



OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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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



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29



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

Tradition has long characterized poor Thomas as "doubting Thomas." But, Thomas should not be seen as the great paragon of doubt as tradition has characterized him. When told about the first appearance,

Thomas is skeptical because he was not there and has not seen what the other apostles saw. All he wants is the same evidence that the other disciples already have. Jesus seems to have no problem in giving Thomas what he needs. Seeing the risen Lord is enough for Thomas. He does not touch the wounds of Jesus. Instead, he professes a profound faith in his Lord and his God. The Lord gives us what we need that we might believe in him. And what might that be? What do you need to believe in Jesus?

If you need something to believe in Jesus, I suggest it is what the Church celebrates today – Divine Mercy! The devotion of Divine Mercy is associated with the apparitions of Jesus to Saint Faustine Kowalska. The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own hear toward those in need of it. Jesus showed mercy toward Thomas by granting Thomas what he needed to believe. Thomas didn't deserve mercy – he didn't believe the witness of his brother apostles. But that's the point, mercy is never deserved. Mercy always flows from a heart of compassion. In celebrating Divine Mercy, we pray for a compassionate heart like that of Jesus. In receiving the sacrament of reconciliation, we experience the mercy of Jesus poured out on us, so that we can pour out His mercy on others. Let us celebrate the Divine Mercy each of us have received from God throughout our life, and be quick to offer mercy to anyone who offends or hurts us!

Have a blessed Easter Season!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 12 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Stanley Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Amelie Barreto, by Juliana Hepburn

Tuesday, April 13 - St Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:00 AM † Bob Humanski, by Toni Humanski
 6:30 PM † Allene Doddali, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 14 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Joe Tutino, by The Dodds

Thursday, April 15 - Easter Weekday

6:30 AM Int Miroslava Manzanares, by Parents
 8:00 AM † Robert Piwowarczyk, by Herb & Renee Guarascio
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, April 16 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, April 17 - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM † Arthur & Angela Biegel, by Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter**
 † Joyce Markus, by Family
 † Cleona Weiser, by Patsy Peterson

Sunday, April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † John & Rosemary Frech, by John Frech Family
 10:00 AM † Christopher Ianno, by Family
 12:00 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy
 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. Easter Blessings for Joan | 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. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Mel Schmutde |
| 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/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!

La tradición ha caracterizado durante mucho tiempo al pobre Tomás como un "Tomás que dudaba". Pero Tomás no debe ser visto como el gran modelo de la duda como lo ha caracterizado la tradición. Cuando se le cuenta sobre la primera aparición, Tomás se muestra escéptico porque no estuvo allí y no ha visto lo que vieron los otros apóstoles. Todo lo que quiere es la misma evidencia que los otros discípulos ya tienen. Jesús parece no tener ningún problema en darle a Tomás lo que necesita. Ver al Señor resucitado es suficiente para Tomás. No toca las llagas de Jesús. En cambio, profesa una fe profunda en su Señor y su Dios. El Señor nos da lo que necesitamos para que podamos creer en él. ¿Y qué podría ser eso? ¿Qué necesitas para creer en Jesús?

Si necesitas algo para creer en Jesús, sugiero que es lo que la Iglesia celebra hoy: ¡la Divina Misericordia! La devoción a la Divina Misericordia está asociada con las apariciones de Jesús a Santa Faustina Kowalska. El enfoque principal de la devoción a la Divina Misericordia es el amor misericordioso de Dios y el deseo de dejar que ese amor y misericordia fluyan a través del propio escuchar hacia aquellos que lo necesitan. Jesús mostró misericordia hacia Tomás al concederle a Tomás lo que necesitaba para creer. Tomás no merecía misericordia; no creyó en el testimonio de sus hermanos apóstoles. Pero ese es el punto, la misericordia nunca es merecida. La misericordia siempre fluye de un corazón compasivo. Al celebrar la Divina Misericordia, oramos por un corazón compasivo como el de Jesús. Al recibir el sacramento de la reconciliación, experimentamos la misericordia de Jesús derramada sobre nosotros, para que podamos derramar Su misericordia sobre los demás. ¡Celebremos la Divina Misericordia que cada uno de nosotros ha recibido de Dios a lo largo de nuestra vida, y seamos rápidos en ofrecer misericordia a cualquiera que nos ofenda o hiera!

¡Que tengan una bendecida Temporada de Pascua!

