



**And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.
Mark 7:32,35**



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

23
ORDINARY
TIME

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



This week on Thursday, September 9th we celebrate the memorial of St. Peter Claver. A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Columbia), a rich port city

washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615. By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and miserable passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines and food. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's saving love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. The Holy Spirit's might and power is manifested in the striking decisions and bold actions of Peter Claver. A decision to leave one's homeland never to return reveals a gigantic act of will difficult for our minds to imagine. Peter's determination to serve forever the most abused, rejected and lowly of all people is stunningly heroic. When we measure our lives against such a man's, we become aware of our own barely used potential and of our need to open ourselves more to the jolting power of Jesus' Spirit. Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

To continue his work of addressing the sin of racism, I encourage you to participate in a bi-lingual prayer service "Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism" which will be held on the memorial of St. Peter Claver, Thursday, September 9 at 6:30PM. The service will be held at our outdoor Stations of the Cross on the west side of church. In the event of rain it will be indoors.

People in our day suffer unjustly simply because of the color of their skin or their national origin. Let us acknowledge the sin of racism and work to combat it in our social structures, our institutions, and our hearts!

Have a blessed week!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

9:00 am In Thanksgiving, by The Fernandes Family
(Live Streamed)
No Eucharistic Adoration
No Benediction
No Spanish Mass

Tuesday, September 7 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Diane Kiefer, by Family *(Live Streamed)*
6:30 pm † Angelo Lao, by Family
7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, September 8 - Nativity of the BVM

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 pm † Joseph Sebastian, by Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, September 9 - St Peter Claver, Priest

6:30 am Int of Fr Dominic Valanmanal
8:00 am † Nick Camp *(Live Streamed)*
8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, September 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Pearl Sebastian *(Live Streamed)*

Saturday, September 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Austin Chase, by Phyllis Anderson
(Live Streamed)
9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
4:00 pm **Vigil - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† Bob Holzworth, by Family
† V.G. Joseph, by Gail Marattil

Sunday, September 12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
10:00 am † Timothy Savoie *(Live Streamed)*
12:00 pm † Leo Cuartero, by Edgar & Maria Cuartero
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. Dorothy Helgren | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. The Sick | 10. Joan Seifrid |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. George & Willie Durante | 12. Ashley Sanchez |
| 5. Ann Borberg | 13. Tony Gallo |
| 6. Diane Colson | 14. Carolyn Grier |
| 7. Dorothy & Ken Labuda | 15. Donald Clyde Day |
| 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.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

September 11 & 12

Father Don will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tim Kueper
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Martini
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	5:30 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Leazzo



We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Ailani Banulos
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Wayne Draper
Mary Dunbar
Pat Dunne
Jose Ellis
William Gardaphe
Bridget Garry
Hailey Hartnett
Nancy Higgins
Mark Hoeksema
Eric Hoerdermann
Antoinette Humanski
Helen Joseph
Maria Luna
Kristen Manning

Susan Massett
Janice Melisi
Tony & Letty Mendez
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse
La Moua
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Diane Pazos
Valerie Plesha
Julia Schremp
Diane Singer
Lou Skonieczny
Hedy Sterling
Thomas F. Sterling
John Swanston
Kathy Walowski

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.

Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

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
LTJG Marion Bautista, US Navy
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SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army
Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army
SN Joshua San Diego, US Navy

Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Esta semana, el jueves 9 de septiembre, celebramos el memorial de San Pedro Claver. Natural de España, el joven Jesuita Pedro Claver dejó su tierra natal en 1610 para ser misionero en las colonias del Nuevo Mundo. Navegó hacia Cartagena (ahora en Colombia), una rica ciudad portuaria bañada

por el Caribe. Fue ordenado allí en 1615. Para entonces, el comercio de esclavos se había establecido en las Américas durante casi 100 años, y Cartagena era un centro principal para ello. Diez mil esclavos ingresaban al puerto cada año después de cruzar el Atlántico desde África Occidental en condiciones tan horribles e inhumanas que se estima que un tercio de los pasajeros murieron en tránsito. Tan pronto como un barco de esclavos entraba en el puerto, Pedro Claver se trasladaba a su bodega infestada para atender a los pasajeros abatidos y maltratados. Después de que sacaban a los esclavos del barco como animales encadenados y los encerraban en los patios cercanos para ser observados por la multitud, Claver se sumergía entre ellos con medicinas y comida. Con la ayuda de intérpretes, daba instrucciones básicas y aseguraba a sus hermanos y hermanas su dignidad humana y el amor salvífico de Dios. Durante los 40 años de su ministerio, Claver instruyó y bautizó a unos 300,000 esclavos.

