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

## SEMINARIAN INTERN

Tom Logue





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

ALLELUIA! We celebrate another Easter Sunday! Of course we know what we celebrate – that God raised Jesus from the dead and through our death in baptism, we too will be raised from the dead. But there is more than

that! How does this reality affect our daily life between our baptism and our physical death? Jesus had a way of surprising his disciples. They witnessed how he walked on water, multiplied fish and bread, and turned water into wine. Yet they are surprised to find the tomb empty though he had told them more than once that he would rise on the third day. Once again, Jesus shocks them, moving far beyond their expectations. In our lives we encounter Jesus in surprising ways. Maybe the most surprising is that others encounter Jesus in each of us!

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians reminds us that Christ is revealed through us. Today's readings encourage us to let go of our feelings of unworthiness and any judgments we have placed on others. Today we renew our baptismal promises. Our baptism calls us to step over the obstacles of race, creed, and personal prejudice to build relationship where we encounter Christ with and through one another.

In today's Gospel we see Peter, standing in the empty tomb, surprised and silent. Peter, who had denied knowing Jesus three times, must have felt unworthy and fearful. Like Peter, we may sometimes feel inadequate or undeserving to be disciples in the world today. Occasionally we may have doubts and questions about our faith. We can turn to Scripture and prayer to help us grow closer to Jesus. By our participation in the sacraments, with God's grace, our faith becomes stronger. On entering the tomb after Peter, the beloved disciple sees and believes. We are all beloved disciples. The tomb is empty; Jesus is with his disciples in a new way. Like the disciples, we encounter Jesus, sometimes in surprising ways!

On behalf of Fr. James, our Permanent Deacons and their wives, our seminarian Tom Logue, and all our staff, I wish all of you a blessed and joyful Easter!



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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 5 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM † Joseph Salata, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Luz Martinez, by Family

### Tuesday, April 6 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM † Alice Toschak, by The LeRoy Family  
 6:30 PM Int Fr Mark Bernhard, by John & Cheryl DeWitt  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

### Wednesday, April 7 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:00 PM Hortensia Masangcay, by Shirley Staples

### Thursday, April 8 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 AM † Lowell Cook & Mary Kay Wells, by DiSilvio Family  
 8:00 AM † Departed Souls  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Friday, April 9 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 AM Special Intention

### Saturday, April 10 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 AM † Jose Segura, by Debbie Jacobs  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM Vigil - Divine Mercy  
 † James W Ray & James W Ray, Jr  
 by, Helean M Ray

### Sunday, April 11 - Divine Mercy

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
 10:00 AM † Shirley Smith Fuller, by The Harris Family  
 12:00 PM † Pete Grayston, by Clare Foy-Embery  
 5:30 PM Special Intention

## 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. Phyllis Anderson       |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Karin & Bryan Lange   | 12. Pete & Mary Reiter     |
| 5. Bday Blessings-M.H.   | 13. Thomas Sterling        |
| 6. Den Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Mel Schmutte           |
| 7. Newly Baptized        | 15. Ken Jachim             |
| 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  
 Nicholas 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/Cpl 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!

¡ALELUYA! ¡Celebramos otro Domingo de Pascua! Por supuesto que sabemos lo que celebramos: que Dios resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos y, a través de nuestra muerte en el bautismo, nosotros también seremos resucitados de entre los muertos. ¡Pero hay más que eso! ¿Cómo afecta esta realidad nuestra vida diaria entre nuestro bautismo y nuestra muerte física? Jesús tenía una forma de sorprender a sus discípulos. Fueron testigos de cómo caminaba sobre el agua, multiplicaba los peces y el pan y convertía el agua en vino. Sin embargo, se sorprenden al encontrar la tumba vacía a pesar de que les había dicho más de una vez que resucitaría al tercer día. Una vez más, Jesús los sorprende, yendo mucho más allá de sus expectativas. En nuestras vidas encontramos a Jesús de formas sorprendentes. ¡Quizás lo más sorprendente es que otros encuentran a Jesús en cada uno de nosotros!

