

Peace



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



2nd Sunday
of *Advent*

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Last week I said that Advent was my favorite time in the liturgical calendar because it is a season of hope. Advent is not primarily a time to get ready for Christmas or for celebrating Jesus' birth 2,000 year ago. That may come as a surprise to you! Advent is a time to deepen

our participation in the presence of the divine being born into the world **right now**. Today's readings offer hope – hope grounded in the history of God with the people and hope for a way forward in difficult times.

In the first reading, we see Jerusalem as a mother, mourning the loss of her children who have been exiled to Babylon. We understand the sorrow of a mother who waits, powerless to relieve the suffering of her children so far away. Photos of immigrant mothers whose children were taken from them at the U.S.-Mexico border give us a modern image of this agony. Yet this reading is one of hope. The prophet announces the exile is coming to an end. God hasn't forgotten them.

The Gospel uses similar words of straightening roads to introduce the mission of John the Baptist. But first, Luke makes sure we know that John's call came in the midst of messy human history. He names the political "Who's Who," starting at the top with Tiberius Caesar then Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas and his brother sons of Herod the Great. The high priests Annas and Caiaphas are included in the list. Politics right down to religious leaders. Both John and Jesus would suffer at their hands.

The powerful and wealthy were not friends of the poor and marginalized then just as they are not now. We wait in a messy world ruled by power and money. Not a lot has changed...that is, on the outside. But real change happens on the inside. Hope resides in the heart.

When John the Baptist called for repentance, he was not telling people to be sorry for breaking rules. The Greek word translated as "repentance" is *metanoia* and its meaning is broad and deep. It is a turning, an **inner** transformation, a radical change in lifestyle. John's message to prepare the way of God's coming by filling in the valleys and leveling the mountains is not to be taken literally. It is the geography of the heart he calls us to change. Clear the path to welcome Christ who is born into our hearts as truly as Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

This inner change is not about personal salvation. It is for all people. All creation. We are called to live with the tender love and mercy that God showed to the Israelites; and to be a people of justice, called to inner transformation so we can participate in Christ's ongoing transformation of the world.

Have a Blessed Advent!



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am † Jim & Barbara DeZellar, by The Reiters
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Alberto Norena, by Hepburn Family
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop

8:00 am † Marion Moran

(Live Streamed)

7:00 pm † Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett

7:00 pm No Reconciliations

Wednesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

6:30 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy

8:00 am † Michael Prasse, by Family

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Edward John Lynch, by Madeline Lynch
(Live Streamed)

7:00 pm † Expedito Cervera, Sr by Family

Thursday, December 9 - St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

6:30 am † Aurea Tendero Travina, by Edgar & Beng Cuartero

8:00 am † Bonifacio Ta-la-Way, by The Tan Family
(Live Streamed)

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 am † John Horton, by Dorothy Horton
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, December 11 - St Damasus I, Pope

8:30 am † Rose Christina Sincora, by Family
(Live Streamed)

9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)

1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)

4:00 pm **Vigil - Third Sunday of Advent**

† Joyce Markus, by Family

† Marian Pierzynski, by Family & Friends

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Jim Hartnett, by Cheryl Hartnett

10:00 am † Austin Chase, by Mike & Lori Coit
(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Alfonso, Sr & Estella Ramirez, by Family

5:30 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. The Philippines | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. Friend/Family Birthdays | 10. Ann Borberg |
| 3. Souls of Friends & Families | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. In Thanksgiving | 12. Robin Pazos |
| 5. Rose Christine Sincora | 13. Tristan Pazos |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Prov Girls |
| 7. Hugh Griffin | 15. Jenna Tolentino |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. Mark A Chapas, Jr |

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 11 & 12

Father James will preach at all Masses.

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



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
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
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!



La semana pasada dije que el Adviento era mi tiempo favorito en el calendario litúrgico porque es una temporada de esperanza. El Adviento no es principalmente un tiempo para prepararse para la Navidad o para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús hace 2,000 años. ¡Eso puede venir como una sorpresa para ti! El Adviento es un tiempo para profundizar nuestra participación en la presencia del ser divino que nace en el mundo **ahora mismo**. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen esperanza: esperanza basada en la historia de Dios con la gente y esperanza de un camino a seguir en tiempos difíciles.

En la primera lectura, vemos a Jerusalén como una madre, lamentando la pérdida de sus hijos que han sido exiliados a Babilonia. Entendemos el dolor de una madre que espera, impotente para aliviar el sufrimiento de sus hijos tan lejos. Las fotos de madres inmigrantes cuyos hijos les fueron arrebatados en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México nos dan una imagen moderna de esta agonía. Sin embargo, esta lectura es de esperanza. El profeta anuncia que el exilio está llegando a su fin. Dios no los ha olvidado.