Su apostolado se extendió más allá del cuidado de los esclavos. Se convirtió en una fuerza moral, de hecho, en el apóstol de Cartagena. La fuerza y el poder del Espíritu Santo se manifiestan en las sorprendentes decisiones y acciones audaces de Pedro Claver. La decisión de dejar la patria para no volver nunca revela un acto de voluntad gigantesco difícil de imaginar para nuestras mentes. La determinación de Pedro de servir para siempre a las personas más abusadas, rechazadas y humildes es asombrosamente heroica. Cuando comparamos nuestra vida con la de un hombre así, nos damos cuenta de nuestro potencial apenas utilizado y de nuestra necesidad de abrirnos más al poder sacudidor del Espíritu de Jesús. Pedro Claver murió el 8 de septiembre de 1654. Fue canonizado en 1888 y el Papa León XIII lo declaró patrón mundial del trabajo misionero entre los esclavos negros.

Para continuar su trabajo de abordar el pecado del racismo, les animo a participar en un servicio de oración bilingüe "Estaciones de la Cruz: Superando el racismo" que se llevará a cabo en el memorial de San Pedro Claver, el jueves 9 de septiembre a las 6:30 p.m. El servicio se llevará a cabo en nuestras Estaciones de la Cruz al aire libre en el lado oeste de la iglesia. En caso de lluvia será adentro.

La gente de nuestros días sufre injustamente, simplemente por el color de su piel o su origen nacional. ¡Reconozcamos el pecado del racismo y trabajemos para combatirlo en nuestras estructuras

sociales, nuestras instituciones y nuestros corazones! ¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

Padre Don



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 35, 4-7a; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; Stgo 2, 1-5; Mc 7, 31-37
Lunes	Col 1, 24—2, 3; Sal 61, 6-7. 9; Lc 6, 6-11
Martes	Col 2, 6-15; Sal 144, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11; Lc 6, 12-19
Miércoles	Mi 5, 1-4a o Rom 8, 28-30; Sal 12, 6ab. 6cd; Mt 1, 1-16. 18-23 o Mt 1, 18-23
Jueves	Col 3, 12-17; Sal 150, 1. 3-4. 5-6; Lc 6, 27-38
Viernes	1 Tim 1, 12. 12-14; Sal 15, 1-2a y 5. 7-8. 11; Lc 6, 39-42
Sábado	1 Tim 1, 15-17; Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5a y 6-7; Lc 6, 43-49
Domingo	Is 50, 5-9a; Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Stgo 2, 14-18; Mc 8, 27-35



Sept. 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Our oldest son is deaf. I vividly remember watching him notice sounds for the first time in the days after his cochlear implant was activated: the “caw” of a crow, a doorbell, the low rumble of the furnace kicking in. Our job as parents was to provide a running commentary to help him understand the meaning of each sound that so many of us take for granted: “See the birds? That is a crow!” “Your dad is home.” “The heat is coming on.” I’m reminded of those early days when I read Mark’s account of Jesus restoring hearing to the deaf man. While most of us can hear, so often we take the sounds all around us for granted or relegate them to background noise – including the Scripture we hear at Mass each week. As Bishop Robert Barron writes, “This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God, who have grown oblivious to it.” As we listen to today’s readings, we can ask Jesus to open our ears and our hearts to the word of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Mark spares no detail in describing Jesus’ encounter with the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus places a finger in his ear and spits, touching his tongue, then utters the word “*Ephphatha!* (“Be opened”) Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly. When listening to this reading, I often focus on the man’s hearing. But Jesus also cured the man’s speech impediment, which I think indicates we’re not supposed to just hear God’s word, we are to speak to it, and speak of it. Once we allow Jesus to open our ears and hearts to the Good News, sharing it will begin to come naturally. There may still be times when our Catholic tongues feel tied, but “Be strong, fear not!” Jesus will give us the words.

