



**“Which is the first of all the commandments?”**  
**Jesus replied, “The first is this: ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”**  
**Mark 12:28-29, 31**



**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**31**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

## From The Pastor's Desk...

**Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!**



Ghostbusters

"If there's something strange, in your neighborhood... If there's something weird, and it don't look good, who you gonna call?" A Catholic priest! Yes, though it was before my time, I'm aware of the popular '80s *Ghost Busters* theme song, if nothing else because the *real* ghostbusters nowadays are actually priests! With Halloween approaching, it may be surprising to real-

ize that Christianity has a lot to do with ghosts, ghouls, and many Americans' favorite holiday.

Prior to Judaism and Christianity, most peoples found themselves worshipping spirits, ancestors, and many gods, offering sacrifices in attempts to garner supernatural favor and blessings. Such is why divination, necromancy, sorcery and the like are frequently condemned throughout Scripture (e.g. Deut 18:9-12). The Celts were no exception. They marked the coming of winter with a festival of bonfires and divining on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Then, upon conquering much Celtic territory in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, the Romans added to this festival their own commemoration of the passing of the dead in late October. Once Christianity began to spread to the Celtic lands in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries, chiefly with missionaries like St. Patrick, Christianity offered its influence.

Certainly, sacrifices to pagan gods and attempts to conjure up the dead are not Christian. As St. Paul warns the Corinthians, "What pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God." (1 Cor 10:20) Furthermore, we know that playing with superstitions is not a wise idea: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." (Jn 10:10)

However, proper enculturation has been a part of the universality of Catholicism since its beginning. Whereas *syncretism* means embracing mutually exclusive ideas, *enculturation* means affirming the good in a culture and redirecting it to its proper end. In the case of Halloween, we Catholics recognize that we *can*, in a way, interact with the dead; it's called praying to the saints in heaven for help and praying for those in purgatory. Jesus unites the entire Church—on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven—in Himself, and so we celebrate these realities on All Saints and All Souls day! The eve of All Saints, the day celebrating those who are "hallowed"—holy—is October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is therefore all hallows' eve...hence, "Halloween"! The uniquely American tradition of dressing up as skeletons and ghouls so as to go trick-or-treating came with the unique mixing of French, Irish, and English traditions in America, one of which simply involved children going door-to-door to beg for prayers for deceased loved ones.

At the end of the day, dressing up your kids and sending them off to acquire your favorite candy from your neighbors is fine. We ought simply to avoid that which is contrary to our faith: superstitions, witchcraft, and the glorification of evil. Yes, ghosts and demons exist, but trust me, they're boring and only cause problems. Skipping the gory movie and dropping the visit to a fortuneteller in favor of a bonfire with hot cider seems like a reasonable trade-off to me. Plus, it'll save you *and me* from an easily avoidable visit from the only real ghostbusters!

Father James



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 1 - All Saints

- 8:00 am † Edward & Ida D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Dionicia Reyrao, by Family  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

- 8:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 7:00 pm † The Faithfully Departed
- 7:00 pm No Reconciliations

### Wednesday, November 3 - St Martin de Porres

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Joseph Gorski, by Jolene LeRoy  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Thursday, November 4 - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 6:30 am † Departed Souls
- 8:00 am † Robert Kranz, by Warren & Anne Boley  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, November 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Jim Horton, by Dorothy Horton  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm Ligaya Tiongson, by Maria & Edgar Cuartero

### Saturday, November 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Sharon Chipp, by Ida Phillips  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy  
† James W Ray &  
James W Ray, Jr, by Helean M Ray

### Sunday, November 7 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Delfin Masangcay, Sr by Shirley Staples
- 10:00 am † Timothy Savoie, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm Int Scott & Katelin Agurkis, by Family
- 5:30 pm † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Poor              | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Ann Borberg            |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez  | 12. Robert Kranz           |
| 5. The Unborn            | 13. Hospice Workers        |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Vocations              |
| 7. Fr Gerald Tivy        | 15. First Responders       |
| 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

**November 6 & 7**

**Dcn Tom will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Lupe Villarreal
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin 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  
Ann Borberg  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Wayne Draper  
Mary Dunbar  
Pat Dunne  
Jose Ellis  
William Gardaphe  
Bridget Garry  
Connie Hegg  
Jim Hegg  
Nancy Higgins  
Mark Hoeksema  
Eric Hoerdemann  
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  
Hedy Sterling  
Thomas F. Sterling  
John Swanston  
Fr Gerald Tivy  
Kathy Walowski



### **How can I resist evil?**

Oscar Wilde said, "I can resist everything except temptation!" Where does temptation come from? What about addictions-where do they come from? Can we be set free? What about all we read in the news and on social media? Do we just accept it or is this just how life is? Or is there anything we can do to make a difference. Want to find out? Consider Alpha.