El Evangelio usa palabras similares para enderezar caminos para presentar la misión de Juan el Bautista. Pero primero, Lucas se asegura de que sepamos que el llamado de Juan se produjo en medio de la desordenada historia de la humanidad. Él nombra al político "Quién es quién", comenzando en la parte superior con Tiberio César, luego Poncio Pilato, Herodes Antipas y los hijos de su hermano Herodes el Grande. Los sumos sacerdotes Anás y Caifás están incluidos en la lista. La política hasta los líderes religiosos. Tanto Juan como Jesús sufrirían en sus manos.

Los poderosos y ricos no eran amigos de los pobres y marginados entonces como no lo son ahora. Esperamos en un mundo desordenado gobernado por el poder y el dinero. No ha cambiado mucho... es decir, en el exterior. Pero el cambio real ocurre en el interior. La esperanza reside en el corazón.

Cuando Juan el Bautista pidió el arrepentimiento, no le estaba diciendo a la gente que se arrepintiera por romper las reglas. La palabra griega traducida como "arrepentimiento" es *metanoia* y su significado es amplio y profundo. Es un giro, una transformación *interior*, un cambio radical en el estilo de vida. El mensaje de Juan de preparar el camino de la venida de Dios llenando los valles y nivelando las montañas no debe tomarse literalmente. Es la geografía del corazón lo que él nos llama a cambiar. Despeja el camino para recibir a Cristo que nace en nuestros corazones tan verdaderamente como Jesús nació en Belén.

Este cambio interior no se trata de salvación personal. Es para todas las personas. Toda la creación. Estamos llamados a vivir con el tierno amor y la misericordia que Dios mostró a los Israelitas; y ser un pueblo de justicia, llamado a la transformación interior para que podamos participar en la transformación continua de Cristo al mundo.



¡Que tengan un Bendecido Adviento!



Lecturas de la Semana

- Domingo** Bar 5, 1-9;
Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6;
Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11;
Lc 3, 1-6
- Lunes** Is 35, 1-10;
Sal 84, 9ab-10. 11-12.13-14;
Lc 5, 17-26
- Martes** Is 40, 1-11;
Sal 95, 1-2. 3 y 10ac. 11-12. 13;
Mt 18, 12-14
- Miércoles** Gn 3, 9-15. 20;
Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4;
Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12;
Lc 1, 26-38
- Jueves** Is 41, 13-20;
Sal 144, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13ab;
Mt 11, 11-15
- Viernes** Is 48, 17-19;
Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6;
Mt 11, 16-19
- Sábado** Sir 48, 1-4. 9-11;
Sal 79, 2ac. 3b. 15-16. 18-19;
Mt 17, 10-13
- Domingo** Sof 3, 14-18;
Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6;
Flp 4, 4-7;
Lc 3, 10-18



December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today we have blogs and life coaches, Facebook groups and self-help books, all of which can help us become better human beings. These resources come to mind as I read St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians – I think St. Paul would be the ultimate life coach! All of his letters to the early Church offer wisdom, encouragement, and instruction, and the words we heard today are particularly significant as we prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent: "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Unlike some of our modern-day resources, Paul's words go beyond simply helpful advice; they are rooted in faith and prayer, and in the truth of the Paschal Mystery. These words assure us that we are not alone on our journey, that what God has promised in the person of his Son will come to fruition: Christ will come again! And so, as John the Baptist did, we who are disciples are meant to witness to his coming, announcing the Good News and preparing for his – second – coming. Repent. Believe. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." How do we do this? Engage with Scripture – read it and really hear what the Word of God is saying to you. Pray for insight, that the grace of God might transform you to go forth and announce the Gospel.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even pre-Google, I spent more time than perhaps I should have hunting down the perfect gifts, especially for my young boys. I'd scour the ads, then get up early on Black Friday and hit the stores in search of deals and hard-to-find items. Perhaps that's why these words from St. Paul stopped me in my tracks: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, *to discern what is of value* [italics added], so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." During Advent, these words can both assure and challenge us – to grow in love, knowledge, and a sense of what really matters during our time on earth. For me the challenge will be to spend less time shopping this season and more time focusing on deepening my relationship with God, who is preparing to turn the darkness into light. This doesn't mean we can't take delight in finding that perfect gift; but we ought also to increase our recognition that all gifts come from God, including our ability to have access to and means to purchase material gifts. We can find joy in God's presence (and presents?) among us.

ACTIONS Re-read today's Gospel, and then consider how Saint Paul

followed in John the Baptist's footsteps in his Letter to the Philippians. Think of ways you, like John and Paul, can encourage one another, and be a voice crying out in the desert. Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and pray that God may cleanse your heart to welcome him at Christmas, and when he comes again.

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 **Monday, December 13** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Room 124 in the Parish Life Center. The December 15 session previously scheduled has been changed to the 13th due to the movie night on the 15th.

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.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, December 14 in the church after 6:30pm 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.

