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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.*

He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15



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

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent. This Sunday and the next two Sunday's we celebrate the SCRUTINIES with those who will be baptized this year at the Easter Vigil. And while I write about the Scrutinies every year at this time, a reminder might be helpful. Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy you attend, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey the Elect, those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey. At the Mass the Scrutinies are celebrated, the A cycle of the Sunday readings are used. This week, the woman at the well, next week the man born blind, and the following week, Lazarus being raised from the dead.

These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously in, in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Unfortunately this year, due to the COVID pandemic, we have not been able to conduct the RCIA as it usually is done. Missing has been the group coming to Mass together and after the homily being dismissed to gather together and reflect deeper on the Word of God they just heard. The formation sessions have been held through Zoom instead of gathering each week in person. So, you have not had the opportunity to see those who are preparing for baptism and those preparing to be received into the Church. So, in these final weeks of preparation, I ask you to intentionally keep them in your prayers.

At this time of year, some households get turned upside down for the annual ritual of spring cleaning. More zealous housekeepers go to great extents. Bedding is taken outside and aired, bed springs rinsed of the year's dust. Floors are waxed, rugs and furniture vacuumed, windows washed, nook and crannies dusted. Lent is our spiritual spring cleaning. We are called to go again to the center of our faith – our share in Christ's death and resurrection. We are asked to examine how our conviction and practice may have gathered dust during the past year (especially since when have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the COVID pandemic). It is only human for us to get complacent, to slack off, to compromise with evil, to get comfortable with our sins. Do we really have to take out all the furniture for an airing? Yes, we do!

Have a blessed Lent!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 8 - St John of God, Religious

8:00 AM † Alice Toschak, by Bonnie Ramirez
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Recovery from Covid, by Antonio Castelan

Tuesday, March 9 - St Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 AM † Rita Deane Conway, by Liane Skill
 6:30 PM † Alan R Gustaitis, by Eli & Margaret Zak
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Walter Soltysik, by Family

Thursday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

6:30 AM † Nicholas Giordino
 8:00 AM † Cathy Dodd, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM † Maria Salome Embradura, by Oscar & Lourdes Indad

Saturday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM † Roy Pagay, by Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent**
 † Joyce Marks, by Family
 † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Sherry & Gerry Konjura

Sunday, March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † John & Rosemary Frech, by The Frech Family
 10:00 AM † Ricardo Arias, by Elizabeth Navas
 12:00 PM † Alejandro & Nora Ceceres, by Family
 5:30 PM † Joseph Salata, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy

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 Gustaitis Family |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Parishioners of OLM | 12. Joseph Salata |
| 5. Peg Hartnett | 13. Alice Tooschak |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. First Responders |
| 7. Mike & Carole Brogan | 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

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
 Virginia Maher

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 Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma. Este domingo y los dos próximos domingos celebramos los ESCRUTINIOS con aquellos que serán bautizados este año en la Vigilia Pascual.

Y mientras escribo sobre los Escrutinios todos los años en esta época, un recordatorio podría ser útil. Incluso si estos ritos no se celebran en la liturgia a la que asistes, puede ser maravilloso reflexionar sobre el camino de los Elegidos, los que se preparan para el bautismo en la Vigilia Pascual, como una inspiración y fuente de renovación para nosotros en nuestro camino. En la Misa se celebran los Escrutinios, se utiliza el ciclo A de las lecturas dominicales. Esta semana, la mujer en el pozo, la próxima semana el hombre que nació ciego, y la semana siguiente, Lázaro resucitado de entre los muertos.

Estos son ritos antiguos y, al principio, pueden parecer extraños. Pero están profundamente arraigados en nuestra experiencia humana. Necesitamos examinar (escudriñar) las áreas de nuestras vidas en las que nos sentimos tentados, o seriamente, en lo que hacemos y lo que dejamos de hacer. Realmente necesitamos sanación y la fuerza que puede venir del apoyo de nuestras hermanas y hermanos.

Desafortunadamente, este año, debido a la pandemia del COVID, no hemos podido realizar el RCIA como se hace habitualmente. Ha faltado el grupo que vienen a Misa juntos y después de la homilía se despide para reunirse y reflexionar más profundamente sobre la Palabra de Dios que acaban de escuchar. Las sesiones de formación se han realizado a través de Zoom en lugar de reunirse cada semana en persona. Entonces, ustedes no han tenido la oportunidad de ver a los que se están preparando para el bautismo y a los que se preparan para ser recibidos en la Iglesia. Entonces, en estas últimas semanas de preparación, les pido que los guarden intencionalmente en sus oraciones.

