escape your surroundings. Say a prayer, listen to music, read scripture, think of your blessings and thank God for them. Think about heart healthy tips to practice this week – days 15 to 21 of the month. Go to www.heart.org for ideas.

Remember God's unconditional love for us and how much He loves us, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Share God's love for you with others today. Take care of your heart! God bless and Happy Valentine's Day!!





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 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.

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

**Our Lady of Mercy
Weekend Masses
February 20 & 21**

Fr James will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 01/31/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	851,135
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	843,200
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	7,935
01/31/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	24,812
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,388)

Thank you for your generosity!!

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.

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
November, 2020	\$	765,997
December, 2020	\$	755,797

Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$154,400 goal.

Because not all of us have returned to worshipping in person, our pastor is mailing a packet to parishioners this week. Included will be the envelope many of us use to make a gift at Mass, as well as more information on how the CMAA *shines the light of Christ* not only in our parish, but across the diocese.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.



THE HISTORY OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes, as a Jewish sign of penitence, were accepted by Christians. They are derived from burning palms from the previous year.

This outward symbol of private or public sorrow, sadness, or penance, is a proof of humility, a remembrance of our mortality, that we are made of dust and will return to dust. The custom of imposing ashes, is a symbolic act signifying human mortality and total human dependence on the graciousness and mercy of God.

In the early Christian era ashes were imposed on public penitents, sprinkled on their penitential clothes.

The distribution of ashes gained popularity as many of the penitential practices once reserved for serious public sinners became standard for all the faithful. It was not until 1091, when Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of ashes on the heads of all the faithful, that the reception of ashes became mandatory and the Wednesday preceding the First Sunday of Lent became known as Ash Wednesday.

In order to maintain unity in practice with the Universal Church, we will be following the practices set forth by the Roman Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

From the Congregation of Divine Worship (1988):

“On the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent, the faithful receive the ashes, thus entering into the time established for the purification of their souls. This sign of penance, a traditionally biblical one, has been preserved among the Church’s customs until the present day. It signifies the human condition of the sinner, who seeks to express his guilt before the Lord in an exterior manner, and by so doing express his interior conversion, led on by the confident hope that the Lord will be merciful. This same sign marks the beginning of the way of conversion, which is developed through the celebration of the sacraments of penance during the days before Easter.”

In many English speaking countries the custom has been to place ashes on the forehead and not the crown of the head. In Italy and other European Countries the ashes are place on the crown of the head.

Due to the restrictions of Covid19, we are not imposing ashes on the forehead this year. For any person to person contact must be avoided. Rather, for the time being we are returning to the more ancient custom of sprinkling ashes on the crown of head.

FEBRUARY 17
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