



OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Advent* is a time of  
Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation,  
Prayerful penance and Spiritual  
*Preparation.*

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



It's finally here! I've waited all year for this!! My favorite time of the liturgical calendar! Advent is here!!! Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Why is it my favorite time of the liturgical calendar? It's not because it means only four weeks until Christmas, but because

Advent is the season of promise *par excellence*. The scripture readings we hear today reassure that though we are living in times of crisis and even apocalypse, we can interpret events with hope. Whether for the first or 21<sup>st</sup> century, the message is the same....Be watchful and alert, prayerful and humble, trusting in God and awaiting redemption from the world's crises that only God can bring, and will bring.

The Hebrew Testament, commonly called the Old Testament is a reservoir for the promises of God. From the beginning, when all created things were called "very good" to the promise after the flood that the earth would continue; to the promise of a future to Abram and the rest of the patriarchs and matriarchs of Israel, right down to the promise that the struggling exilic remnant of the nation would still be a light to the nations. From beginning to end, the Hebrew scriptures make promises for all the creation. Jeremiah in today's first reading reminds us that we are reshaped again and again, even after being broken, and in that patient reshaping is a promise that gives us hope.

This theme appears in our Gospel reading from Luke today. It's tone and message are as jarring as the first two readings – together they are a real downer! The First Sunday of Advent seems an odd time to reflect on the cosmological end times, even if Christmas is linked to the Second Coming. The joining of these themes of the crisis of birth and rebirth shows how hope flourishes in difficult times. Apocalyptic style expresses the idea that rebirth occurs in crisis. Luke wrote his Gospel during a time of particular turbulence for Israel and the early Church.

So the promise from the Old Testament of a Savior has been fulfilled. The promise we wait for today is the Savior's second coming. And while the promise may not be fully realized yet – it is on the way. To live reverently, deliberately and fully awake – that is what it means to live in the promise, where the wait itself is as rich as its end. All it takes are some regular reminders, because as long as the promise is renewed, the promise is alive, as vivid as the rainbow, as real as the million stars overhead. We live in times of peril AND promise!

Have a Blessed Advent!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 29 - Advent Weekday

- 8:00 am † Kenneth Hickey, by Karen Hickey  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Octavio Loera  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, November 30 - St Andrew, Apostle

- 8:00 am † David Dougherty, by Sharon Fernandez & STVP  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 6:30 pm † Victoria Mendoza, by Carlota Bautista
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Anthony Brancato, by Gerald & Lisa Brancato  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Thursday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

- 6:30 am † Margaret Gorski, by Jolene LeRoy
- 8:00 am † Daniel Cordero, by The Cordero Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, December 3 - St Francis Xavier, Priest

- 8:00 am † Departed Souls **(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Frances Chiapetta, by Phyllis Anderson

### Saturday, December 4 - Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am † Melissa & Gilberto Chaldez, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent**  
† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family  
† Dave Casarcik, by Jean Kingsley Family

### Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† John & Rosemary Frech, by The Frech Family
- 10:00 am † Arthur Harris, by the OLM Choir  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † John Cooper, by Clare Foy-Embery





## 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. Maria Gallo           | 12. Jude Stephen Das       |
| 5. Bernice Tokarski      | 13. Lestouegeon Family     |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Moss Family            |
| 7. Work                  | 15. Roman Peter Lokins     |
| 8. The Deceased          | 16. The Homeless           |

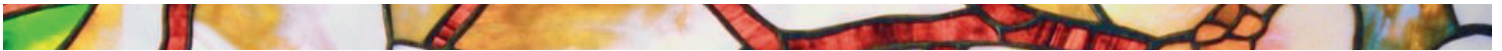
If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

**December 4 & 5**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
	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  
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 Schrepf  
Diane Singer  
Hedy Sterling  
Thomas F. Sterling  
John Swanston  
Rev. 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!*