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Padre Don

LA DUDA

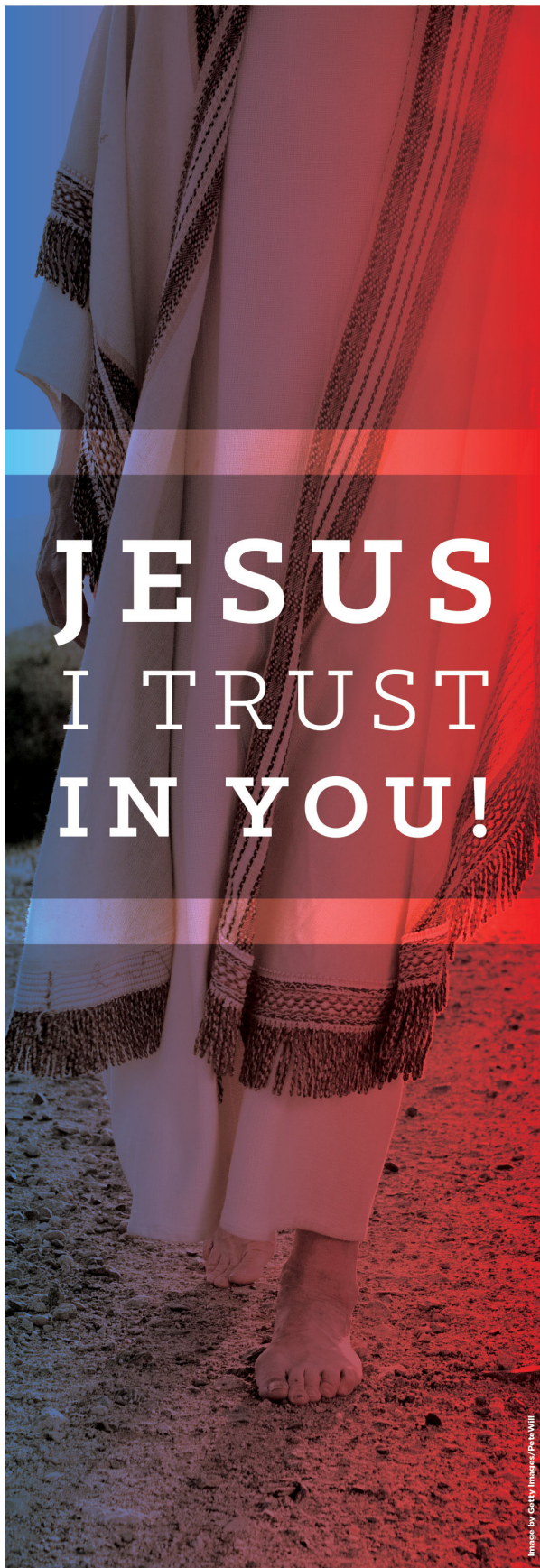
El deseo de ser capaz de demostrar la existencia de una divinidad tiene a la humanidad con problemas desde que por primera vez se hizo consciente de lo divino. Hasta el día de hoy nos gusta decir que un sinnúmero de cosas, desde puestas de sol hasta los helados de crema de chocolate, son "pruebas de que hay Dios". Estamos tan atrapados en la historia de "Tomás el incrédulo" que no nos damos cuenta de que el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece el relato de Juan acerca de Pentecostés, el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre los discípulos después de la Resurrección. Tomás, evidentemente, se perdió no solo de ver a Cristo resucitado, sino también de recibir el Espíritu Santo. Esto no se debe tomar a la ligera y, quizás, hace que la incredulidad de Tomás sea un poco más fácil de comprender. También hace que su profesión de fe en que Jesús es su Señor y su Dios —la única vez que en el Nuevo Testamento hay una referencia explícita a Jesucristo como "Dios"— sea más notable.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Martes: Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles: Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves: Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34 (33):2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes: Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado: Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo: Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;



