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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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

APRIL 25, 2021

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15



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

Every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear John's gospel of the good shepherd. It is easy to tune out because we have heard it so many times. But, Pope Francis' strong emphasis on the link between mercy and evangelization has cast new light of the risen Christ as the

Good Shepherd. In today's Gospel, the risen Jesus gathers his disciples, who were scattered like sheep when he was arrested and executed. His first words to them are of peace – total forgiveness for their cowardice in his hour of need.

The image of lost sheep certainly describes many people today, including Catholics who have wandered away or feel abandoned by the church. The thought that someone is out searching for them, eager to rescue them from the brambles of human temptation and entanglement, to bind up their wounds, lift them up on strong shoulders and carry them home – is a comforting message.

Mercy is first aid, no questions asked. Pope Francis' vision of a merciful church does not dismiss the need for justice or accountability; he simply puts mercy first. The prodigal son, the ultimate lost sheep, might never have come home if he thought his father would only scold, belittle and punish him. In his desolate state, the son must have sensed that his father was grieving for him and wanted him to turn homeward. In fact, the story suggest that it was the father's longing, his daily walks to the gate to see if his son was on his way, that prompted the son to consider coming home.

The Good Shepherd will not give up on a single sheep. He knows each one by name, loves them so much he is willing to lay down his life to save each one. There is no talk of "cutting his losses" or the kind of "tough love" that lets a rebellious child suffer the consequences of his own actions before there can be any intervention or negotiated return home. God's unconditional love leaps into action at the first sign of regret or repentance. As Pope Francis has said, "We tire of asking for God's forgiveness, but God never tires of offering it." God's name is Mercy. God cannot do otherwise, for it is God's very nature to love and forgive.

Today's Gospel is for anyone responsible for others. This includes parents, teachers, priests and bishops. Anyone entrusted with others who are vulnerable and need guidance has a model in the Good Shepherd.

Today's world is in need of more Good Shepherd's. Will you become one??

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

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Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM Isabelle Reyes, by Family
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Int Juan Cayetano, by Cayetano Family

Tuesday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM † Amanda Ognar, by Bernie & Donna Schebler
 6:30 PM † Primo Navidad, by Family
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 28 - St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM † Wayne Leckey, by the Children

Thursday, April 29 - St Catherine of Siena, Virgin

6:30 AM † Ken Jachim, by Family
 8:00 AM † Ross Weiser, by Patsy Peterson
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00 PM Benediction

Friday, April 30 - St Pius V, Pope

8:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, May 1 - St Joseph the Worker

8:30 AM † Melissa & Gilberto Chaldez, by Family
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation
 4:00 PM **Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 † Gus Ranieri, by George & Willie Durnate
 The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
 † Sabina Kalinowski, by Bonnie Ramirez
 10:00 AM † Joseph Salata, by Tim & Diane Reiter
 12:00 PM † Felicitas Yu, by Uy Family
 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. Ginny Maher | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. OLM Clergy |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. The People of OLM | 12. Helen Joseph |
| 5. Ken Jachim | 13. Thomas Sterling |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Carmen Talaea |
| 7. Joy & Kindness | 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 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

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!

Cada año, en el Cuarto Domingo de Pascua, escuchamos el evangelio del buen pastor de Juan. Es fácil desconectarse porque lo hemos escuchado muchas veces. Pero el fuerte énfasis del Papa Francisco en el vínculo entre la misericordia y la evangelización ha arrojado nueva luz sobre el Cristo resucitado como el Buen Pastor. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús resucitado reúne a sus discípulos, quienes fueron esparcidos como ovejas cuando fue arrestado y ejecutado. Sus primeras palabras para ellos son de paz, perdón total por su cobardía en su hora de necesidad.

La imagen de la oveja perdida ciertamente describe a muchas personas hoy en día, incluyendo a los Católicos que se han alejado o se sienten abandonados por la iglesia. La idea de que alguien los está buscando, ansioso por rescatarlos de las zarzas de la tentación y el enredo humano, para vendar sus heridas, levantarlos sobre hombros fuertes y llevarlos a casa, es un mensaje reconfortante.

La misericordia es primeros auxilios, sin preguntas. La visión del Papa Francisco de una iglesia misericordiosa no descarta la necesidad de justicia o responsabilidad; simplemente pone la misericordia en primer lugar. El hijo pródigo, la oveja perdida por excelencia, tal vez nunca hubiera regresado a casa si pensara que su padre solo lo regañaría, lo menospreciaría y lo castigaría. En su estado desolado, el hijo debió haber sentido que su padre estaba afligido por él y quería que volviera a casa. De hecho, la historia sugiere que fue el anhelo del padre, sus caminatas diarias hacia la puerta para ver si su hijo estaba en camino, lo que llevó al hijo a considerar regresar a casa.

