

**Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."**

**Mark 12:43-44**



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

**32**  
**ORDINARY**  
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## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



As you know, I've been away on vacation. I hope you have enjoyed the articles written by the three "guest columnists."

There are no words to express my profound gratitude for your presence, kind words of congratulations, prayers, cards, and gifts celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on

October 10, 2021. I will truly treasure the memory of that day! I also need to express some words of special thanks to several people who put their heart and soul in to making that day so exceptional for me. Thanks to Phyllis Anderson (Mother Church), Pat Heraty, and Manuel & Brenda Cordero for taking care of all the liturgical details for my special Mass at 2:00pm. Thanks to our Music Director Frank Sauter for finding all the music that was played and sung 40 years ago at my ordination and preparing our musicians to use that music at my Mass. Thank you to Zara Tan who coordinated all the donut/cookie/coffee receptions that were held after the regular Sunday Masses, and thanks to all those who served at the receptions. A special word of thanks to Marty Kadziela who put a lot of time and effort in to planning and ordering all the food and drinks that were served to all the guests who came to my special Mass in the afternoon.

Thanks to all who prepared the food boxes, and thanks to all, including members of the Parish Pastoral Council who served my guests. Thanks to Marty, Karen Schwartz, Linda Eickhoff and Ann Clark for arranging the floral decorations in church and elsewhere. Thanks to Len and Philip Eickhoff for setting up the tables and chairs.

My road trip with Chardonnay to California was fantastic! She loves to go on car rides. This one was 5,391 miles round-trip! The drive to CA was beautiful. I enjoyed the diverse landscape and listening to Native American music and Aaron Copland's "Billy the Kid Suite" made for a spiritual experience while driving through Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada. The snow on the mountains and the various cloud formations were stunning!

I had an enjoyable week staying in Healdsburg visiting friends I've met over the years of my many trips there. One friend Anne, who teaches culinary arts at the Santa Rosa Junior College, held two dinner parties at her home to celebrate my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A second cousin who I haven't seen in years and lives near Sacramento drove over for one of the dinners. I stayed at and celebrated Mass at my friend Fr. Sean's parish, St. John the Baptist in Healdsburg. He was in his last week of a two week vacation. Unfortunately, I still had (and still do) the side-effect of my radioactive iodine treatment...everything tastes metallic...so food and wine were not as enjoyable. But Chardonnay enjoyed the wine tasting! On the drive back I spent two hours with the presidents at Mount Rushmore. What an amazing experience the whole trip was! I thank God for providing me a beautiful and safe trip!

*Fr. Ron*



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 8 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Lori Olsen, by Hurtado & Aeppli Families  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Elena Medina by Dennis Medina  
*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 8:00 am † Jim Plichta, by Mary Houdek  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 6:30 pm † Ligaya Tiongson, by Shirley Staples
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, November 10 - St Leo the Great, Pope

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Robert P Wagner, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, November 11 - St Martin of Tours, Bishop

- 6:30 am † Greg Richardson, by Trinidad Family
- 8:00 am † Joe Gorski, by Jolene LeRoy  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, November 12 - St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

- 8:00 am † Dick Horton, by Dorothy Horton  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Saturday, November 13 - St Frances Xavier Cabrini

- 8:30 am † John Fredrick Moller, Sr by Hurtado & Aeppli Families *(Live Streamed)*
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
† Arthur Biegel, by Family  
† Joyce Markus, by Family

### Sunday, November 14 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 10:00 am † Arthur Harris, by The Kolb Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm † Buenaventura Alandy, by The Tan Family
- 5:30 pm † Shirley Wagner, by Mary Lou Kunold



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. The Poor              | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Baby Roman             |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Ashley Marie Sanchez  | 12. Ann Borberg            |
| 5. Mark Chapas, Jr.      | 13. Prayers for E.C.       |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Bill Laszlo & Family   |
| 7. Fr Gerald Tivy        | 15. Scott & Katie Agurkis  |
| 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 13 & 14**

**Father James will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tom Logue
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio 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  
Steve Johnson

Helen Joseph  
Michael Kuchinski  
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

***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  
SSG Karla Venegas, US Army  
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!**



Como saben, he estado de vacaciones. Espero que hayan disfrutado de los artículos escritos por los tres "columnistas invitados".

No hay palabras para expresar mi profunda gratitud por su presencia, amables palabras de felicitación, oraciones, tarjetas y obsequios celebrando mi 40<sup>o</sup> Aniversario de Ordenación el 10 de octubre del 2021.