¡Finalmente está aquí! ¡¡He esperado todo el año por esto! ¡Mi tiempo favorito del calendario litúrgico! ¡¡El Adviento ya está aquí!!! Hoy es el Primer Domingo de Adviento. ¿Por qué es mi tiempo favorito del calendario litúrgico? No es porque signifique solo cuatro semanas hasta Navidad, sino porque el Adviento es la temporada de promesas

*por excelencia.* Las lecturas de las Escrituras que escuchamos hoy nos aseguran que, aunque vivimos en tiempos de crisis e incluso apocalipsis, podemos interpretar los eventos con esperanza. Ya sea para el primer siglo o para el siglo XXI, el mensaje es el mismo... Estén atentos y alertas, orantes y humildes, confiando en Dios y esperando la redención de las crisis del mundo que solo Dios puede traer y traerá.

El Testamento Hebreo, comúnmente llamado Antiguo Testamento, es un depósito de las promesas de Dios. Desde el principio, cuando todas las cosas creadas fueron llamadas “muy buenas” hasta la promesa después del diluvio de que la tierra continuaría; hasta la promesa de un futuro para Abram y el resto de los patriarcas y matriarcas de Israel, hasta la promesa de que el remanente exiliado de la nación que luchaba todavía sería una luz para las naciones. De principio a fin, las escrituras Hebreas hacen promesas para toda la creación. Jeremías en la primera lectura de hoy nos recuerda que somos remodelados una y otra vez, incluso después de estar destrozados, y en esa remodelación paciente hay una promesa que nos da esperanza.

Este tema aparece hoy en nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Lucas. Su tono y mensaje son tan discordantes como las dos primeras lecturas: ¡juntas son una verdadera decepción! El Primer Domingo de Adviento parece un tiempo extraño para reflexionar sobre los últimos tiempos cosmológicos, incluso si la Navidad está relacionada con la Segunda Venida. La unión de estos temas de la crisis del nacimiento y el renacimiento muestra cómo la esperanza florece en tiempos difíciles. El estilo apocalíptico expresa la idea de que el renacimiento ocurre en crisis. Lucas escribió su Evangelio durante un tiempo de particular turbulencia para Israel y la Iglesia primitiva.

De modo que se ha cumplido la promesa del Antiguo Testamento de un Salvador. La promesa que esperamos hoy es la segunda venida del Salvador. Y aunque es posible que la promesa aún no se haya cumplido por completo, está en camino. Vivir con reverencia, deliberadamente y completamente despierto: eso es lo que significa vivir en la promesa, donde la espera en sí es tan rica como su fin. Todo lo que se necesita son algunos recordatorios regulares, porque mientras se renueva la promesa, la promesa está viva, tan vívida como el arco iris, tan real como el millón de estrellas en lo alto. ¡Vivimos en tiempos de peligro Y promesa!

¡Que tengan un bendecido Adviento!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Jer 33, 14-16; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 y 14; 1 Tes 3, 12-4, 2; Lc 21, 25-28. 34-36
Lunes	Is 2, 1-5; Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4a. (4b-5. 6-7) 8-9; Mt 8, 5-11
Martes	Rom 10, 9-18; Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5; Mt 4, 18-22
Miércoles	Is 25, 6-10; Sal 22, 1-3a. 3b. 4. 5. 6; Mt 15, 29-37
Jueves	Is 26, 1-6; Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a; Mt 7, 21. 24-27
Viernes	Is 29, 17-24; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Mt 9, 27-31
Sábado	Is 30, 19-21. 23-26; Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 6-8
Domingo	Bar 5, 1-9; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11; Lc 3, 1-6





November 28, 2021

# First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection on the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation - how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time - is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

**PRAY** Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you, and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.

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## Pastoral Care

### ***Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holiday Season***

For some, the holidays are a joyful 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. When you have lost a loved one, the holiday season can be a painful reminder of the terrible loss you are feeling.