El Buen Pastor no se rendirá con una sola oveja. Conoce a cada una por su nombre, las ama tanto que está dispuesto a dar su vida para salvar a cada una. No se habla de "cortar sus pérdidas" o del tipo de "amor duro" que deja que un hijo rebelde sufra las consecuencias de sus propias acciones antes de que pueda haber alguna intervención o regreso a casa negociado. El amor incondicional de Dios entra en acción al primer indicio de remordimiento o arrepentimiento. Como ha dicho el Papa Francisco, "Nos cansamos de pedir el perdón de Dios, pero Dios nunca se cansa de ofrecerlo". El nombre de Dios es Misericordia. Dios no puede hacer otra cosa, porque es la naturaleza misma de Dios amar y perdonar.

El evangelio de hoy es para cualquier persona responsable de otros. Esto incluye a padres, maestros, sacerdotes y obispos. Cualquiera que se les ha confiado a otros que son vulnerables y necesitan guía tiene un modelo en el Buen Pastor.

El mundo de hoy necesita más del Buen Pastor. ¿Te convertirás en uno?

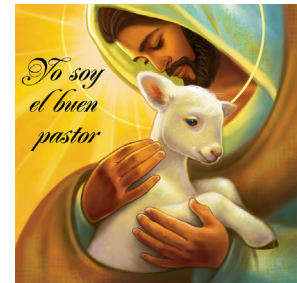
¡Que tengan una Bendecida Temporada de Pascua!

Padre Rob

RESPUESTA AL LLAMADO

¿Realmente conocemos la voz de Cristo? ¿Respondemos realmente a la voz de nuestro pastor, con nuestra propia y distintiva voz? ¿Con qué frecuencia intentamos imitar a los que nos rodean, apropiándonos de la respuesta de otro miembro del rebaño de Cristo? Tal vez la necesidad de equilibrar la imagen de ser ovejas de un rebaño con la imagen de la segunda lectura, que nos dice que todos somos hijos de Dios. ¿Qué hijo tiene precisamente la misma interacción con los padres como sus hermanos? Por el contrario, con frecuencia hacen y dicen cosas que se distinguen en los ojos de sus padres.

Ya sea que utilicemos la imagen de los niños o de las ovejas para entender nuestra relación con Cristo, creemos que todos somos conocidos y llamados por su nombre. Con este gran regalo viene la responsabilidad: responder a la llamada con la voz propia y distintiva, sacar un tiempo para discernir exactamente cuál es nuestro llamado, para determinar con precisión cuál es la voluntad del Padre para cada uno de nosotros. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Martes: Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Jueves: Hch 13:13-25; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Viernes: Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Sábado: Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14 o (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Sal 90 (89):2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Domingo: Hch 9:26-31; Sal 22 (21):26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 | 1 Jn 3:1-2 | Jn 10:11-18

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

I really feel for teenagers these days. It seems that today's kids face - if not *more* challenges than I did - at least many more ways those challenges can present themselves. The usual adolescent pressures present themselves in person, as always, but also now on the many forms of social media. For young people, and all of us, living as "children of God" is certainly not for the faint of heart! As our Psalm today says, we should place our trust in God - take refuge in him - rather than in what others may think of us. Why? Because living as disciples of Jesus can fly in the face of cultural norms. After all, Jesus was the stone the builders rejected - who became the cornerstone! He and the apostles challenged the status quo and faced ridicule and rejection, and even death because of it. Still, they always did the right thing. That's hard, for sure. But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, and that requires a response. Discipleship calls us to serve others by doing the right thing so that God's kingdom will triumph over the kingdom of darkness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

St. John told his community that "the reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." The key to being a loving force for good in the world is humility, and looking to God, rather than how we are perceived on social media or the car we drive, for our identity and worth. Tackling our ego begins by taking stock of what we value and whose opinion (rightly or wrongly) matters to us. Once we have explored those troubled waters, we can absorb St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice: "Accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked. Be kind and gentle even under provocation." Our slow steady witness shines light into darkness. The consistent challenge of our Christian behavior, offered without judgment, will promote God's values in our families, schools, work, and neighborhoods. Our faithful witness allows God to work. Remember, God uses the stones that are rejected to become the cornerstone.

PRAY Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you to live humbly. Then ask the Spirit to open the door for you to invite others to know the joy of living according to God's ways. In the meantime, pray the *Litany of Humility*. It will help train your ego to seek God's approval only.