¡Realmente atesoraré el recuerdo de ese día! También necesito expresar algunas palabras de agradecimiento especial a varias personas que pusieron su corazón y su alma para hacer que ese día fuera tan excepcional para mí. Gracias a Phyllis Anderson (Iglesia Madre), Pat Heraty y Manuel y Brenda Cordero por encargarse de todos los detalles litúrgicos de mi Misa especial a las 2:00 p. m. Gracias a nuestro Director de Música Frank Sauter por encontrar toda la música que se tocó y cantó hace 40 años en mi ordenación y preparar a nuestros músicos para usar esa música en mi Misa. Gracias a Zara Tan, quien coordinó todas las recepciones con donas/galletas/café que se llevaron a cabo después de las Misas dominicales regulares, y gracias a todos los que sirvieron en las recepciones. Un agradecimiento especial a Marty Kadziela, quien dedicó mucho tiempo y esfuerzo a planificar y ordenar toda la comida y bebida que se sirvió a todos los invitados que asistieron a mi Misa especial por la tarde.

Gracias a todos los que prepararon las cajas de comida, y gracias a todos, incluyendo los miembros del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial que atendieron a mis invitados. Gracias a Marty, Karen Schwartz, Linda Eickhoff y Ann Clark por arreglar las decoraciones florales en la iglesia y en otros lugares. Gracias a Len y Philip Eickhoff por preparar las mesas y sillas.

¡Mi viaje por carretera con Chardonnay a California fue fantástico! Le encanta ir en auto. ¡Este fue de 5,391 millas de ida y vuelta! El viaje a California fue hermoso. Disfruté del paisaje diverso y escuché música de los Nativos Americanos y "Billy the Kid Suite" de Aaron Copland fue una experiencia espiritual mientras conducía por Wyoming, Utah y Nevada. ¡La nieve en las montañas y las diversas formaciones de nubes eran impresionantes!

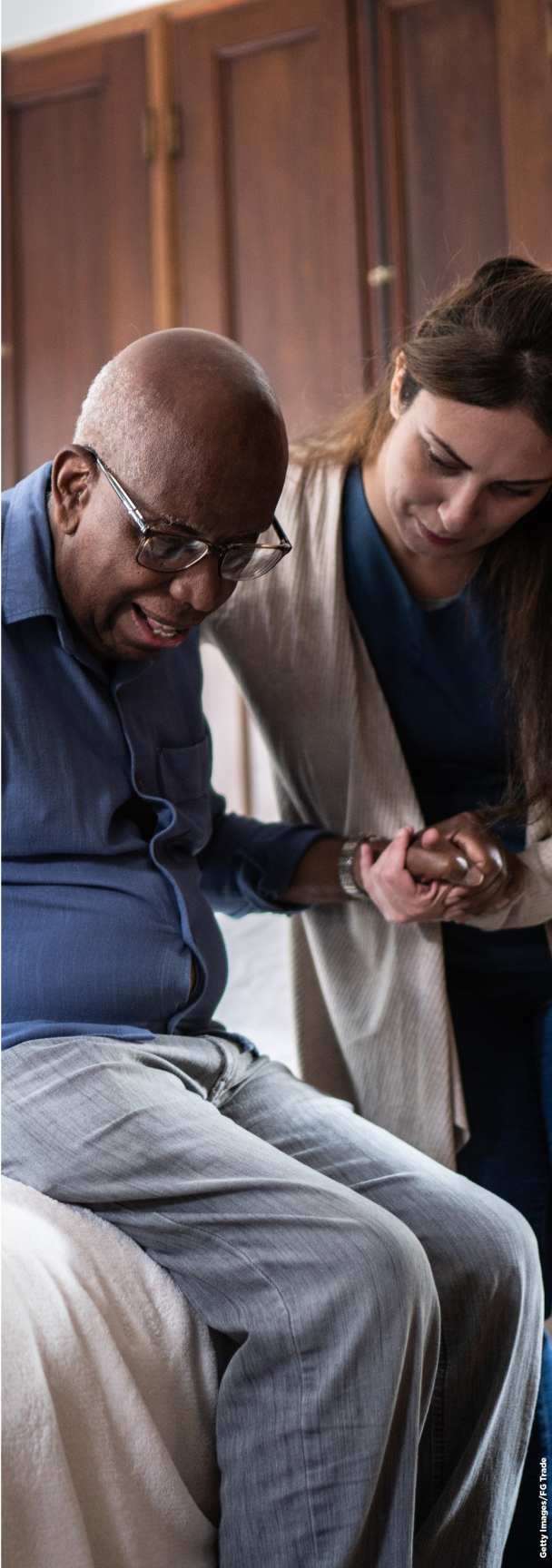
Pasé una semana agradable en Healdsburg visitando a amigos que conocí durante los años de mis muchos viajes allí. Una amiga Anne, que enseña artes culinarias en el Santa Rosa Junior College, dio dos cenas en su casa para celebrar mi 40<sup>o</sup> aniversario. Un primo segundo al que no he visto en años y que vive cerca de Sacramento vino manejando para una de las cenas. Me quedé y celebré la Misa en la parroquia de mi amigo el Padre Sean, St. John the Baptist en Healdsburg. El estaba en su última semana de vacaciones de dos semanas. Desafortunadamente, yo todavía tenía (y todavía tengo) el efecto secundario de mi tratamiento con yodo radiactivo... todo sabe metálico... así que la comida y el vino no fueron tan agradables. ¡Pero Chardonnay disfrutó de la cata de vinos! En el camino de regreso, pasé dos horas con los presidentes en Mount Rushmore. ¡Qué experiencia tan increíble fue todo el viaje! ¡Doy gracias a Dios por brindarme un viaje hermoso y seguro!