Reach out to Zara to learn more 331-707-5381  
zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha

## Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor



### *¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!*

Caza fantasmas

"Si hay algo extraño en tu vecindario... Si hay algo raro y no se ve bueno, ¿a quién vas a llamar?" ¡Un sacerdote Católico! Sí, aunque fue antes de mi tiempo, estoy al tanto del tema de la popular canción de *Los Caza fantasmas* de los 80s, al menos porque los verdaderos caza fantasmas de hoy en día son en

realidad ¡sacerdotes! Ahora que se acerca Halloween, puede resultar sorprendente darse cuenta de que el Cristianismo tiene mucho que ver con los fantasmas, seres macabros y la festividad favorita de muchos estadounidenses.

Antes del Judaísmo y el Cristianismo, la mayoría de los pueblos adoraban a los espíritus, los antepasados y muchos dioses, ofreciendo sacrificios en un intento de obtener favores y bendiciones sobrenaturales. Es por eso que la adivinación, la necromancia, la hechicería y cosas por el estilo son frecuentemente condenadas a lo largo de las Escrituras (por ejemplo, Deut 18: 9-12). Los Celtas no fueron una excepción. Marcaron la llegada del invierno con un festival de fogatas y adivinación el 31 de octubre. Luego, al conquistar gran parte del territorio Celta en el siglo I, los Romanos agregaron a este festival su propia conmemoración del fallecimiento de los muertos a fines de octubre. Una vez que el Cristianismo comenzó a extenderse a las tierras Celtas en los siglos IV, V y VI, principalmente con misioneros como San Patricio, el Cristianismo ofreció su influencia.

Ciertamente, los sacrificios a dioses paganos y los intentos de evocar a los muertos no son Cristianos. Como advierte San Pablo a los Corintios, "Lo que los paganos sacrifican lo ofrecen a los demonios y no a Dios". (1 Cor 10:20). Además, sabemos que jugar con las supersticiones no es una buena idea: "El ladrón viene sólo para robar, matar y destruir" (Juan 10:10).

Sin embargo, la inculturación adecuada ha sido parte de la universalidad del Catolicismo desde sus inicios. Mientras que el *sincretismo* significa abrazar ideas mutuamente excluyentes, la *inculturación* significa afirmar lo bueno en una cultura y redirigirlo hacia su fin adecuado. En el caso de Halloween, los Católicos reconocemos que podemos, de alguna manera, interactuar con los muertos; se llama orar a los santos en el cielo por ayuda y orar por aquellos en el purgatorio. Jesús une a toda la Iglesia —en la tierra, en el purgatorio y en el cielo— a Sí Mismo, ¡y por eso celebramos estas realidades el día de Todos los Santos y Todas las Almas! La víspera de Todos los Santos, el día en que se celebra a los que están "hallowed" o "santificados" — santos— es el 31 de octubre. Por lo tanto, es la víspera de todos los santos... ¡de ahí, "Halloween"! La tradición Estadounidense única de disfrazarse de esqueletos y seres macabros para ir a pedir dulces llegó con la mezcla única de tradiciones Francesas, Irlandesas e Inglesas en Estados Unidos, una de las cuales simplemente involucraba a los niños que iban de puerta en puerta para mendigar por oraciones por los seres queridos fallecidos.

Al final del día, está bien disfrazar a sus hijos y enviarlos a adquirir sus dulces favoritos de sus vecinos. Simplemente debemos evitar lo que es contrario a nuestra fe: supersticiones, brujería y la glorificación del mal. Sí, los fantasmas y los demonios existen, pero créanme, son aburridos y solo causan problemas. Omitiendo la película sangrienta y dejar de visitar a un adivino en favor de una fogata con sidra caliente me parece un intercambio razonable. Además, ¡nos salvará a ustedes y a mí de una visita fácilmente evitable de los únicos verdaderos caza fantasmas!