Grandparents, Parents, & Families: ALL Living Signs of the Risen Christ!

To say 2020-21 has been a challenging school year is clearly an understatement. Since March of 2020, life as we knew it ceased to exist. E-learning was just the beginning of the significant changes for families. Many households encountered the stress of job loss, financial insecurities, vulnerable health, transition to a new career and home, plus the loss of social gatherings with loved ones and friends- all contributing to an emotional and spiritual burden to bear.

With these difficult and persistent realities, the parent advisory team, R.E. staff and Fr. Don, invited families to keep Christ at the heart of their homes with beginning to tell the Great Story of God's saving love for us. Resources written for parents to share faith with their children along with our family catechists seeking to support their community of families with a monthly zoom check-in call, faith experience, and prayer was a time of renewal to strengthen children and their parents in their relationship with the Lord and one another.

Although "one size of family formation does not fit all," several parents and grandparents embraced our invitation to lead their children (grandchildren) in the faith at home. Our hearts have been indeed gladdened by their requests and acceptance of our support. We have heard their exciting testimonies of embracing their role as the primary influence of their children's faith. We are excited to share just a few of their comments with you. "My experience of leading the Bible faith stories series at home has been...

- I have really enjoyed being a part of my kids' religious ed experience. It would be something I would like to see as an option for next year..."
- It has been rewarding because we both can learn new things together. The stories were full of values that we could talk over..."
- Fun and fulfilling. It has become a time on Sundays where we learn not only about our faith, but we learn more about each other on a deeper level..."
- Incredible! We have had a year where we really needed our faith to get our family through some tough times and leaning in and utilizing all the helpful resources given to us through the parish RE webpages and links has been so helpful..."
- My husband and I have been very grateful for this program. We are new to this parish and have enjoyed learning and hearing our children understand these important stories that shape our faith. We especially enjoy that we do it as a family..."
- ...My children look forward to our R.E. time together, and they look forward to the activities that mom and dad also participate in and share. We feel this isn't just a teaching session for them, but a sharing of Jesus and what he means to all of us. We love it!"
- Humbly, we knew our first year would not be perfect. A family model of formation includes a shift in how we understand our distinct roles and collaborate with one another. As a parish, we are young in our development and practice of a family-centered formation model that offers a life-changing encounter with Jesus, grow disciples, and sends them on mission.



The next
EDGE Night is
Monday, April

26th from **6:30-8:00pm** in the Parish Life Center. Please see the EDGE webpage for more details.

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.

Aurora Day of Service is happening on May 1st! Parishioners who have jobs around the yard (outside jobs only please) may request a team of teens to help! We will do yard clean-up, outside window cleaning, mulch spreading, etc.

Mission Trip 2021! We have started a waiting list for high school teens who are interested in attending this July's trip to the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Please check the LIGHT webpage for more details.

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PASTORAL CARE

Walking with Mary

All are welcome to participate in a spiritual and physical health initiative during the month of May. Let us grow closer to Mary who always leads us to her son, Jesus and improve our health by being active. The goal is that together as a community, we will accumulate 4,015 miles to reach the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal and make it back home. If you are interested in joining the journey, register with Jolene LeRoy 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com for details.

Ladies Virtual Afternoon of Reflection

Ladies of the parish are invited to attend an afternoon of reflection on Sunday, May 2 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm (CT) via ZOOM. The reflection will be led by the presenter from the Ladies Advent Tea, Kate Wicker. The title of the reflection is **Mary: Model of Faith**. Kate is wife, mom of five, popular Catholic speaker and author, who has been a guest on Relevant Radio.

Like the Mother of God – mothers, daughters, grandmother, aunts, godmothers – are called to personify faith to our families and to the world. What does it mean to be “faith personified”? We can learn so much from Our Blessed Mother, from our own relationships with each other and from our relationship with God.

Invite a family member or friend to come together in community to start the month of May with the focus on Our Blessed Mother Mary. Register to receive the ZOOM link at jolenel@olmercy.com. It will be a meaningful way to start the month of May to honor Mary.

Grandparents Ministry

The next meeting for the Catholic Grandparents Association Ministry at our parish is a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, May 11 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. If you would like to register to receive the ZOOM link or would like more information about the ministry, connect with Deacon Tony Martini at tonym@olmercy.com.