*Padre Sean*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	1 Re 17, 10-16; Sal 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; Heb 9, 24-28; Mc 12, 38-44 o Mc 12, 41-44
<b>Lunes</b>	Sab 1, 1-7; Sal 138, 1-3a. 3b-6. 7-8. 9-10; Lc 17, 1-6
<b>Martes</b>	Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12; Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9; 1 Cor 3, 9c-11. 16-17; Jn 2, 13-22
<b>Miércoles</b>	Sab 6, 2-12; Sal 81, 3-4. 6-7; Lc 17, 11-19
<b>Jueves</b>	Sab 7, 22—8, 1; Sal 118, 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175; Lc 17, 20-25
<b>Viernes</b>	Sab 13, 1-9; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Lc 17, 26-37
<b>Sábado</b>	Sab 18, 14-16; 19, 6-9; Sal 104, 2-3. 36-37. 42-43; Lc 18, 1-8
<b>Domingo</b>	Dn 12, 1-3; Sal 15, 5 y 8. 9-10. 11; Heb 10, 11-14. 18; Mc 13, 24-32



November 7, 2021

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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

When it comes to money, I'm a worrier. Just ask my husband how I reacted when he had the audacity to pay for shipping! I shop carefully, armed with coupons. I've always been a saver, making sure to contribute to retirement, life insurance, and the "what-if-the-roof-comes-down" fund. Being fiscally responsible is a good thing, but the quest for financial security as the ultimate good is a fool's errand. God is the true provider of all that we need, and what we have finds its fulfillment in service to him. The widows in today's readings knew that too well. In the first reading, a mother and son are down to their last bites of food, facing starvation and death. Yet she gives her last morsels to the prophet Elijah. In the Gospel, the widow gives generously, not of her surplus, but of her entire livelihood. Both women exhibit utter and complete trust in God, and a generosity that knows no bounds. As we study today's Scripture, they teach the worriers among us that God will and does provide, and that the more we give away, the greater our reward in this life and the next.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Do you ever get that knock on the door from a Cub Scout selling popcorn just when you're about to put dinner on the table or run out to a ballgame? Or perhaps you already have a full calendar and suddenly a neighbor really needs your help with an errand or a household emergency – and there goes a whole afternoon! Today's readings invite us to set aside whatever "sticks we are gathering" and welcome the "Elijah moments." They encourage us to give a bit of ourselves away, whether it's time, money, or attention. In doing so, we give witness to the paradox of the Christian life – that the more we give away the more we are rewarded. We also set a positive example for our children and others, who will see our generosity in action.

**SERVE** Even the budgeters among us can do this! Look ahead at your budget. In addition to regular expenditures and giving, look at something you can *sacrifice* – a meal out, a new sweater, a movie night – and decide as a family how you would like to use the extra money and/or time to help others.

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## Pastoral Care

### Open HEARTS Ministry

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### 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 [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com).

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 16 in the church after 6:30Ppm Mass (at

7:00pm) with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of the sick, especially those experiencing cancer, serious illness or chronic illness. Anyone experiencing physical, emotional, mental or spiritual health concerns would benefit from attending the prayer service. The relic of St. Peregrine will be present.

### 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.

### November Health Topic

November is National Diabetes Month - an opportunity to become knowledgeable about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. The *American Diabetes Association* (ADA) provides support, education, resources and advocacy to assist in living a healthy life. For healthy recipes, ways to manage diabetes, and ways to connect with others, check out the ADA website at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) or call 1-800-342-2383.

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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 [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com) or 331-707-5380.