En esta época del año, algunos hogares se ponen patas arriba para el ritual anual de la limpieza de primavera. Las amas de casa más entusiastas hacen todo lo posible. La ropa de cama se saca al aire libre y se ventila, los resortes de la cama se enjuagan del polvo del año. Se enceran los pisos, se aspiran alfombras y muebles, se lavan las ventanas, se desempolvan los rincones y las grietas. La Cuaresma es nuestra limpieza espiritual de primavera. Estamos llamados a volver al centro de nuestra fe: nuestra participación en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Se nos pide que examinemos cómo nuestra convicción y práctica pueden haber acumulado polvo durante el año pasado (especialmente desde que fueron dispensados de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical durante la pandemia del COVID). Es humano para nosotros volvernos complacientes, relajarnos, comprometernos con el mal, sentirnos cómodos con nuestros pecados. ¿Realmente tenemos que sacar todos los muebles para ventilar? ¡Sí lo hacemos!

¡Que tengan una bendecida Cuaresma!

Padre Don

LEALTAD TOTAL

En semanas anteriores hemos visto cómo el tema de la alianza, en preparación para la alianza bautismal que se celebra en Semana Santa, ocupa un lugar importante en nuestro ciclo de lecturas de Cuaresma. La noción de una alianza como una relación entre dos partes lleva consigo la expectativa de la responsabilidad mutua y la fidelidad a los términos del pacto. Cuando Dios forjó la alianza con el pueblo judío en el monte Sinaí, se trataba de una promesa de la protección de Dios, y que siempre les permitiría el acceso familiar como Pueblo Escogido. Por su parte, el pueblo judío debería observar los requisitos de la ley, que se resumen aquí en los Diez Mandamientos. Para estar en una relación de pacto con el Señor Dios requiere una relación exclusiva, al igual que ser discípulo de Jesús —que expresamos ritualmente en el Bautismo— exige una total lealtad a Él y a ningún otro. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Re 5:1-15b; Sal 42 (41):2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lc 4:24-30
Martes: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Miércoles: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Jueves: Jer 7:23-28; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9; Lc 11:14-23
Viernes: Hos 14:2-10; Sal 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Sábado: Os 6:1-6; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 18-21ab; Lc 18:9-14
Domingo: 2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23; Sal 137 (136):1-6; Ef 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Lecturas alternativas (Año A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 | 1 Cor 1:22-25 | Jn 2:13-25

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

We have rules in our house. Every family does. “No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews. Respect one another. Be kind.” Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God’s family has rules, too. Hence the Ten Commandments, which we hear today. They begin with these words: “I, the Lord, am your God.” If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules – of the law. God’s law is about God’s love. Through his laws, God taught the Israelites a new way to live based on God’s values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy – values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today’s Gospel reminds me of the time my older son helped his younger brother understand the rules of a game we were playing. He did so by showing his own cards, which meant he would lose that round. While not done under the same circumstances, or with the same anger with which Jesus cleansed the temple, my older son did what he did for the same reason and with the same effect: love. When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first. Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done. Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice. We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

ACTION Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life. Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy. (Read John 3:16)

Companioning Your Children to the Lord's Table of Love

As blessed parents of the Lord, you desire to companion and nurture your child(ren) on their journey of faith to the Lord's Table. Whether it's a journey to help your child(ren) prepare to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist for first time or the 100th time, we pause for a moment to recognize an essential truth: We are all called to build our entire lives around Jesus (rather than fit him into it), and grow our awareness of His intimate, life-giving presence unique to the celebration of the Eucharist, *especially during the pandemic.*

For some families, your participation in the Mass is necessarily relegated to a screen, and yet, how beautiful that you and God can use this time of physical separation from the Eucharist to witness to your child(ren) your spiritual hunger to receive Him through your commitment to view a weekly (or daily) live-streamed Mass.

An overview of the Mass as offered below is a way to show your child(ren) the beautiful connection between the entire celebration of the Eucharist and the sacred actions of our every-day lives as His disciples.

- ***We GATHER and GREET*** one another with an open heart to experience Jesus' saving presence among us as a family of God.
- ***We HEAR*** the ways our Lord loves us and challenges us to love one another through the Scriptures.
- ***We PROFESS*** what we believe- beliefs that are born from belonging to Jesus and our faith community.
- ***We ASK*** for what we need, trusting the Lord will again provide for us.
- ***We OFFER OURSELVES*** to Jesus and one another. By placing our lives alongside the simple gifts of bread and wine, we show our desire to become one with Jesus in Holy Communion.
- ***We REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS to GOD*** for Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. The priest prays to the Father in the name of all the people and the bread and wine are changed into the precious body and blood of Jesus.
- ***We RECEIVE JESUS.*** Jesus wants to come to us and live in us. When we say Amen [Yes] to the Body of Christ, Jesus fills us with His love!

• ***We are SENT to LOVE and SERVE.*** To paraphrase Saint Augustine, we become what we have received, the Body of Christ. As people of the Eucharist, we are given the real presence and power of Jesus to love and forgive one another as extravagantly as Jesus loves and forgives us- unconditionally and without counting the cost.

