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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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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

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



MARCH
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Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

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

Unlike Holy Week and Easter last year when the Churches were closed and livestreaming was the only option, this year we are able to have a **limited** number of people present to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. The Diocese of Joliet sent a memo on March 4, 2021 to all parishes

stating that despite the increase in the number of people being vaccinated and relaxation of restrictions in some Dioceses and businesses that for now, **parishes are directed to hold to the current requirements** that have been in effect. **SO, IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND IN PERSON ANY OF THE HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND/OR MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY, YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER ON THE PARISH WEBSITE OR CALL THE PARISH BY MONDAY, MARCH 29.** Many of the services and Easter Sunday Masses will still be livestreamed. Let's all pray that a return to "normal" will not be far off!

Today we begin Holy Week. Twice we will hear the account of the passion of Jesus. In today's gospel from Mark, and on Good Friday from the gospel of John. In these readings we focus a lot of our attention, and rightly so, on the suffering of Jesus and all he endured out of love for us, to save us. I also challenge us with another perspective regarding the passion accounts of Jesus. Among all the cruel and violent persons we hear about in Christ's suffering last hours, it is easy to overlook those who were kind. At Bethany, Simon the leper offers him hospitality, and a nameless to us woman, with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil anoints Jesus. Since Jesus will soon be executed as a criminal, with the possibility of no Jewish funeral rite or burial place, this was a tender moment of deep meaning. She put herself in danger to honor him and his sacrifice. In Jerusalem there was Simon of Cyrene who helped carry his cross, and Joseph of Arimathea who courageously asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and laid him in a new tomb. All of these people, and perhaps more whom we do not know, were glimpses of light in a day of darkness. They were peace amidst the conflict. Joy amidst the sorrow. Celebration in the midst of tragedy. With this in mind, we are challenged this week to be in solidarity with someone who is suffering. Discipleship requires the way of solidarity. Jesus emptied himself. Jesus sacrificed. Jesus gives himself completely for all of us. What sacrifices might God be asking of us to better live in solidarity with those who suffer across the globe and in our local community? Solidarity is the God-given ability to love others who are different from us and to see them as our brother or sisters. Solidarity compels us to work for justice, make sacrifices for the common good, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Pope Francis writes: "This word solidarity runs the risk of being deleted from the dictionary because it is a word that bothers us; it bothers us. Why? Because it requires you to look at another and give yourself to another with love." This week, be one of the named or unnamed characters in the passion narrative who showed kindness to Jesus!

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29 - Holy Week

8:00 AM	† Cathy Dodd, by Family
8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 PM	Benediction
6:30 PM <small>Spanish Mass</small>	No Mass

Tuesday, March 30 - Holy Week

8:00 AM	† Margaret Picciuolo, by Jolene LeRoy
8:30-10:00 AM	Reconciliation
6:30 PM	† Simplicio Naguit, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
7:00-9:00 PM	Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 31 - Holy Week

8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 PM	† Bob Humanski, by Toni Humanski

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

6:30 AM	No Mass
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:00 PM	Lord's Supper Following Mass Adoration until Midnight

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 PM	Spanish Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Lord's Passion
7:00 PM	English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

8:30 AM	Morning Prayer
12:00 PM	Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM	† Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
9:00 AM Church	† Timothy Savoie, by Family
9:00 AM PLC	† Fabian & Rufina Lanuza, by Family
11:00 AM Church	† Emma & Juanito DeChavez, by Family
11:00 AM PLC	The People of Our Lady of Mercy
1:00 PM Church	† Austin Chase, by Mark Lazowski
1:00 PM PLC	† Ken Jachim, by Family
	No 5:30 pm Mass

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. Roland Vercillo |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention | 12. The Homeless |
| 5. Alice Toschak | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Parishioners of OLM |
| 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
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!

A diferencia de la Semana Santa y Pascua del año pasado cuando las Iglesias estaban cerradas y la transmisión en vivo era la única opción, este año podemos tener un número **limitado** de personas presentes para celebrar las liturgias de la Semana Santa y Pascua. La Diócesis de Joliet envió un memorando el 4 de marzo de 2021 a todas las parroquias indicando que a pesar del aumento en el número de personas vacunadas y la relajación de las restricciones en algunas Diócesis y negocios, por ahora, **las parroquias están dirigidas a cumplir con los requisitos actuales** que han estado en vigor. **ASÍ QUE, SI DESEAN ASISTIR EN PERSONA A CUALQUIERA DE LOS SERVICIOS DE SEMANA SANTA Y/O MISA EL DOMINGO DE PASCUA, DEBEN PREINSCRIBIRSE EN EL SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA O LLAMAR A LA PARROQUIA ANTES DEL LUNES 29 DE MARZO.** Muchos de los servicios y las Misas del Domingo de Pascua todavía se transmitirán en vivo. ¡Oremos todos para que el regreso a la "normalidad" no esté muy lejos!