ACTIONS Next time you take a drive, listen to the day’s Scripture readings. Ask Jesus to open your ears and hearts to his words and show you how best to share them with others. And most teachers would agree: The more senses we engage, the more we take in. If you have trouble following the readings at Mass, open your missalette and read along silently.

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Pastoral Care

Healthy Habits to Improve Your Health

The pandemic has had an impact on our health in a variety of ways. To help you re-focus on healthy lifestyle choices, consider practicing the following suggestions. As with any health tips, please be aware not to follow the suggestions if they would have a negative effect on your health due to medical conditions or concerns that you may have.

Boost brain health. Make weekly exercise dates. Eat a daily salad. Have a dessert with dark-colored berries. Drink green tea. Join a book club. Once a week, try something new. **Go to sleep easier.** Make your bed each morning. Change the bedsheets once a week to decrease allergens. Face the alarm clock toward the wall or place the cell phone facedown. Turn the fan or sound machine on when the lights go off. Enjoy a cup of chamomile tea at bedtime.

Pump up your heart health. Brush and floss regularly. Try doing ten minutes of resistance training every morning. Eat more avocado and less butter. Walk off cravings. Add bananas, sweet potatoes, tomatoes or oranges in

your diet. They are rich in potassium. **Shake off stress.** Organize one thing each day. Take a daily “do not disturb” break. When anxiety increases, have a go-to ritual that helps you cope. Enjoy a daily “play snack” by doing an activity for five to ten minutes that relaxes the brain and may make you smile or laugh.

Clean up your diet. Eat more vegetables. Store fruit at the front of the refrigerator ready to take out and eat. Portion out nuts if you are not allergic to them. Snack before you shop. Drink your fiber in a smoothie by adding a banana, orange, spinach, and omega-3 fatty acids. **Get back in shape.** Get out and walk, bike ride or jog. Set a “stretch timer”. Talk on the phone while standing or walking. **Set boundaries with technology.** Turn off phone notifications. Establish no-phone zones such as at dinner or in the bedroom. When you wake up, don’t reach for the phone first. Go screen-free one day a week. May these ideas help you improve your health while we are all striving to stay healthy during the pandemic. (Source: Nicole Pajer with Clint Carter, AARP, May 5, 2021)

Open Hearts Ministry

The mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish will meet on Monday, September 13 in Room 218 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. During the month of September, there is a national focus on suicide awareness and prevention. The ministry offers spiritual support, resources and education. If you have questions about the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care Services

Experiencing losses in life are challenging. It may be the loss of a loved one, job loss or the loss of good health. You may be faced with end-of-life decisions or not able to come to church due to mobility loss or illness. You are not alone. Your faith community is here for you. Please reach out for pastoral care by connecting with Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



Updated COVID-19 Guidance Per Governor’s Statewide Mask Mandate

FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE:

Gov. J.B. Pritzker yesterday (Aug. 26, 2021) issued [Executive Order 2021-20](#), which calls for all Illinois residents age two or older to wear a mask while in an indoor public space, effective Mon., Aug. 30.

Attendees at Mass and other indoor liturgical celebrations and events will be required to wear a mask, beginning Mon., Aug. 30. All parish and Blanchette Catholic Center employees also must wear a mask in the office when in contact with others. When employees are in their separate workspaces that allow for a distance of at least six feet from others, the mask may be removed.

The executive order also contains directives requiring all public and nonpublic school teachers, staff and volunteers to receive at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine within 10 days of the order, and to be fully vaccinated within 30 days of the first dose. Those individuals not fully vaccinated within that time frame will be required to undergo at least weekly COVID-19 testing.

We are studying the vaccination order regarding school personnel and will provide clarity as soon as possible, along with other COVID-19 guidance updates in response to your questions.