I hope this simple overview is a way to begin to reflect with your children on how the entire celebration of the Eucharist is where our life in Christ is strengthened to love at home and in the world as His disciples.



EDGE Nights are meeting In-Person! Our 6th, 7th and 8th

graders are meeting in the Parish Life Center twice a month on Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm. Please see the EDGE webpage for more details. **Upcoming EDGE Nights: March 8, 22, April 12 & 26.**

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 are still being accepted! We will still accept Letters of Intent for

high school teens who would like to enter the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program. Please see the LIGHT webpage for the information and packet.

LIGHT "Basics of the Faith" Mini-Courses have openings for Term #3. Please see the LIGHT webpage for more information and sign-up.

Faith Conversations for Teens: Any high school teen interested in being a part of the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program will need a Faith Conversation with a Faith Mentor. Please see the details on our webpage or contact Jean or Dave in the youth ministry office.

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 in-person gathering is Monday, March 15 at 7:00pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. We will follow the COVID-19 protocols of wearing masks, following the six-foot distance guidelines and using hand sanitizer. If you would like to receive emails about the ministry, resources or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Walking to Jerusalem

Thank you to those who have reported their first week of miles for February 17 to February 23. Twenty-seven participants reported their miles and as of February 26, we have accumulated 1,138.25 miles. Great job! In order for us to reach Jerusalem, we need 5,076.75 miles. Once we reach Jerusalem, let's hope that we can get back home. We need a total of 12,430 miles. May this Lent be a meaningful journey as you grow closer to Jesus!

Eat Healthy One Day at a Time

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics promotes March as *National Nutrition Month*®.

The annual campaign invites everyone to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. The 2021 theme is "Personalize Your Plate." The Academy reminds us that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to nutrition and health. Each of us is unique with different bodies, goals, backgrounds and tastes.

The focus for week one of March is: Eat a variety of nutritious foods every day. Keep in mind the following tips. Include healthful foods from all food groups. Hydrate healthfully. Learn how to read Nutrition Facts Panels. Avoid distractions while eating. Take time to enjoy your food. One way to eat healthier through the day is to make half of your plate filled with fruits and vegetables. Aim for a daily goal of two cups of fruit and two and a half cups of vegetables.

Plan ahead to increase the intake of fruits and vegetables. Use vegetables for pizza toppings. Make a smoothie with fruits and spinach or kale. Eat crunchy vegetables for dipping instead of chips. Cut up a variety of vegetables and have them ready to eat at home or on the go. Put vegetables in an omelet or add fruit to oatmeal, cereal or yogurt. Have a baked potato with beans and salsa on top or broccoli with low-fat cheese. Be creative and eat the fruits and vegetables that you like in different ways.

Pastoral Care

If you need assistance with navigating the COVID-19 vaccination registration, need assistance with grocery shopping or have other needs that you are concerned about, please know that your faith community is here for you. For physical, emotional, spiritual and mental health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolenel@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380.



Knights News:

Knights of Columbus Council 12005 – Our Lady of Mercy

Mobile Food Pantry: Even with the Pandemic, your council has continued to be active in our community. In conjunction with Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Robert H. Weaver Council 12005 has been sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry once a month since August right here in our parking lot. In that span we have assisted well over 1,000 families with much needed staple food supplies. We have had a lot of help from other groups in the Parish like the Fit Sheppard's and several of the ministries. Thanks to all who have recently been braving the extreme cold to help out!! We will continue until at least June to provide this service.

2021 College Scholarship Program: We are proud to announce that we will again be offering our College Scholarship Program to both graduating High School Seniors and Students who are completing their first year of College. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to offer the program last year so we are opening it up to students who are completing their first year of studies this year. To apply for the Scholarships, go to the knights of Columbus link on the OLM Website and download the forms needed. All applications will be due back not later than Saturday June 19th. Scholarship award amounts will be paid directly to your college.

Thinking of becoming a Knight? You can join for free between now and the end of the year. It will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men's service organization in the world. We need you! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at jleroy53@hotmail.com or call 630-336-7728.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE March 20 & 21

It's time to clean out those drawers and closets to get ready for our next STVP Clothing Drive!!
Collection bags are in the lobby of the PLC.

Items can be dropped off:

- Saturday March 20 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 4:00 PM mass
- Sunday March 21 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 8:00 AM mass
- Sunday March 21 -15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the 10:00 AM mass
- Sunday March 21 - 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!





Online Giving

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

March 13 & 14

Fr. Don will preach at all 4:00, 10:00, 12:00 & 5:30 Masses
Fr. James will preach at 8:00 Mass

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

**Catholic Relief Services
 Second Collection March 13 & 14**

Your support of this collection serves Jesus in the guise of the poor and vulnerable in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Support the collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #IchurchImission



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$154,400.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

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