Hoy comenzamos la Semana Santa. Dos veces escucharemos el relato de la pasión de Jesús. En el evangelio de hoy de Marcos y el Viernes Santo del evangelio de Juan. En estas lecturas centramos gran parte de nuestra atención, y con razón, en el sufrimiento de Jesús y todo lo que soportó por amor a nosotros, para salvarnos. También los desafío con otra perspectiva con respecto a los relatos de la pasión de Jesús. Entre todas las personas crueles y violentas de las que oímos hablar en el sufrimiento de Cristo en las últimas horas, es fácil pasar por alto a las que fueron amables. En Betania, Simón el leproso le ofrece hospitalidad, y una mujer sin nombre para nosotros, con una vasija de alabastro de aceite perfumado unge a Jesús. Dado que Jesús pronto será ejecutado como un criminal, sin la posibilidad de un rito funerario judío o lugar de entierro, este fue un momento tierno de profundo significado. Ella se puso en peligro para honrarlo a él y a su sacrificio. En Jerusalén estaba Simón de Cirene, quien ayudó a llevar su cruz, y José de Arimatea, quien valientemente le pidió a Pilato el cuerpo de Jesús y lo puso en una tumba nueva. Todas estas personas, y quizás más que no conocemos, fueron destellos de luz en un día de oscuridad. Ellos fueron paz en medio del conflicto. Alegría en medio del dolor. Celebración en medio de la tragedia. Con esto en mente, esta semana tenemos el desafío de ser solidarios con alguien que está sufriendo. El discipulado requiere el camino de la solidaridad. Jesús se vació a sí mismo. Jesús sacrificó. Jesús se entrega completamente por todos nosotros. ¿Qué sacrificios podría estar pidiéndonos Dios para vivir mejor en solidaridad con los que sufren en todo el mundo y en nuestra comunidad local? La solidaridad es la habilidad dada por Dios para amar a otros que son diferentes a nosotros y verlos como nuestros hermanos o hermanas. La solidaridad nos obliga a trabajar por la justicia, hacer sacrificios por el bien común y amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. El Papa Francisco escribe: "Esta palabra solidaridad corre el riesgo de ser borrada del diccionario porque es una palabra que nos molesta; nos molesta. ¿Por qué? Porque requiere que mires a otro y te entregues al otro con amor". ¡Esta semana, sé uno de los personajes con o sin nombre en la narrativa de la pasión que mostró bondad a Jesús!

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Semana Santa!

Padre Dan

SEMANA SANTA

Por el Evangelio del Domingo de Ramos, volvemos al Evangelio según San Marcos. El relato de la Pasión ocupa casi un tercio de todo el Evangelio según Marcos y, de todos los evangelistas, él es quien presenta los detalles más gráficos. Marcos representa la humanidad de Jesús con mayor intensidad, describiendo sus sufrimientos a fondo. Presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento completo del "Siervo sufriendo" de Isaías, el esclavo humilde y obediente que muere en la cruz y de quien Pablo habla a los filipenses. Pero es importante recordar que a esto lo llamamos "Semana Santa" y no "semana triste" o "semana de sufrimiento", porque cada una de las lecturas de hoy, incluso los lamentos del Salmo, terminan con la promesa de la fuerza y la esperanza que son otorgadas por Dios a los que fielmente dan de sí mismos en amor. A medida que entramos a esta semana por vía de estas lecturas, debemos reflexionar profundamente sobre los sufrimientos de Jesús, pero con la tranquilidad de la alegría de la vida resucitada y eterna que nos espera a todos los que fielmente caminamos con él durante estos días. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Is 42:1-7; Sal 27 (26):1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Martes: Is 49:1-6; Sal 71 (70):1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Miércoles: Is 50:4-9a; Sal 69 (68):8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Jueves: Misa del Crisma: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Sal 89 (88):21-22, 25, 27; Apo 1:5-8; Lc 4:16-21 Cena del Señor: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Sal 116 (117):12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Viernes: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Sal 31 (30):2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Sábado: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; o Sal 33 (32):4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Sal 16 (15): 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Sal 30 (29): 2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Sal 19 (18):8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Sal 42 (41): 3, 5; 43:3-4 o Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 o Sal 51 (50):12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mc 16:1-7
- Domingo: Hch 10:34a, 37-43; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 o 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 o Mc 16:1-7 o (en la misa de la tarde o la noche)Lc 24:13-35