We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

CALLING ALL

EDGE, LIGHT, K- 5 FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES, & VOLUNTEERS!!!

YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF EVENT!

*GATHER FOR A FEW HOURS OF PRAYER, FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP TO KICK-OFF A FABU-
LOUS YEAR OF GROWING CLOSER TO JESUS & LIVING OUR FAITH!*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

PRAYER~ 4 PM MASS

with a SPECIAL FAMILY and FAMILY CATECHIST BLESSING!

FOOD~ Following Mass in Church Courtyard & Gym

GRILLED BURGERS & HOTDOGS, CHIPS, and TREATS!

FUN~ DJ PEARL "JAM" JONES, plus FAVORITE GAMES

FREEZE DANCE, BEAN BAG TOSS, HULA HOOP CONTEST

To Do List:

Save the Date on the Family Calendar: 9/18 (4-7pm)

*Go to olmercy.com main webpage & click on,
"Family Formation Kick-off Event" to sign-up TODAY!*

Bring Lawn Chairs or Family Picnic Blanket



Haiti Mission

Meet and Support Father Don's Friend Ertha Papillon from Haiti at the Masses on 9/11 & 9/12 (This is a new date)

In the summer of 2014, Father Don traveled to the small village of Duchity in the mountains of southwest Haiti. It was there that he met Ertha Papillon, a leader in her faith community of Ste. Marie-Madeleine. Ertha is the founder and director of an orphanage and an elementary school. She has dedicated her life to serving the poorest of the poor in the countryside near Duchity. Ertha will return Father Don's visit and will speak at all the Masses. She will share her story and the story of the people she serves.

A collection will be taken to benefit the orphanage and the school. Checks can be made out to "Our Lady of Mercy" with "Haiti-Ertha" in the memo. Donations can also be made online from the Our Lady of Mercy website.

Note: The recent earthquake significantly damaged the orphanage building. It is not habitable. Two of the children were injured, but not seriously. The children are sleeping in two large tents. They are still feeling after-shocks. Pictures below: One of children and caretakers near tents and one example of the damage to the building.



Around the Parish

Grandparents Ministry

The ministry is planning to meet (in-person and/or via ZOOM) on September 21 in Room 114 from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Save the date on your calendar if you would like to join. More details will follow on the focus of the meeting and direction of the ministry. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. For more information, please contact Allyson and Deacon Tony Martini at tonym@olmercy.com.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Hours

The church may be locked when there are no events scheduled, however, the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm seven days a week.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Or are you a Catholic seeking to enrich your faith by completing the sacraments of initiation? Connect with zara@olmercy.com. or frjames@olmercy.com.... Or for more information on RCIA please visit <https://olmercy.com/sacraments3/become-catholic-rcia/>

First Friday Devotion - Sacred Heart of Jesus

Holy Hour - 10:30 am - 11:30 am, (prior to 1st Friday Noon Mass) Join us every first Friday as we offer Our Lord prayer and worship through the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus Christ Truly Present. Handouts available in English and Spanish. Viva Christo Rey! Únase a nosotros mientras ofrecemos al Señor oración y adoración a través del Santísimo Sacramento. Folletos disponibles en inglés y español.

First Saturday Devotion - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Following 8:30 Sacrifice of the Mass Join us every first Saturday, following 8:30 Mass, as we pray in community the prayers of Fatima. This devotion is one of the messages of Fatima, it stimulates the spirit of reparation; it instills a tender love for the Holy Sacraments of Confession and the Blessed Eucharist.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	200,540
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	210,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(9,460)
08/15/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,007
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(3,993)
<i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
For the Budget Year 2021/22 we have increased the Parish Sunday goal by 10%, to \$30,000/week, due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.		

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
June, 2021	\$	677,461
July, 2021	\$	677,240



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.



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	\$	153,528
Amount Paid	\$	138,476
Remaining Balance	\$	15,052
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		510

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.

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Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) 6:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday 12:00pm

Thursday 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Holy Days of Obligations

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

Wednesdays 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month 12:00pm

Benediction

Monday & Thursday 6:00pm

New Parishioners

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

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.

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