La Carta de San Pablo a los Colosenses nos recuerda que Cristo se revela a través de nosotros. Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a dejar de lado nuestros sentimientos de indignidad y cualquier juicio que hayamos puesto sobre los demás. Hoy renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales. Nuestro bautismo nos llama a superar los obstáculos de la raza, el credo y los prejuicios personales para construir una relación en la que encontremos a Cristo con los demás y a través de ellos.

En el evangelio de hoy vemos a Pedro, de pie en la tumba vacía, sorprendido y silencioso. Pedro, que había negado conocer a Jesús tres veces, debió sentirse indigno y temeroso. Como Pedro, a veces podemos sentirnos inadecuados o que no merecemos ser discípulos en el mundo de hoy. De vez en cuando podemos tener dudas y preguntas sobre nuestra fe. Podemos recurrir a las Escrituras y la oración para ayudarnos a acercarnos más a Jesús. Por nuestra participación en los sacramentos, con la gracia de Dios, nuestra fe se fortalece. Al entrar en la tumba después de Pedro, el discípulo amado ve y cree. Todos somos discípulos amados. La tumba está vacía; Jesús está con sus discípulos de una manera nueva. Como los discípulos, encontramos a Jesús, ¡a veces de maneras sorprendentes!

En nombre del Padre James, nuestros Diáconos Permanentes y sus esposas, nuestro seminarista Tom Logue y todo nuestro personal, ¡les deseo a todos Uds. una bendecida y feliz Pascua de Resurrección!

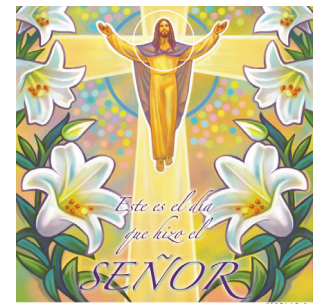


*Padre Don*

## ALÉGRENSE Y REGOCÍJENSE

Durante los primeros tres o cuatro siglos del cristianismo, si se le preguntaba a un cristiano el nombre de las fiestas de la Iglesia, su respuesta habría sido una mirada de sorpresa porque había una sola fiesta: la Resurrección del Señor. Cada domingo era una celebración de la gran fiesta. A pesar de que nuestro calendario tiene ahora muchas fiestas hermosas y santas, continuamente debemos ser llamados de nuevo al hecho de que todas estas fiestas existen a causa de la fiesta del paso (Pascua) de Cristo de la muerte a la vida. El Salmo de hoy proclama este mensaje así: "Este es el día". No es uno de muchos días, pero es el día de todos los días, el que da a todos los demás su origen, propósito, significado y destino. Escuchen con atención el discurso de Pedro en Hechos recordando la Pasión, las palabras del apóstol Pablo y al recuento que hacen María Magdalena, Juan y Pedro al encontrar la tumba vacía, y oirán las obras maravillosas que Dios ha hecho para nosotros en Cristo. ¡Alégrese y regocíjense!

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 2:14, 22-33; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Martes: Hch 2:36-41; Sal 33 (32):4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Miércoles: Hch 3:1-10; Sal 105 (104):1-4, 6-9; Lc 24:13-35
- Jueves: Hch 3:11-26; Sal 8:2ab, 5-9; Lc 24:35-48
- Viernes: Hch 4:1-12; Sal 118 (117):1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Sábado: Hch 4:13-21; Sal 118 (117):1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mc 16:9-15
- Domingo: Hch 4:32-35; Sal 118 (117):2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

April 4, 2021

# Easter Sunday

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

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## GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have happy memories when I think about all the Easter celebrations I experienced as a child. Easter baskets with nicer-than-usual chocolate; indoor Easter egg hunts – check under the lampshade! – and wearing the best of our Sunday best to Mass. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything, but writing this reflection reminds me that our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, I think we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. And so I pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

## GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some days I wake up with particular joy or anticipation: "Today we are going on vacation!" Or, "Today my son graduates from college." It is a wonderful feeling, and one that helps me jump – OK, roll a little faster – out of bed. If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of *eternal* life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

**WITNESS** Happy Easter! Perhaps visit the graveside of a loved one, and take the opportunity to talk about life after death. Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!