Padre James



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Dt 6, 2-6; Sal 17, 2-3a. 3bc-4. 47 y 51ab; Heb 7, 23-28; Mc 12, 28b-34
<b>Lunes</b>	Apoc 7, 2-4. 9-14; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; 1 Jn 3, 1-3; Mt 5, 1-12a
<b>Martes</b>	Sab 3, 1-9; Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6; Rom 5, 5-11 o Rom 6, 3-9; Jn 6, 37-40
<b>Miércoles</b>	Rom 13, 8-10; Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9; Lc 14, 25-33
<b>Jueves</b>	Rom 14, 7-12; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Lc 15, 1-10
<b>Viernes</b>	Rom 15, 14-21; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Lc 16, 1-8
<b>Sábado</b>	Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27; Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11; Lc 16, 9-15
<b>Domingo</b>	1 Rey 17, 10-16; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; Heb 9, 24-28; Mc 12, 38-44 o Mc 12, 41-44



October 31, 2021

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

“Oh no,” was my first thought when I began reading today’s Gospel – “another scribe trying to trick Jesus.” But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments “to heart,” as Moses had taught. He doesn’t just *know* the law, he *understands* it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can we grow in our understanding of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We do this by spending time with Scripture and “taking to heart” his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus’ life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God’s love. For many of us, that’s much easier said than done. It’s not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact, or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: “Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him and we will come to him.” Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God’s image! We have the opportunity to be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

**PRAY** As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God’s love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart. Then pray honestly and sincerely for those with whom you know you have a difference of conviction or opinion, asking God to graciously answer all their needs and to care for them as you yourself would like to be cared for.

## Pastoral Care

### All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to remember their loved ones in a special way at the annual All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance on Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm in the church. (There will not be a 6:30pm Mass) The Mass will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in-person.

This is an opportunity to pray for our loved ones and support one another in community. Grief support materials will be available. As part of the tradition at Our Lady of Mercy, there will be candles to take home to remember your loved one in a special way.

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The next scheduled in-person gathering for Open HEARTS Ministry is Monday, November 8 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The ministry is for anyone who is interested in emotional and mental health and wellness. The ministry has an interest in decreasing the stigma of mental illness and increasing the awareness of support and resources. The topic of discussion will be on MERCY – God's mercy and how we are called to live a life of mercy in relationship to our faith and mental health and wellness. If you would like to learn more about the ministry, please send an email to Janice Hurtado Aeppli at [olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com).

### Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holiday Season

For some, holidays are a time to celebrate and get together with family and friends. For others, holidays are difficult and not a time to celebrate as they are dealing with feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness.

If you are looking for support to help you cope with grief during the holiday season, please consider attending

the following gatherings at the parish: *Coping with Grief and Loss During the Holiday Season* will take place in Room 124 on Tuesday, November 9 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm; Saturday, November 20 from 9:30am to 11:00am; Wednesday, December 15 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. You can attend any or all sessions. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

### Ladies' Advent Tea

Please save the date for the annual Ladies' Advent Tea on Sunday, November 28 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. Plans are for an in-person event in the church and the Parish Life Center. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

### Blue Christmas Service

May those experiencing grief and loss at Christmas, find hope and peace in this service and comfort in knowing that you are not alone. It is a time to listen, pray and feel the love of God. The Blue Christmas Service will be in the church on Sunday, December 19 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

### Pastoral Care

If you have physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns or questions about end-of-life issues, funeral planning, journeying through grief, caregiving for a loved one or are homebound, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5380.



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## Bishop Hicks Column

I love to preach. I love it! That may sound odd to you, especially since public speaking is one of the greatest fears in the world, partly because we become anxious about looking silly and being judged or rejected. Yet, every time I approach the pulpit, I am humbled and overjoyed to break open the Word of God and try to connect it to our daily lives.

While I am able to share my love for preaching now, I must admit that when I entered the seminary, I thought to myself, "I am not sure how I am ever going to preach!" Not only did I wonder how I would conquer my fear and stage fright, but I also questioned, "How am I going to come up with new and relevant material day after day?"

Thankfully at the seminary, my homiletics' teacher was wise, brilliantly creative and humble. He encouraged me and my fellow seminarians to find our own voice. He gently helped us to develop our own authentic style instead of trying to pretend to be someone we were not.

Admittedly, my confidence has grown over the years. Yet there still remains the daily task of thinking of what to say. People have noticed over the years that when someone is telling a story in normal conversation, I will often say, "Now, that would make a good homily!" I am constantly listening to others and their experiences, keeping track of how I might share them in my preaching one day. In other words, I keep my eyes and ears open to the world around me and then try to connect those examples to Scripture and the spiritual life.