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**Family Faith Formation Featuring**  
***A Saint Who Lived as a Missionary Disciple***



**Saint Martin de Porres**

Amid all the upheaval that we have recently undergone and are still going through, we sometimes forget that the saints also lived during times of intense disunity, strife, and racial tension. St. Martin de Porres reminds us of the necessity of compassion, particularly during times of difficulty and division. ***What can his witness teach us about missionary discipleship?***

Martin was born in Lima, Peru, on December 9, 1579, to a Spanish gentleman and a freed slave from Panama of African or possibly indigenous ancestry. He and his younger sister grew up in deep poverty after Martin's father abandoned the family. Martin worked for a barber, learning to cut hair, and he spent just two years in primary school. Martin was regularly ostracized and bullied because he was of mixed race. He had a desire to enter religious life, but a law in Peru prohibited descendants of Africans or indigenous people from becoming members of any religious orders. Martin begged the Dominicans of the Holy Rosary in Lima to accept him as a volunteer, and in time they did. They assigned him the most menial and lowly tasks, which he carried out with great care and attentiveness. Eventually Martin was accepted as a Dominican lay brother and assigned to the infirmary, where his compassion for taking care of the poor and suffering was noted. ***Martin went on to develop friendships with both St. Juan Macías, a fellow Dominican lay brother, and St. Rose of Lima a lay Dominican.***

During his years in the monastery, Martin was observed to be compassionate, kind, thoughtful, and pious. He cared for all without distinction, regardless of their race or station in life. All life was precious to Martin, and nobody was overlooked. He even cared for sick or injured animals that were brought to him. In addition to miraculous healings, ***Martin was reputed to have the gift of bilocation—the ability to appear in two places at once—and soon knowledge of his compassion spread far and wide.***

The word *compassion* means to “suffer together,” and St. Martin certainly suffered alongside those for whom he cared. He endured a debilitating illness and died on November 3, 1639, after pouring out his life for others. St. Martin's witness reminds us that our concern for the poor comes from a spirit of solidarity, not pity; everyone experiences poverty in some form or another, whether material, spiritual, or moral. ***Everyone is in continual need of God's loving mercy and grace.***

St. Martin can teach us how to navigate the complexities of race and social indifference while keeping faith at the center of our mission. He didn't fit into the popular categories of society due to his mixed-race, status, poverty, and lack of learning. ***But we do not remember him for any of these characteristics; we remember his compassionate presence, intentional care, and steady faithfulness.***

Father Gregory Boyle in his book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* notes that kinship is “not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not ‘a man for others;’ he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.” As St. Martin teaches us, we too as missionary disciples can make a world of difference, especially to those who are suffering. ***How is care for the last, the least, and the lost a part of your life and ministry?***

***Our Lady of Mercy Vision Statement, 2018***  
***To offer everyone a life-changing encounter with Jesus, grow disciples,***  
***and send them on mission.***



**Thank you for your generosity  
on Undy Sunday**

Dear Friends,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your participation in Undy Sunday 2021. The event was a great success!

Most of us take things like new underwear, warm socks, and a fresh diaper for granted, but for many families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes, it's a luxury. Providing these items promotes the health, dignity, and confidence of our most vulnerable neighbors.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you.

This year, 50 churches and schools within the Diocese of Joliet participated in Undy Sunday. We are now distributing these items to children, families, and seniors who come to Catholic Charities for help. Your gifts are making a true difference.

Thank you for believing in the mission of Catholic Charities and for opening your heart to those in need.

With Gratitude,

Kathleen Langdon  
Executive Director  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

## 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

### ***Knights of Columbus Blood Drive***

Saturday, November 13 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Versiti Blood Center will be in Room 114 for a Blood Drive. Appointments are appreciated by walk-in are welcome. To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor App or call 800-7TO-GIVE. Every donor will save up to 3 lives.

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### ***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.

### ***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)



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	462,962
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	480,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(17,038)</b>
10/17/21 Sunday Collection	\$	22,365
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(7,635)</b>
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity!!</i></b>		
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
September, 2021	\$	643,911
October, 2021	\$	<b>632,712</b>



### How does God guide us?

All of us have to make decisions about what we do with our lives—our work, our family, our children, the use of our time, and certainly day-to-day decisions. Discerning God’s will can be tricky business. But the wonderful news of the Christian faith is that we’re not on our own in this life. God is with us and is very engaged in our lives. If you’re interested in learning more about how God guides us, consider trying Alpha.

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Parish Goal	\$	154,400
Amount Pledged	\$	162,316
Amount Paid	\$	155,275
Remaining Balance	\$	7,042
Rebate Amount	\$	612
# of Families Pledged		517

## Important Notice

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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](http://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.

# Parish Directory

## Parish Priests

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