## Everyday Easter Evangelization for the Family

Throughout this time of pandemic, we have sought to equip and encourage you, our parents (and grandparents), to awaken and strengthen your family's faith at home as an amazing domestic church.

The Easter Season, a fifty-day journey during the Church year, signals that this time desires to "raise us up" as His sons and daughters and LIVE as PEOPLE of the RESURRECTION. What kind of experiences can evoke a "He is risen" encounter? What are some fun and meaningful examples of how the Easter season can unfold in your household of faith? Here are some family-friendly ideas:

1. Reflect on Act 2: 42-47 (holding all things in common) and discuss ways that you can share some of your possessions with others who have need of them.
2. Alleluia is a Hebrew word of joyful praise. It is *the* word for the Easter season. Make a family banner and put it in your home. Better yet, put it on the outside of your door and share the good news with your neighbors. Be an evangelizer and leave it up for the entire fifty days.
3. Make or find a bright, beautiful container large enough to hold a few dozen pieces of wrapped candy. Place it on the dinner table. Each time you gather for a meal, each family member gets the chance to mention one sign of new life he or she has noticed or one good deed she or he had done. When finished talking, the speaker places a piece of candy in the box. At Pentecost, decide how you wish to divide and share the candy with someone in need of some Easter joy.
4. Make a Resurrection cross. Cut out a cross using pieces from tagboard. Smash colored eggshells in a plastic bag. Glue onto cutout cross. Punch a hole at the top of the cross and hang with yarn.
5. Use chalk to decorate the sidewalk around your home with Easter words (love, miracle, He is risen, eternal life, peace be with you) *and* symbols (water, Easter candle, lamb, empty tomb, butterfly)
6. Prominent in the Gospels of the Easter season are times when Jesus and the disciples shared food. During the Easter season, make it a point to have a sit-down meal together at least once a week. Include all the trimmings: tablecloth, candles, dessert, etc.
7. Water is a primary symbol for the Church during the Easter season as we recall our baptism. Each time you use ordinary water to shower at home, think about the extraordinary, life-giving water of Jesus that flows through you since your baptism. Pray to see how the risen Jesus is guiding you to cooperate with His life within you to serve someone that day.
8. Take an Emmaus walk. Before you start out, read the Emmaus story (Lk 24: 13-35) together. Then go to some place that has special meaning to your family. Invite them to imagine that Jesus is walking with you. After walking a bit, remind your child(ren) He is truly there with you!





**EDGE Nights are meeting In-Person!** Our 6<sup>th</sup>,

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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To support your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care for support, resources, and care at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or call 331-707-5380. **God bless you with the Easter promises of peace, joy and love!**

## PASTORAL CARE

### Walking to Jerusalem

**Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Easter!** On February 17, parishioners came together to journey through Lent with the goal to achieve 6,215 miles to make it to Jerusalem before Easter Sunday. Since the bulletin article was due early for the Easter weekend bulletin not all miles were reported yet. As of March 24, the number of miles reported were 4,997.5. So that means to reach Jerusalem - 1,217.5 miles are still needed. Let's hope that we will make it to Jerusalem! The most important intention of Walking to Jerusalem is that you became closer to the Lord and have developed spiritual and physical health practices that you will continue after Lent.

### Catholic Grandparents Association

The mission of the Grandparents Ministry is "help grandparents pass on the faith and to keep prayer at the heart of family life". Pope Francis states that, "the mission of grandparents is a real and true vocation". If you would like to join the Grandparents Ministry at our parish, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm via ZOOM. Please connect with Jolene LeRoy at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or call 331-707-5380 for additional information and for the ZOOM link for the meeting.

### Mental Health and Wellness

All of us have been through many challenges and changes in the last year due to the pandemic. Even before COVID-19 became a focus of our everyday lives, people of all ages were experiencing mental health and wellness concerns. The following tools or strategies are offered to help people feel stronger and more hopeful.