April 11, 2021

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Do you ever have times – at the dinner table or at a gathering of friends – where all seems right with the world? I often hold my breath, conscious of the fragility of those moments, fearful that saying something might jinx things. It's a little like rooting for a pitcher cruising into the bottom of the ninth with a no-hitter – that feeling that we are on the verge of perfection. Well, as Christians, we are on that verge, although perfection will not come in this life but the next. And so, as fleeting as these human moments feel, and can actually be, we are reminded in today's psalm: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting ... Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures forever.'" As we celebrate this Divine Mercy Sunday, and enter the second week of Easter, let us give thanks for the gift of God's great mercy, and pray for the grace to be as loving and merciful to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm taken by the story of doubting Thomas. For a long time I've focused on the "doubting" part of his name, the fact that he demanded to place his fingers in the nail marks and his hand in Jesus' side. However, when Jesus addresses Thomas, Thomas' response is immediate and unqualified: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas has recognized the divine nature of Jesus; he sees him not just as the man he has followed, but as God. As Catholics, we may sometimes face questions about how the Church has come to believe and teach certain things. Thomas' ultimate affirmation encourages us to be steadfast in our faith, and to be patient with any of our own and others' questions. That is because Christ will come to meet us where we are. As the Incarnation of God's divine mercy, Jesus Christ is the one who hears our doubts and insecurities, and he answers them: "Here I am. Look at me. Touch me. Feel my presence." Thomas was not afraid, and we need not fear either. God's mercy is upon us, "and the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Let us witness to our faith as Thomas did to his.

PRAY Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day when we are reminded of God's immense love and mercy for us. Learn more about this day and how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet: usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday.

A Prayer to Celebrate the Encounters of the Risen Lord

*Refrain to each Risen Lord Encounter and Prayer~
"Christ, our Lord, is risen! Alleluia!"*

1. (John 20:14-17) Mary Magdalene meets someone she thinks is the gardener. Jesus calls her by name. She calls him "Rabbouni" which means Teacher. Jesus tells her not to hold on to him, but to go and tell the apostles about their meeting.
She follows his directions.

Lord, you know our name, and you love each of us personally. Help us to know your loving will and to spread your good news to those we encounter. (Refrain)

2. (John 20:26-29) Jesus visits the apostles again, and this time Thomas, the Twin, is there. Now Thomas sees for himself that Jesus is risen.
Thomas declares, "My Lord and my God!"

Lord, forgive any doubt in our hearts. We invite you into our lives each day and we proclaim you as our Lord and our God. (Refrain)

3. (John 20:19-23) Jesus brings a greeting of peace to the remaining apostles and says he is sending them on a mission. He breathes on them and gives them authority to forgive or retain sins. The disciples rejoice at seeing him.

Jesus, thank you for the ministry of priesthood and for deacons. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is so comforting when I meet you there. Thank you for your mercy. (Refrain)

4. (Luke 24:13-35) Cleopas and a companion meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They sadly and disappointedly tell Jesus what has just happened in Jerusalem—that Jesus has been put to death and his body is not in the tomb. They don't know what to think. Then Jesus opens the meaning of the ancient Scriptures to them, and when Jesus breaks bread with them, they know it is he.

Bread of Life, open our eyes to understand your word. Thank you for the Holy Eucharist which feeds our longing souls. (Refrain)

5. (John 21:1-14) This passage tells of the encounter between Jesus and seven of his disciples who are unsuccessfully fishing at the Sea of Tiberias. Jesus tells the men to cast their nets over the right side of the boat, and Simon Peter recognizes the Lord after 153 fish are hauled into the boat. Jesus cooks breakfast for the men.

Risen Lord, you know my every need and capability. You will help me to live up to my potential and to be fruitful for your kingdom. (Refrain)

6. (John 21:15-19) At this same meeting at the Sea of Tiberias, Jesus speaks specifically to Simon Peter, asking three times if Peter loves him. Jesus is specially commissioning Peter to follow Him—even to death.

Lord, we love you. You are the way, the truth, and the Life. (Refrain)

7. (Matthew 28:16-20) The last encounter of Jesus that we celebrate is at the mountain in Galilee. Jesus commissions his apostles to make disciples of all nations and to teach them obedience to what he has commanded. He promises to be with them always.

Jesus, we know you ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the father. We also know you will never abandon us, and we are claimed by you to make more disciples for you. (Refrain)

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.



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 Letters 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.

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

PASTORAL CARE

Walking to Jerusalem

Congratulations! **We made it to Jerusalem!** The number of miles needed to reach Jerusalem was 6,215. As of March 31, the participants in the Walking to Jerusalem program achieved 6,338 miles. That means we have 123 miles to help us go back home. There are still miles to be reported so we will see how many miles are accumulated to make it back home. Thank you to all those who joined us on the journey to grow closer to Jesus and improve your health!