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 resources, offer support to another and pray together. The ministry is for those with an interest in their mental health and wellness. If you would like to receive emails about the ministry, resources or programs, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Cook and Eat a Colorful Diet

The best way to get all the vitamins, minerals and nutrients you need is to eat a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables. Add color to your plate whether the fruits and vegetables are home-grown or bought fresh, canned or frozen. Red and yellow/orange provide vitamin C and A and potassium. Green provides potassium, folate, lutein and vitamin K. Blue/purple contain powerful antioxidants and vitamin A. Plan ahead to eat the colors of the rainbow to benefit your health!


Pastoral Care Needs

If you have emotional, mental, physical or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care for assistance, resources and support at jolenel@olmercy.com or at 331-707-5380.

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

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 May 15 - May 16
 Women's Contact
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Men's Weekend
 May 22 - May 23
 Men's Contact
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We just celebrated Easter and the first coming of Jesus. Now we turn our focus to the second coming of God. So many questions about the end of times - Will there be peace on Earth? How will Jesus come? Will there be darkness on the Earth? What will happen to the devil? Will he finally fall? Will there be a final judgement? If you have asked these questions, let's study this and learn the vision of John and what it means for us, the church and the world around us.






HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU TODAY?

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FRATELLI TUTTI
CHAPTER TWO
A Stranger on the Road



In chapter two, Pope Francis' well developed commentary on the parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us that we are all responsible for one another regardless of our differences. Rabbi Hillel in the first century before Christ said that "not to do to others what you would not want them to do to you" is the entire Torah and everything else is commentary. St. Paul tells us in the New Testament .."For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It may be inconvenient, uncomfortable or off-putting, but regardless whether someone is in need of physical or emotional assistance, we must do what we can to help, comfort and extend ourselves to those in need. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. Pope Francis says that life is not just time that passes but a time for interactions with others and we should imitate the Good Samaritan - we cannot be indifferent to suffering or allow people to go through life as an outcast. We must choose - to be like the Good Samaritan or the indifferent bystander.

We ourselves must become neighbors to all. Who are my "neighbors"?

What differences or previously held beliefs do I need to put aside to truly become a neighbor to my brothers and sisters?



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 May 1 & 2 Dcn. Tom Logue will preach at all Masses		
Saturday:	4:00p	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tim Kueper
Sunday:	8:00a	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Art Tionsgon
	10:00a	Fr James Guarascio/Dcn Tom Logue
	12:00p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Phil Rehmer
	5:30p	Fr Don McLaughlin/Dcn Tom Logue

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 04/11/21)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	1,097,995
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	1,088,000
Amount in Excess of Budget:	\$	9,995

04/11/21 Sunday Collection:	\$	29,615
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$	2,415

Thank you for your generosity!!

Easter

Easter Collection:	\$	54,373
Easter Goal:	\$	57,800
Amount Short of Goal:	\$	(3,427)

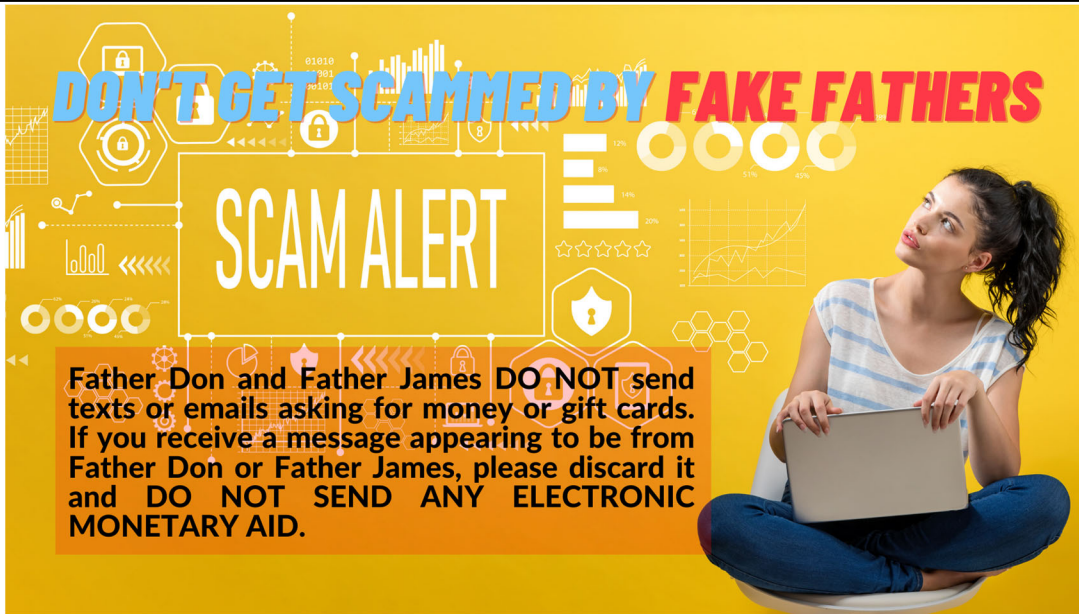
Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center