Before preaching, I also use the ancient tradition of "lectio divina" which Pope Benedict XVI referred to as "prayerful listening to the Word of God." Basically, this four-step process of praying over Scripture includes: 1) Reading (lectio) 2) Meditation (meditatio) 3) Prayer (oratio) 4) Contemplation (contemplatio). The process allows me to move beyond myself and my own interpretation by encountering God, who is behind, in and beyond the text.

In other words, by using lectio divina, I try to avoid preaching about the "Gospel according to me" and instead break open the Scriptures according to the "Word of the Lord."

I remember this past Advent season, I started thinking about my Christmas homily. I wanted to share something fresh and relevant as the new bishop of Joliet. Yet, with all my reading, conversations and prayer, I was dry. Nothing! I started to think to myself, "Maybe I will just have to dust off a homily from a Christmas past?" Then, two days before Christmas Eve, I was doing my morning Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament and I said to Jesus, "I have nothing to preach about on Christmas. Please help me." My prayer was answered almost instantly. Within two minutes of my asking the Lord for his help, he sent the Holy Spirit to me and deposited in my head a homily from beginning to end, which I joyfully preached two days later at our Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Please know that most of my prayer petitions are not answered

so quickly or so precisely. But I wanted to share that personal experience with you to remind all of us that Jesus is real and that God wants the best for us. He truly knows and loves us and wants us to know and love Him.

While I always try to preach well, I am aware of my own shortcomings and regret the times that I was not as good as I would have liked to have been or when I gave less than what the people of God deserve. I think most of us desire good preaching and long to be fed by the Word of God. I wholeheartedly agree with Pope Francis, who said, "The homily can actually be an intense and happy experience of the Spirit, a consoling encounter with God's word, a constant source of renewal and growth." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 135)

One last thought ... remember that we all preach. Most preaching does not come from a pulpit at Mass. Instead, we communicate much by our daily words, attitudes and actions. By raising our minds and hearts in prayer to God, let us all strive to preach well and follow the wise words of St. Teresa of Avila, "We must all try to be preachers through our deeds."



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> & NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **November 6th and November 7th** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

**We will accept.....**

**Clothing, shoes, linens and books** in good or bad condition. Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and even books generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.

- No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**
- **Small housewares** and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**
- For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – saintvincentdonate@gmail.com.

**\*Due to Covid-19 our home pickup service has been suspended until further notice.**

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

**Thanks for your generous donations!**

*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

## Around the Parish

### ***Adopt a Family in Need for Thanksgiving Dinner!***

This year for Thanksgiving we are partnering with the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Hesed House to provide families that are currently being assisted by these two organizations with a Thanksgiving dinner! We are now accepting donations to benefit those families in need of a meal. Parishioners may make donations via our online giving portal under "Angel Giving" or checks can also be made payable to Our Lady of Mercy with "Angel Giving" in the memo and placed inside of the bin in the Narthex after mass. Please contact Lydia Schmitt, in the main office, with additional questions.

### ***Charismatic Healing Mass***

The next Charismatic Healing Mass will be Saturday, November 6th in the church. All are welcome.

### ***PADS Public Action to Deliver Shelter***

Consider helping Hesed House by donating food or monetary gifts the first Tuesday of each month. For questions or additional information contact [jean@rehmer.com](mailto:jean@rehmer.com) or [DeaconPhil@rehmer.com](mailto:DeaconPhil@rehmer.com)

### ***Day of the Dead Altar***

Join us to pray and to remember our loved ones who have passed away. Please bring and drop off the photo of your love ones who passed and place them in a 'ziplock' bag, so they can be placed on the Altar in the Narthex from Oct 30th to Nov 02<sup>nd</sup>. Include your name and contact information (in both, the photo and the bag) for easy return after Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please drop off the pictures in the basket located on the front desk in the hallway.

### ***Respect Life Ministry***

The invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on November 5, 2021. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 258-0122.

### ***Waterleaf Baby Bottles for Life***

Please return all donations in baby bottles or envelopes in the collection basket by the narthex. Donations will be collected in the narthex until October 31. Thank you for your generosity.



## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	440,597
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	450,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(9,403)</b>
10/10/21 Sunday Collection	\$	25,005
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(4,995)</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

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.

### What is it like to be a Christian?

It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.



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Parish Goal	\$ 154,400
Amount Pledged	\$ 161,211
Amount Paid	\$ 152,613
Remaining Balance	\$ 8,598
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	514

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

### Sick and Homebound

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### 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.

# Parish Directory

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