*Connect with others.* Everyone needs to feel supported, valued and connected. *Stay positive.* Practice gratitude; avoid or stop negative thinking. *Get physically active.* Exercise decreases stress, anger and tension; reduces anxiety and depression; relieves muscle tension; stimulates feel-good hormones; burns off stress hormones and increases blood flow to the brain. *Help others.* Research shows that people who reach out to help others experience less depression, are calmer, and have fewer pains. *Get enough sleep.* Poor sleep may contribute to a greater risk of depression and anxiety; increase the risk of heart disease and cancer; can impair memory; and reduces the immune system functioning.

*Create joy and satisfaction.* Take time out to laugh, have fun and enjoy leisure activities that give you joy! *Eat well.* Eat more healthy food choices when coping with stress. Strive to eat more fruits and vegetables and drink more water. *Take care of your spirit (see below for comments).* *Deal better with hard times.* Try to shift your thinking when problems or worries occur. How realistic is your worry or concern? Focus on positive aspects of your life. Look at tough times as an opportunity to learn. *Get professional help if you need it.* (Source: Mental Health America at [www.mhanational.org](http://www.mhanational.org))

Take care of your spirit. Our faith community has many ways to enrich our faith and be involved with community. Daily prayer, attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist, going to Reconciliation, reading scripture, going to Eucharistic Adoration, and saying the Rosary are some of the ways to enrich your relationship with God. Check out the website [olmercy.com](http://olmercy.com) for additional information and ways to take care of your soul.

### Pastoral Care Needs

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 For High School Seniors  
 SUBMIT APPLICATION BY JUNE 19 @ 4PM  
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Fr. Don and Fr. James DO NOT send texts or emails asking for money or gift cards. If you receive a message appearing to be from Fr. Don or Fr. James, please discard it and DO NOT SEND ANY ELECTRONIC MONETARY AID.

Several steps you can take if you think you have received a scam email.

- **Double-check the sender's email address.** A spoofed email address often has an extension similar to the legitimate email address. You can outsmart them by looking beyond the name and checking the "from" email address to see if it matches what you know the alleged sender's email to be.
- **Always verify in person/telephone before sending money or sensitive data.** Be suspicious! Make it standard operating procedure to confirm email requests for wire transfer, debit cards, account information or confidential information.





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.

*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 03/21/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,041,142
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,033,600
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,542</b>
03/21/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	24,507
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(2,693)</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

**Our Lady of Mercy  
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**Father Don will preach at all Masses.**

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

***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.

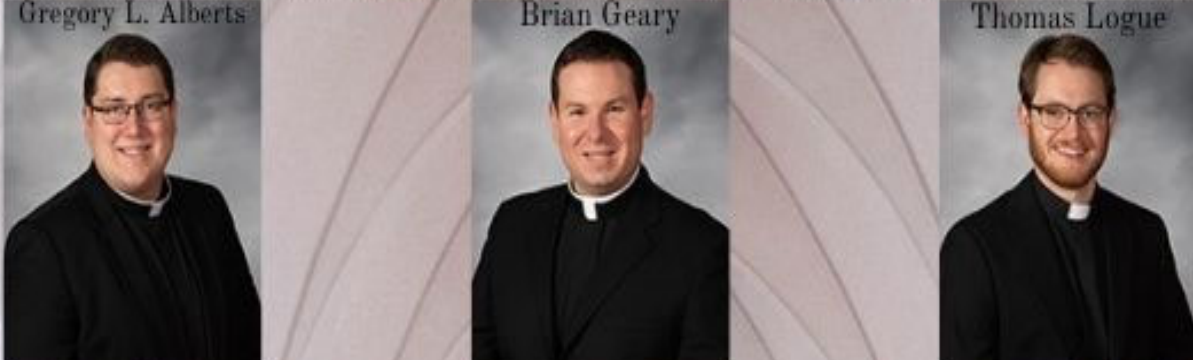
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To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois). Please submit applications to Melissa Novak at [mnovak@stmarymokena.org](mailto:mnovak@stmarymokena.org). If you have any questions call 708-326-9313.

### 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.olmery.com](http://www.olmery.com). Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

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