



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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-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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Easter

APRIL 18, 2021

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name to all the nations.

Luke 24:46-47



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

Happy Easter! As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter, I would like to extend a profound and heartfelt “THANK YOU” to several groups of people who put their heart and soul in serving you, our parishioners, during the Lenten and Easter seasons. I am always hesitant to single out individual people because inevitably, I will forget to include someone, but I do want to mention Fr. James. Not long after Fr. James arrived, I told him that I wanted him to preside and preach the three liturgies of the Sacred Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. He looked at me like a deer in headlights! What! He exclaimed! I told him I thought it would be a great experience for him as a newly ordained and that really the Triduum is one continuous liturgy, spread over three days. He embraced the challenge and did what I thought was a splendid job. His next pastor probably won’t be as demanding!

There are three groups that I want to specifically extend my deep appreciation for all the time, effort and energy that they so generously gave to ensuring a prayerful Lenten and Easter Season. First, the **Liturgical Planning and Mass Coordinators**. A tremendous amount of thought and energy went in to the details and coordination required to provide worship during the COVID pandemic protocols and limits. Thanks to all who cleaned, set-up, and took down what need to be done. Great job...everything went smoothly! Next, the **Art and Environment Committee**. As usual, we were recipients of their creative talent! The gradual transformation from the stark environment of Lent to the splendid beauty of Easter was stunning and beautiful! Thank you for the endless hours of planning and then preparing and executing an inspiring environment of worship.

Next, the **Liturgical and Music Ministers**. A big thank you to all our greeters who so warmly and enthusiastically welcomed our parishioners and visitors to Masses and other liturgical services. You are our front-line of our mission to provided everyone with a life changing encounter with Jesus. Thanks to those liturgical ministers who spent time preparing to serve at Mass as Deacons, Readers, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. A big thank you to our seminarians too for their assistance during Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Despite the fact that COVID pandemic protocols still do not permit choirs and brass instruments, our Music Director coordinated beautiful, inspiring and uplifting music for all our liturgies during Lent and Easter. We are blessed at OLM to have so many gifted musicians and vocalists. We express our appreciation to all of them who uplifted us musically and blessed us with hope during this Easter season. And a huge THANK YOU to our **Livestream Team** for keeping those who are unable to be present physically, to be present in spirit. Hopefully, I haven’t forgotten any group. If I did, I apologize. Know of my appreciation!

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

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## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass † Eva Jarrin de Hidalgo, by Marivelle Hidalgo

### Tuesday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Dan Brauer, by Carolyn Kerkla  
 6:30 PM In Thanksgiving, by Rajasekhar Family  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

### Wednesday, April 21 - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 12:00 PM † Julie Watson, by Mary Houdek

### Thursday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

6:30 AM † Evelyn Glos, by James & Frances Weber  
 8:00 AM † Walter & Tekla Kunach, by Family  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

### Friday, April 23 - St George, Martyr; St Adalbert, Bishop

8:00 AM Special Intention

### Saturday, April 24 - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:30 AM † Nellie & Steve Murinka, by Son, Steve  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 † Mary Ellen Reiter, by Ron & Cheryl Lohse

### Sunday, April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Melva Purnell & John Salentine  
 10:00 AM † Austin Chase, by Mike & Lori Coit  
 12:00 PM Special Intention  
 5:30 PM The People of Our Lady of Mercy

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. First Responders      | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Joy & Kindness         |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. John Salentine        | 12. In Thanksgiving-TLN    |
| 5. End to the Pandemic   | 13. Special Intention-TGF  |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Special Intention-SG   |
| 7. Vocations             | 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 Chapel.*

## 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!

¡Feliz Pascua! Al celebrar el Tercer Domingo de Pascua, me gustaría dar un profundo y sincero “GRACIAS” a varios grupos de personas que ponen su corazón y alma en servirlos a ustedes, nuestros feligreses, durante las temporadas de Cuaresma y Pascua. Siempre dudo en destacar a personas individuales porque, inevitablemente, me olvidaré de incluir a alguien, pero quiero mencionar al Padre James. No mucho después de que el Padre James llegó, le dije que quería que él presidiera y predicara las tres liturgias del Triduo Sagrado: Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia Pascual. ¡Me miró como un venado frente a los faros de un carro! ¡Qué! ¡El exclamó! Le dije que pensaba que sería una gran experiencia para él como recién ordenado y que realmente el Triduo es una liturgia continua, repartida en tres días. Aceptó el desafío e hizo lo que pensé que fue un trabajo espléndido. ¡Su próximo pastor probablemente no será tan exigente!