If you are looking for support to help you cope with grief during the Christmas holiday season, please consider attending *Coping with Grief and Loss during the Holiday Season* on Wednesday, December 15 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 124 in the Parish Life Center. We will share ways to help give the holiday a new meaning and offer support.

If you have any questions or would like to attend contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

### ***Blue Christmas Prayer Service***

May those experiencing grief and loss at Christmas, find hope and peace in this prayer 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 Prayer Service* will be in the church on Sunday, December 19 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

### ***First Sunday of Advent***

Consider having an Advent wreath on the kitchen table or in the family room and use it daily during Advent to prepare the hearts and minds of those living in the house for Christmas. For the First Sunday of Advent, the purple candle is lit that represents hope. It is called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold the birth of Christ.

The theological virtue of hope is described as an unshakeable trust and assurance that the promises of God will be fulfilled. Pope Francis reminds us that true hope is not built on human words or assurances but on God's Word and His promise of salvation and eternal life.

Two scripture passages that encourage us to be hopeful are: "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11) and "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13) Wishing you a Blessed First Sunday and Week of Advent – focus on Hope!

### ***National Hospice and Palliative Care Month***

November is *National Hospice and Palliative Care Month*. Hospice is high-quality care that enables patients and families to focus on living as fully as possible despite a life-limiting illness. Palliative care brings the holistic model of care to people earlier in the course of a serious illness.

Both programs provide pain management, symptom control, psychosocial support and spiritual care to patients and their families. For more information and resources check out the following: National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization website at [www.capc.org](http://www.capc.org); Illinois Hospice and Palliative Care Organization website at [il-hpco.org](http://il-hpco.org) and the National Institute on Aging website at [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov).

### ***Pastoral Care***

If you need support, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

Dear Father Don & OLM Parishioners,

Thank you for sharing sunshine in the loves of others! Team Our Lady of Mercy has raised \$7,178.83 in the Waterleaf Baby Bottles For Life 2021 Campaign. Because of your support, Waterleaf can continue in our mission to support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies through our medical clinic and Aspire Education and Resource Center located across from the Planned Parenthood in Aurora.

Waterleaf provides practical help such as free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. In 2020, we served 1,0225 patients, performed 727 pregnancy tests, 1,125 ultrasounds and welcomed over 160 babies. We could not have done all of this without the support of our donors and YOU, one of our very supportive parishes.

God Bless,  
Megan Barnhart  
Manager of Donor Relations





## Catholic Schools

### **Marmion Academy**

Scholarship qualifying entrance exam will take place Saturday, December 4, 2021.

### **Aurora Central Catholic High School**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to take the Placement Exam at Aurora Central Catholic High School. *The Placement Exam must be taken on this day in order to qualify for the many scholarships.* Students are asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. The exam will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:00 a.m. Students are encouraged to register online at [www.AuroraCentral.com](http://www.AuroraCentral.com). (The exam fee is \$30.00.)

**Attention Parents:** Please join us during the Placement Exam for “Ask Father Etheredge” – A question and answer session about Aurora Central Catholic High School! Join us for coffee, rolls, and pertinent information from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

### **All Saints Catholic Academy**

All Saints is very proud to offer a preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds that superbly balances **strong academics** with **faith formation, social/emotional growth**, and the development of **fine and gross motor skills** and **listening and communication skills**.

Students enrolling in our **Growing Saints Early Childhood Academy** will grow in confidence as they learn, grow, and play. All Saints is proud to offer both **flexibility and choice** to families as parents craft their student’s schedule, along with the availability of **end to end care**. Here at All Saints, your child will be known, affirmed, and loved.

Registration for the **2022-2023 school year** will begin on **Sunday, January 30, 2022** at our annual **Open House**.