March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 | Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

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

From early childhood, I remember Palm Sunday - there was a kind of excitement about receiving the fresh palms, followed by the somber reading of the Passion. The contrast strikes me: While the palms, in ancient times, symbolized goodness and victory, hope and triumph, the account of Jesus' suffering and death reminds us of the price he paid for our redemption. Jesus knew that we can't have one without the other. It is the paradox of the cross: Jesus gave his life so that we might live. For many, the past year has been like one long Good Friday, filled with discouragement, suffering, and loss. As we reflect on Jesus' passion, the palms we carry home remain a sign of hope; we know now how the story will end. As we place our palms in a special place, let us say a prayer of thanks to Jesus and ask for the grace to renew our faith and trust in God as we enter Holy Week.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There is a richness in the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil that is both humbling and uplifting. This time period, known as the Sacred Triduum (Latin for "three days"), is the official end of Lent, and the summit of the liturgical year. As a society, we give far more attention to the buildup and celebration of Christmas - which is not to deny its importance, of course! - and so sometimes the Triduum is not as familiar to people in both its meaning and importance. Yet, it is during these days that we most intentionally remember and celebrate the gift of our redemption; we liturgically embrace the paschal mystery of Christ: dying he destroyed our death, and rising he restored our life. We have faced a difficult year together, and we rely on each other for prayer. As we continue through this Holy Week, perhaps we can accompany each other by attending the services with one another, or at least setting aside complementary prayer time on our own.

PRAY A local Eagle Scout built a beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross at a college campus near us. Visit your parish or outdoor stations and reflect on each one. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has excellent resources for praying the stations: www.usccb.org.

Accompaniment of Children to the Cross

The events of Jesus' death are shocking and violent, and yet the truth remains that we cannot fully live into Easter if we have not experienced Jesus' death. Dr. Elizabeth L. Windsor, parent and Director of Christian Education at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Massachusetts, explains there are ways to approach this with children that make it easier to share the whole story. Here are some helpful ideas to keep in mind as you accompany your family through Holy Week:

Children Understand Tragedy

Children - even very young ones - know that bad things happen. The Easter message is that good always triumphs over evil - even if it doesn't seem to at the moment. This is a message children can hear and understand.

Emphasize the Full Christ-Event

When you talk about the crucifixion, always continue immediately with the Resurrection. I have found the following kinds of language helpful: "Jesus loved people so much that some people were scared by it and they put Jesus to death on a cross. But love is so strong, that not even death can destroy it, so God raised Jesus from the dead."

Be Conscientious with Images

If the children you work with are visual learners, you may only want to share the story in words - the shorter the better. Use art that reveals the empty tomb instead of Jesus on the Cross as you tell the story.

Basic Details of the Cross

Some children are curious about how crucifixion kills. They will ask questions such as "Did it hurt?" ("Yes"). "Did Jesus really die?" ("Yes"). You do not need to dwell on the gore, but an honest answer that is short and to the point is helpful to children and allows you to move on to the resurrection.

Jesus Did Not Die Alone

Other children worry that Jesus was alone. He was not. Jesus' mother and the Beloved Disciple were there, along with other women. Two other men were crucified with him. And most importantly, God was with Jesus.

The Mystery and Wonder of Holy Week & Easter

Sharing the unfolding story of God's saving love with your family seeks to be a holy and life-changing experience. Using a family Resurrection Egg Kit can sensitively support the entire family's experience of knowing Jesus as Savior through the familiar environment of your homes prior to live-streaming or attending in-person Masses. If you didn't have the opportunity to pick up a kit last week, go to biblegamescentral.com/resurrection-eggs/ for a DIY to create a Resurrection Egg Kit.





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: 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

Walking to Jerusalem

Look to see if we made it to Jerusalem in the Easter weekend bulletin. Deadlines for the bulletin articles did not allow tabulation of the miles in time for this bulletin. Try to increase your miles during Holy Week so that we have a better chance of making it to Jerusalem.