Hay cuatro grupos a los que quiero expresar específicamente mi profundo agradecimiento por todo el tiempo, el esfuerzo y la energía que tan generosamente dieron para asegurar una Cuaresma y una temporada de Pascua llenos de oración. Primero, los **Coordinadores de Planificación Litúrgica y Misa**. Se dedicó una gran cantidad de pensamiento y energía a los detalles y la coordinación necesarios para brindar culto durante los protocolos y límites de la pandemia del COVID. Gracias a todos los que limpiaron, instalaron y desmontaron lo que había que hacer. Buen trabajo... ¡todo salió bien! A continuación, el **Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente**. Como de costumbre, ¡fuimos receptores de su talento creativo! ¡La transformación gradual desde el entorno inicial de la Cuaresma a la espléndida belleza de la Pascua fue impresionante y hermosa! Gracias por las interminables horas de planificación y luego preparando y ejecutando un ambiente inspirador de adoración.

A continuación, los **Ministros de Liturgia y Música**. Un gran agradecimiento a todos nuestros saludadores que tan calurosa y entusiastamente dieron la bienvenida a nuestros feligreses y visitantes a las Misas y otros servicios litúrgicos. Ustedes son nuestra primera línea de nuestra misión de brindarles a todos un encuentro con Jesús que cambia la vida. Gracias a los ministros litúrgicos que dedicaron tiempo a prepararse para servir en la Misa como Diáconos, Lectores, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía. Un gran agradecimiento a nuestros seminaristas también por su ayuda durante la Semana Santa, el Triduo y el Domingo de Resurrección. A pesar de que los protocolos de la pandemia del COVID todavía no permiten coros e instrumentos de viento, nuestro Director de Música coordinó música hermosa, inspiradora y edificante para todas nuestras liturgias durante la Cuaresma y Pascua. Somos bendecidos en OLM por tener tantos músicos y vocalistas talentosos. Expresamos nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que nos animaron musicalmente y nos bendijeron con esperanza durante esta temporada de Pascua. Y un enorme AGRADECIMIENTO a nuestro **Equipo de Transmisión en Vivo** por mantener a aquellos que no pueden estar presentes físicamente, para que estén presentes en espíritu. Espero, no me haya olvidado de ningún grupo. Si lo hice, me disculpo. ¡Sepan de mi agradecimiento!

¡Que tengan una Bendecida Temporada de Pascua!

*Padre Don*

## CUMPLIMIENTO

Es interesante que durante el tiempo de Pascua, cuando no escuchamos la lectura del Antiguo Testamento, se vuelve tan importante. Esto es particularmente cierto hoy. El discurso de Pedro comienza con una fórmula de oración familiar a los judíos: “El Dios de Abraham...” (Hechos 3:13). Asimismo contiene las poderosas frases “Santo y Justo” y “boca de todos los profetas” (3:14, 18). Pedro estaba declarando sin lugar a dudas que la ley, los salmos y los profetas se habían cumplido en Cristo. Esto se ve reforzado por el mismo Jesús en el pasaje del Evangelio, cuando dice que todo en la Escritura (para los primeros cristianos “la Escritura” era lo que hoy llamamos el Antiguo Testamento) tenía que cumplirse. Por encima de todo, Jesús y Pedro hacen hincapié en que somos testigos de todo esto, y somos enviados a dar testimonio en el mundo. La palabra missa en latín, significa “enviado” (como “misión”). Al salir de la misa de hoy, recordemos ser testigos de todo lo que se ha cumplido en Cristo resucitado. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 6:8-15; Sal 119 (118): 23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Martes: Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Miércoles: Hch 8:1b-8; Sal 66 (65):1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Jueves: Hch 8:26-40; Sal 66 (65):8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Viernes: Hch 9:1-20; Sal 117 (116): 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Sábado: Hch 9:31-42; Sal 116 (115): 12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Domingo: Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117): 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



April 18, 2021

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | 1 Jn 2:1-5a | Lk 24:35-48

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

In each of our lifetimes, we can look back to a time when we witnessed history. Depending on our generation, it's likely we remember exactly what we were doing the day JFK was assassinated, on 9/11 or, more recently, when our school or workplace shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Even these far-reaching events pale in comparison to what the disciples witnessed when the risen Christ appeared to them. Assuring them he was not a ghost, Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures," and reminded them that they were witnesses to a different kind of history – salvation history: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." Let us pray that we, too, may have our minds open to the eyewitness accounts in Scripture and our hearts open to repentance, so that "[our] sins may be wiped away."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm struck by the disciples' reaction when they realized Jesus really was in the room. They were "incredulous for joy" and "amazed." After this encounter with Jesus, they could not help but share the Good News. Just as the disciples in the early Church testified to Christ's resurrection, today's readings challenge us to share the Good News in a similar way. For many Catholics, this isn't at the top of our skill-set. However, in a 2019 gathering on the New Evangelization, Pope Francis reminds us not to fret over finding the right words. "The joy of the Gospel comes from the encounter with Jesus," he says. "When we meet the Lord, we are inundated by that love of which he alone is capable." This love transforms our whole life, and "the need to announce it arises spontaneously, it becomes irrepressible." The pope's words challenge us first to deepen our relationship with Jesus, then to allow it to transform us, and finally to share Christ's love through our words and actions.