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 church on Sunday, December 19 from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Second Sunday of Advent

As you light the second candle on your Advent wreath, the purple candle is lit to represent faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. Reflect on the faith that Joseph and Mary had in believing that all would be well in their journey and with the birth of their child. Faith grows through prayer and reflection. May your faith be enriched and strengthened during this Advent season.

Grief Support Group in January

If you or someone you know would benefit from a weekly grief support group starting in the middle of January 2022, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for details at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.



Fill a Stocking for a Family in Need This Christmas!

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

How Can you Help?

Purchase a red Christmas stocking at a local store and fill it with goodies for children. You can find a list of suggested items in the Narthex to 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

Justice & Peace Ministry

What is Catholic Social Teaching? Some call it the Church's best kept secret!! Catholic social teaching (CST) is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the Eucharist.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

CST emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about himself - a triune God whose very nature is communal and social. God reveals himself to us as one who is not alone, but rather as one who is relational, one who is Trinity. Therefore, we who are made in God's image share this communal, social nature. We are called to reach out and to build relationships of love and justice. ---from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions

There are seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Next time we will address each of these themes and how we are living these at OLM and how we can better understand how we can incorporate them in all aspects of our lives.



LIGHT

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 8th graders for our trip to Maumee, Ohio this coming July. Get the information and sign-up online here: <https://forms.gle/KF3APvkteQJffg4M9>

Poinsettia Sale Pick-up is Saturday, December 11th.

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

Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)

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

EDGE Retreat for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be Saturday, January 8th 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/>

Knights News:

Blood Drive

We were able to collect 18 units of blood at our last drive on 11/13! Thanks to all who came and gave so others can live! Our next drive will be Saturday January 15th.

September ID (Tootsie Roll) Drive

We were able to collect almost \$1,400 the weekend of 9/18-19 and will be making donations to Gigi's Playhouse and the Metea and Waubonsie Valley HS Best Buddy programs.

Coats For Kids

Thanks to your generosity at our last Pancake Breakfast, we were able to donate 48 new coats for needy kids to Catholic Charities of Joliet.

Pancake Breakfast

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday December 12th and all profits will be donated to our Seminarians. Come out and enjoy a delicious breakfast and some great fellowship with your fellow parishioners!

Annual Free Throw Contest

Open to boys and girls aged 9 to 14 on Saturday January 22nd starting at 9:00 AM in the PLC Gym. Sharpen up your shooting skills and join us for some fun! Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

Thinking of becoming a Knight?

You can join for free between now and the end of the year. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men aged 18 and up, it will only take 30 minutes of your time and you can become part of the largest Catholic Men's service organization in the world. We need you! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at jleroy53@hotmail.com or call 630-336-7728

Around the Parish

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.

Angel Giving Program

Give the Gift of Food & Warmth to a Family in Need this Christmas Season! This year we are partnering with the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Hesed House and St. Vincent de Paul to assist families in need throughout the holidays! Parishioners may make donations via our Online Giving Portal. Donations will benefit those individuals who are currently receiving aide through SVDP in order to assist the families with rent and utility payments. Donations will also assist the purchase of Christmas meals through the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry and Hesed House to benefit those families whom they currently assist! 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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Mass times for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th are 6:30am, 8am, 12pm and 7pm. We pray to see you at any of the Mass times; let us rejoice with the Immaculate Mother of God, for it is through her intercession that God has bestowed every spiritual blessing upon us.

Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW Volunteers

Every Sunday at the 10am Mass is the beautiful ministry of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Do you love children and caring for them while they listen to the Gospel? Please connect with Mary Jo Trapani maryjot@olmercy.com or Jean Palasz jeanp@olmercy.com to volunteer.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers

Thank you for your support of our clothing drive. Your clothing donation, as well as your financial donations throughout the year, allows us to help our parishioners and neighbors in need. In 2020 over 120 people/families were provided assistance. The ministry is always looking for volunteers to join our St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting our neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, send an email at olmsvdp@gmail.com with your name and contact information.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	577,474
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	600,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(22,526)
11/14/21 Sunday Collection	\$	26,445
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(3,555)
<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
September, 2021	\$	643,911
October, 2021	\$	632,712



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	\$	166,316
Amount Paid	\$	162,236
Remaining Balance	\$	4,080
Rebate Amount	\$	5,485
# of Families Pledged		530

Christmas Flower Offerings

This Christmas we will decorate the church with poinsettias around the altar. If you wish to make a gift towards the flowers please go to our website at www.olmercy.com and click on "Give" and log into Online Giving and choose "Flowers:". If you wish to memorialize your loved ones you can add their names in the Comments section. Flowers can also be memorialized by using one of the flower envelopes found in the narthex. The recommended donation is \$10.00. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our church beautiful during the holiday season.

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. 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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Dcn Art Tiongson hope2640@yahoo.com

Dcn Lupe Villarreal lupev@olmercy.com

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