Get Moving! Walking Has Many Benefits!

Have you put on extra pounds because of the pandemic quarantine and staying home? Do you want to lose weight and improve your heart health? The weather will be better for walking outdoors – but indoor walking workouts are also beneficial. Looking for more reasons to walk? Read on for more inspiration.

Walking may help to add years to your life. More steps that you walk, lowers your mortality rate and cuts the risk of stroke in half. Walking grows your brain. Studies show that regular aerobic exercise appears to increase the size of the hippocampus which is the area of the brain responsible for memory.

Regular cardio exercise helps to reduce the abdominal fat that puts a person at risk for diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Research is showing that there is a link between a decreased risk of age-related cataracts and glaucoma. Walking and being socially active help to decrease chronic sleep problems by helping a person fall asleep and stay asleep. Try mindful walking for stress-busting benefits. This means that while walking you clear your mind and listen to the birds, look around at nature and take deep breaths. Being active helps to ward off depression and will provide long term health benefits helping to maintain mobility and independence. It is not too late to experience the benefits of being more active. Plan your day to include a time for walking indoors or outdoors to benefit your health in many ways. (Source: 8 Reasons to Walk More by Barbara Stepko, AARP, June 1, 2020)

Boost Your Immune System

It is possible to boost your immune system on a daily basis by being intentional about areas of your life. Be active for thirty to sixty minutes most days of the week. Eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats. Check on the Mediterranean diet for more ideas. Stay on top of stress. Adopt healthy strategies to help you manage your reaction to stress. Get enough sleep as sleep reboots the immune system. Find out if your vitamin D level is where it should be by talking with your health care practitioner. Additional tips are: Do not smoke. Drink alcohol in moderation, if at all. Take steps to avoid infection. Staying healthy involves planning, organizing and taking action!

Pastoral Care Needs

If you find yourself in need of support or resources to cope with life's transitions, stress or health concerns, including your spiritual care needs – please reach out to Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. There are resources in our faith community and in the local community that can be of assistance. If you are lonely or feel isolated and would like connection from the parish or if you need help with grocery shopping, please reach out. May the blessings of Easter fill your heart with joy!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

Women's Weekend
May 15 - May 16

Women's Contact
Vicki Petersen @ (708)250-7634

Men's Weekend
May 22 - May 23

Men's Contact
Kevin Nemetz @ (630)301-2312



Or email us at CRHPOLM@GMAIL.COM

Register online by 5/10 at WWW.OLMERCY.COM

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT OLM

All are welcome to come and celebrate Earth Day at Our Lady of Mercy parish on Saturday April 17. Gather at the west end of the parking lot at 10am for a prayer and directions. We will then disperse to do a **spring cleanup** of the grounds including our neighboring properties. Families, kids, people of all ages welcome. The **Justice & Peace Ministry** will supply gloves and bags and a few trash picker devices. If you have tongs, bring them along. Surprise handouts for the kids. Everyone wear a mask.

"God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food.....God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Genesis 1:28-29, 31.





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
April 17 & 18**

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 03/28/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,068,380
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,060,800
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	7,580

03/28/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	27,238
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	38

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.

Easter Lilies

In Christian tradition, the Easter lily signifies rebirth and a new beginning. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus wept in the last hours before he was betrayed by Judas. It is also believed that the lilies grew where Jesus' sweat and tears fell to the ground during his crucifixion. Easter lilies grace homes and churches each spring as a symbol of purity, joy, hope, and life.



In honor/memory of:

O'Neill & Catherine Campion
Virginia Kinney
Samantha Campion
Carol Anne Kahlfeldt
Austin T. Chase
Scott T. Chase
Charles Miller
Betty Miller
William Hardin
Louise Hardin
Jayne Hintzman
Mary Lou Warren
Ed Warren
Maureen T. Flanagan Forbell
Robert Cowden
Dendan Sokolowski
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Special Intention
Deceased Family & Friends
Ulpiano Madamba
Josephine Skill
Pat, Terry & Tracie Neary
Ross & Cleona Weiser
Ron Peterson
John & Rosemary Watters
Mike Strobl
Sophie & Stan Kerkla
Dorothy Waszak
Deceased Family & Friends
John DCosta
Dorothy DCosta
Rudy Rodrigues
Jeswina Rodrigues
Sebastian Rodrigues
Maria Ahmed
Alice Toschak
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