**STUDY** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a short document on its website from St. Paul Street Evangelization titled "Taking the First Step: Keys to Sharing Faith Person-to-Person." Give it a read: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org).

## ***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)***



**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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## PASTORAL CARE

### Walking to Jerusalem

Here is an update on the number of miles that were accumulated by thirty-two participants from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. We did make it to Jerusalem! The total miles accumulated from the participants are 7,653. We needed 6,215 to get to Jerusalem. As you can see, the group made it to our destination, but we did not make it back home. We had 1,438 extra miles.

There may still be some miles that have not been reported, but probably not enough to get us back home. Thank you to everyone who participated. It is hoped that you grew closer to Jesus and improved your health. May the actions that you took to achieve physical and spiritual miles now become healthy habits in your daily routine!

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The next scheduled in-person gathering is Monday, May 17 at 7:00pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. We will share reflections and discussion on healing especially related to forgiveness. We will follow the COVID-19 protocols in place. If you would like to receive emails about the ministry, resources or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aepli at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com).

### Self-Care Strategies in Dealing with Stress

Everyone has stress in their lives. It is how we deal with stress that makes a difference in our health. Some stress may be related to good things happening in life, some stress is related to challenges, disappointments, tragedies or other negative events or thoughts. If the body's stress response is activated long term and stress hormones such as cortisol are constantly raised – it may put you at risk for health problems such as digestive issues, anxiety, headaches, depression, sleep problems, weight gain, memory and concentration issues, high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused people to experience stress, anxiety, fear, sadness and loneliness. It is important to take care of your mental and physical health by practicing self-care strategies. Ways to be mindful of your physical health are to get enough sleep, participate in regular physical activity, eat healthy, avoid tobacco, alcohol and drugs, limit screen time and relax and recharge.

Ways to take care of your mental health are to reduce stress triggers: keep your regular routine, limit exposure to news media, stay busy, focus on positive thoughts, use your moral compass or spiritual life for support and set priorities. When you experience mental health symptoms that interfere with your daily life activities, it may be a time to reach out to your primary care provider or mental health professional. Self-care practices are important during the time of dealing with COVID-19 stress and with life's ongoing challenges once the pandemic is over.

### Pastoral Care Needs

If you are homebound and would like to be connected with the faith community, are having difficulty navigating the health care system for a COVID-19 vaccination, need assistance with grocery shopping, would like grief support and resources or have physical, mental and spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care for assistance at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

**GRANDPARENT MINISTRY**



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**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  
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Register online by 5/10 at [WWW.OLMERCY.COM](http://WWW.OLMERCY.COM)

## FRATELLI TUTTI INTRODUCTION & CHAPTER ONE

The Justice and Peace Ministry will present a summary of a chapter of Fratelli Tutti this week and for the next seven weeks.



It is our hope that all will hear Pope Francis' message - an invitation to live out the call to universal fraternity and social friendship. In this, his third encyclical, Francis implores us to renew our commitment to caring for our neighbor and a global society built on justice and the common good. In chapter one he states there are "dark cloud", obstacles, to this, such as aggressive nationalism, racism, a "throw-away" culture with abortion and poor treatment of the disabled and elderly, wealth equality, lack of human rights - especially for women, migrants and refugees, slavery and human trafficking, wars and religious persecutions, a general end to historical consciousness and forgetting the lessons of history. Natural disasters and calamities like the Covid-19 pandemic remind us of the direness of the situation but also our interconnectedness. "If only we might rediscover once for all that we need one another and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, its hands and its voices, beyond the walls we have erected." (no. 35)

How have you built walls that have prevented an authentic encounter with the "other"? What can we do to create communities of welcome that encourage encounters with our neighbors?





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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 24 & 25**

The deacons will be preaching this weekend.

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

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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
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,580</b>

3/28/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	27,238
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>38</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

Easter April 4, 2021

Easter Collections:	\$	51,028
Easter Goal:	\$	57,800
<b>Amount Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(6,772)</b>

Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

April, 2009	\$1,950,000
February, 2021	\$ 721,687
March, 2021	\$ 710,505



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](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

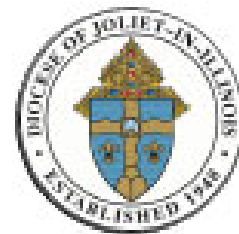


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### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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](http://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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