### **St. Francis High School**

**Class of 2026 ENTRANCE EXAM** – Saturday, December 4 (Scholarship eligibility and priority admission consideration given to those who test at SFHS. For information and to register go to <https://www.sfhscollegeprep.org/admissions/apply-exam-registration>

St. Francis High School is a college-preparatory, co-educational Catholic high school located in Wheaton, Illinois and is celebrating more than 60 years of promoting spiritual, academic, physical and social development in students.

## LIGHT for High School teens (Grades 9-12)

**Faith Conversation & LIGHT Mini-Course ONLINE SIGN-UP** is now available! Check the LIGHT webpage for information and the link here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

**Mission Trip 2022!** We are now taking high school teens and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders for our trip to Maumee, Ohio this coming July. Get the information and sign-up online here: <https://forms.gle/KF3APvkteQJffg4M9>

**Poinsettia Sale** is coming to OLM! Help support our teens attending the mission trip. Orders will be taken after Masses on Dec. 4-5 in the lobby. Pick-up is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Teen Winter Retreat at LaSalle Manor** will be Jan. 28-30. Any high school teen may attend this retreat. Get more details and the sign-up packet on our LIGHT webpage here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our LIGHT webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

## EDGE for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

**The next EDGE Night is Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. Please see the EDGE webpage for more details.

**EDGE Retreat** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon in the Parish Life Center. The Marmion Teen Leaders and Campus Minister will be directing this retreat for our middle schoolers.

Register for LIGHT, EDGE and R.E. online! Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>



## Fill a Stocking for a Family in Need This Christmas!

This year we are partnering with the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Hesed House to provide families in need with Christmas stocking stuffers!

### How Can you Help?

Visit the Ministry Room after all the masses to grab a stocking to fill for a family in need! Each stocking will come with a list of suggested items to purchase and stuff your stocking with!

### What Items Should I Fill my Stocking With?

Thanks for asking! Here are some suggested items to fill your stocking with:

1. \$5 Gift Card (Target or McDonald's are always good choices)
2. Small Craft Kits
3. Action figures
4. Matchbox cars
5. Socks
6. Barbie type doll
7. Bubbles
8. Small Lego sets
9. Playdough
10. Stickers
11. Pencils
12. Erasers
13. Candy Canes

### Where Do I Return my Filled Stocking?

Once you have filled your stocking with suggested "stocking stuffers," please return it to our table in the Ministry Room after any of the Sunday masses OR return it to the main office during office hours by no later than Tuesday December 14.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

## Around the Parish

### **Blue Christmas Service**

A Service of Healing and Hope: 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. Please call Jolene at 331-707-5380 for more details or to register.

### **Ladies' Advent Tea**

Please save the date for the 12th annual Ladies' Advent Tea on Sunday, November 28 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm. All women 16 years and older are invited. Mothers and daughters are encouraged to attend this in-person gathering in the Parish Life Center, and don't forget to bring your favorite tea cup! For questions, connect with Jolene LeRoy at 331-707-5380.

### **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)

### **Holiday Poinsettia Sale**

We will be selling beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas Holiday! All proceeds support our teen summer mission trip program.

How to order: Please get an order form from the parish website or in the lobby. Return order forms and payment to the R.E. Office located in the Parish Life Center OR place your order AFTER MASS on November 20-21 or December 4-5 at the lobby table. Payment is required with the order. Order absolute DEADLINE is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!

**Pick-Up of plants will be on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> between 8-10AM** in the PLC. Please contact us at 331-707-5371 or [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com) with any questions.

### **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.



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	551,029
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	570,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(18,971)</b>
11/07/21 Sunday Collection	\$	34,748
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>4,748</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!!</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.		



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 Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
September, 2021	\$	643,911
October, 2021	\$	<b>632,712</b>

Parish Goal	\$ 154,400
Amount Pledged	\$ 165,591
Amount Paid	\$ 160,404
Remaining Balance	\$ 5,188
Rebate Amount	\$ 4,203
# of Families Pledged	528



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](http://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.**

## 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.

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## Parish Office

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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

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