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



It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

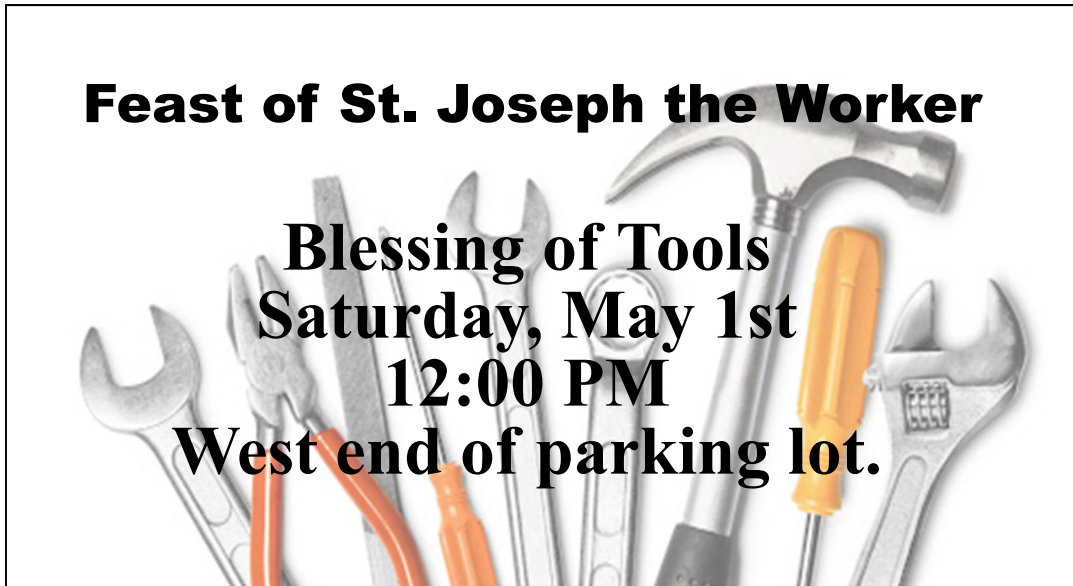
Parish Goal	\$	154,400
Amount Pledged	\$	126,762
Amount Paid	\$	96,943
Remaining Balance	\$	29,819
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		449



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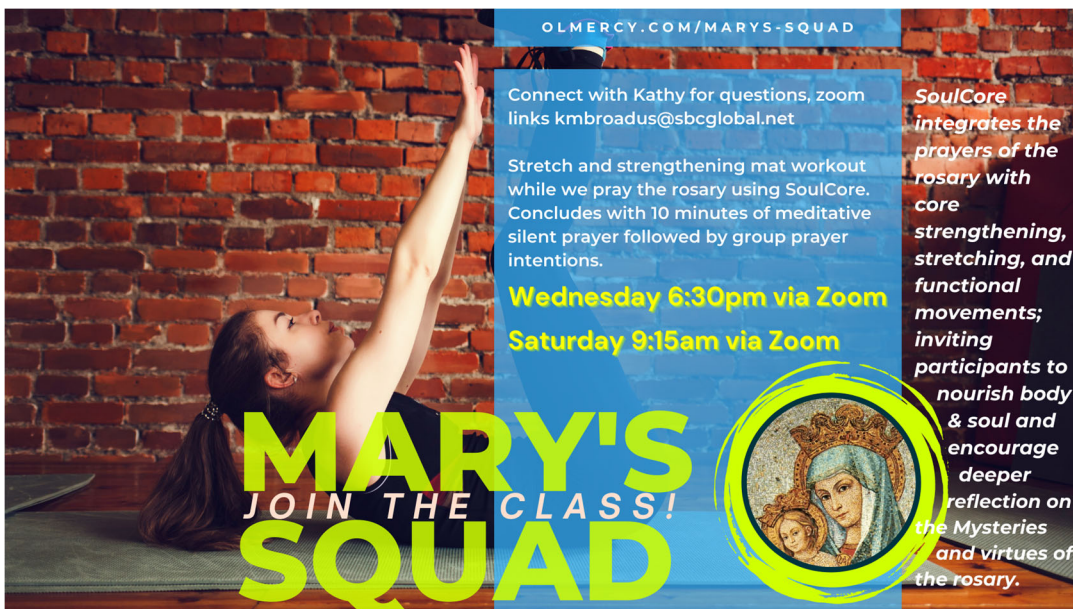
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