Grandparents Ministry

If you would like to attend a “meet and greet” ZOOM meeting on Tuesday April 6 from 7:00 to 8:30pm to find out about the Catholic Grandparents Association Ministry at our parish, please send a message to jolene@olmercy.com.

Be Kind to Your Kidneys

March is National Kidney Month. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about kidney disease and on how to take care of your kidneys. The kidneys are located just below the rib cage, one on each side of the spine. They are two bean-shaped organs about the size of a fist. The kidneys help the body to work by removing wastes and extra fluid as well as acid that is produced by the cells of the body. The kidneys also make hormones that help control blood pressure, make red blood cells and keep bones strong and healthy.

The following suggestions will help to keep the kidneys healthy. Prevent or manage health conditions that cause kidney damage such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Talk with your health care provider about your kidney health. Choose foods that are healthy for your total health such as fresh fruits, fresh or frozen vegetables, whole grains and low fat or fat-free dairy products. Aim for less than 2,300 mg. of sodium each day unless your health care provider has suggested a different amount. Be active for at least thirty minutes on most days of the week. Maintain a healthy weight. Get seven to eight hours of sleep each night. Stop smoking. Limit alcohol intake. Manage your reaction to stress. Be careful about taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs as they can damage kidneys. For any kidney concerns, please consult with a healthcare provider for education and evaluation.

Teens’ Mental Health

Parents need to be aware of the warning signs of depression or anxiety that teens may exhibit such as withdrawal and isolation from others, a drop in grades, changes in sleeping or eating patterns, substance use, apathy and suicidal thoughts. It is important for early detection of anxiety and depression for early intervention and better treatment outcomes.

Some suggestions are offered to help teens deal with their emotions during the pandemic. Loosen social media restrictions to allow contact with friends. As needed, talk with a mental health professional. Keep communication open while still giving your teen space. Encourage better sleep habits by creating a regular sleep schedule to fit the changed teen’s school routine. Exercise with your teen. Engage teens in activities that give them a sense of purpose such as family movie night, family cleaning, planning meals and cooking or baking.

If you need resources or information for mental and emotional health concerns, please contact the Open HEARTS Ministry of the parish at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care

If you have physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at jolene@olmercy.com or call 331-707-5380. Have a Blessed Holy Week!

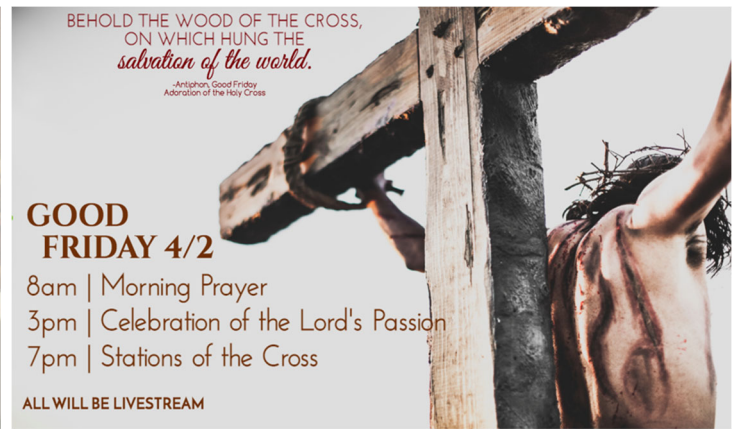
HOLY THURSDAY 4/1



MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER @ 7PM

JESUS, WHEN ABOUT TO BE HANDED OVER TO DEATH, ENTRUSTED TO THE CHURCH A SACRIFICE NEW FOR ALL ETERNITY, *the banquet of His Love.*
-Collect, Holy Thursday

BEHOLD THE WOOD OF THE CROSS, ON WHICH HUNG THE *salvation of the world.*
-Antiphon, Good Friday Adoration of the Holy Cross



GOOD FRIDAY 4/2

8am | Morning Prayer
3pm | Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7pm | Stations of the Cross

ALL WILL BE LIVESTREAM

HOLY SATURDAY
4/3rd MORNING PRAYER @ 8AM

There is a great silence on earth today
A GREAT SILENCE AND STILLNESS,
SILENCE BECAUSE THE KING IS ASLEEP.
GOD HAS DIED IN THE FLESH AND
hell trembles with fear.
-From an ancient homily on Holy Saturday

PARKING LOT

Blessing of Food & Easter Baskets



SATURDAY
APRIL 3 @ 12PM
PARKING LOT



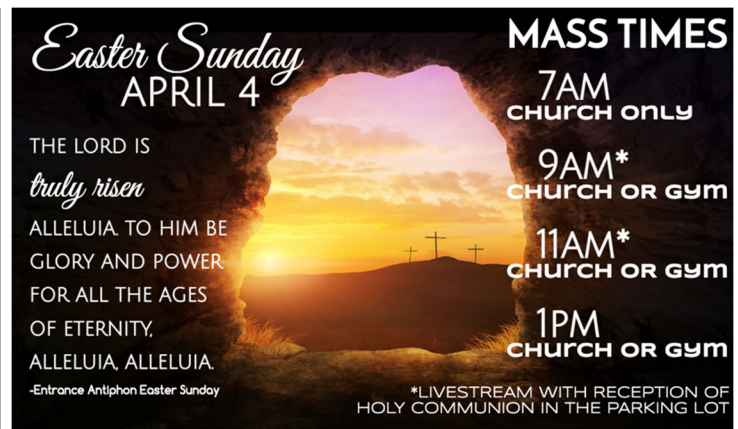
This is the night,
WHEN CHRIST BROKE THE PRISON-BARS OF DEATH
AND *rose victorious*
FROM THE UNDERWORLD.
-Excerpt from the Easter Proclamation

Easter Vigil
SATURDAY 4/3 @ 8PM
with Adult Baptism & Confirmation

Easter Sunday
APRIL 4

THE LORD IS *truly risen*

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ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA.
-Entrance Antiphon Easter Sunday



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For more information, please contact Deacon Tony and Allyson Martini at tonyme@olmercy.com or Jolene and Jeff LeRoy at jolenele@olmercy.com.

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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
April 3 & 4**

Saturday:	8:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Fr James Guarascio Deacon Tony Leazzo
Sunday:	7:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Phil Rehmer
Church PLC	9:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tiongson Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Lupe Villarreal
Church PLC	11:00p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tony Leazzo Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tiongson
Church PLC	1:00p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tim Kueper Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Lupe Villarreal
No 5:30p Mass		

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/14/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,016,635
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,006,400
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	10,235

03/14/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	24,510
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(2,690)

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
January, 2021	\$ 733,800
February, 2021	\$ 721,687



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.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 11, 2021

HOW TO FULFILL THE PLENARY INDULGENCE

To celebrate properly the Feast of Divine Mercy and to receive the forgiveness of all sins and punishment, you must do the following:

- Go to Confession to a Catholic priest **within 20 days before or after** Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021. So, go to confession between March 22, 2021 and May 1, 2021. Or if you are in the state of very serious or mortal sin, you must always confess them before receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.
- **ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021**, recite (pray) the Divine Mercy Chaplet **AND** perform either a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy on the Feast Day. (I have often recommended to my group three Hail Mary's for COVID victims or for the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary or for Pope Francis.)
- This year at OLM we will not be having any additional prayer services or confessions scheduled on Divine Mercy Sunday. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet BEFORE all the Masses Divine Mercy weekend. Remember, you do not have to go to confession on Divine Mercy Sunday to receive the plenary indulgence.

Easter Flower Offerings

This Easter we will decorate the church with lilies around the altar. If you would like to make a gift towards the flowers please go to our website at www.olmercy.com and click on "Give" and log into Online Giving and choose "Flowers:".

If you wish to memorialize your loved ones you can add their names in the Comments section.

The recommended donation is \$10.00.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our church beautiful during the Easter season.



Join us Friday, April 2,...

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 3 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst1> or please call Lisa at (630) 258-0122.

This First Friday is a special one, being Good Friday. This is a special day to invoke God's Mercy for the conversion of hearts and to stand in prayerful solidarity with the sidewalk counsellors and remember the babies killed in abortion. Also, please visit link below for details of the Way of the Cross for Abortion Victims hosted by the ProLife Action League on Good Friday.

<https://prolifeaction.org/event/wotc2021/>



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Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Karen Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays 7-8pm. Saturday 9-10am & 1:30-2:30pm. 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 complete a parent workshop. 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 visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

HOSPITALITY: At this time Hospitality Sundays have been put on hold due to Covid-19. Please always wear a mask when in the church and Parish Life Center and remember to keep a social distance of at least six feet.

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