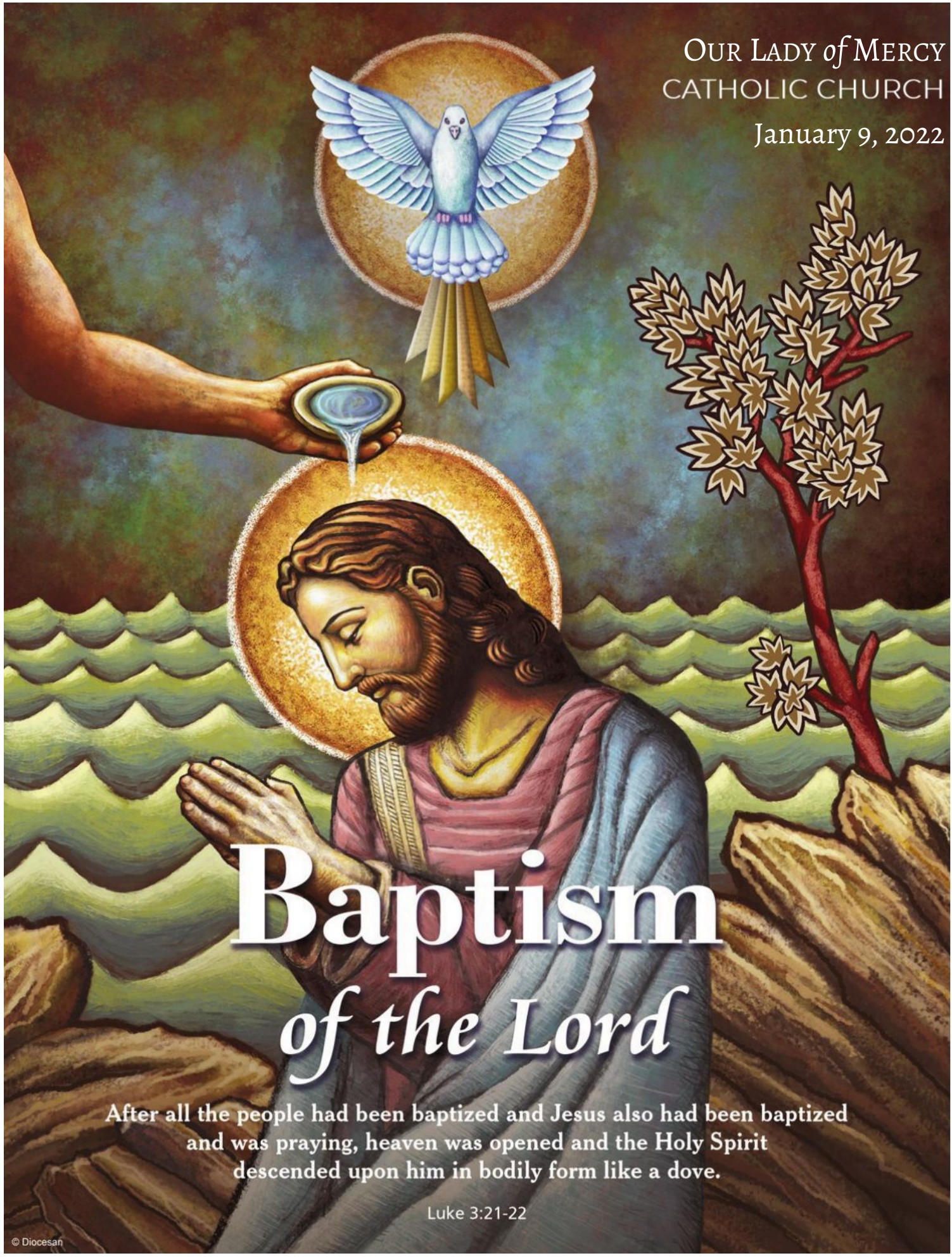


OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 9, 2022



Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

From The Pastor's Desk...

Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!



Is your Christmas tree still up? After all, Christmas is not simply a day, it is a season. Almost four weeks after Christmas Day, this glorious season concludes. At the beginning we celebrate the birth of Jesus and walk in faith, the hand of the infant Jesus holding our hand. Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, our Christmas season ends and the hands of the adult Jesus with his arms around our shoulders guides us. It is a day to reflect on our own baptism however long ago that was.

Our baptism is our gateway into the sacrament life of the Church. Through baptism we carry on the mission of Jesus in our day-to-day lives. Just as Jesus' ministry began with his baptism by John, so our ministry to others begins as we grow in the life of the Church. BAPTISM is the beginning. Through the sacraments we are called to be Church to those around us. We are the Church. We are the Body of Christ

After his baptism by John, and before his public ministry begins, Jesus retires alone to a private place for sincere prayer. He prepares himself for what is to come. How many of us pray before we begin something new and life-changing? Such as a new job, getting married, beginning a new family? Our baptismal promises urge us to nurture our prayer life. Prayer has the power to transform our lives. How much time we spend and where we choose to be when we pray is always up to us. For some, sitting in a quiet church or chapel is ideal. For others, the kitchen table, the garden, or a quiet place in the woods, or even your car on the way to or from work. Every place and time can be a good place to pray.

As we have begun a new year, make a resolution to embrace the meaning of your baptism – you were commissioned to continue the work of Jesus, and get the power to do that by deepening your life of prayer!

With the close of the Christmas Season, on behalf of Fr. James, Deacon Tom, our permanent deacons, seminarian Andrew and our staff, I thank everyone who gifted us with home-made goodies, candy, personal Christmas presents, your best wishes and prayers. We would also like to extend a profound "thank you" to our Art & Environment Committee, Liturgy Team, all our Musicians, liturgical ministers and anyone who helped make our 2021 celebration of Christmas at OLM a wonderful and beautiful experience!

Have a blessed week!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Tom".



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, January 10 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am In Thanksgiving, The Rajasekhar Family
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Family in Purgatory
(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, January 11 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Maureen Sheehan, by John & Janice Melisi
(Live Streamed)
- 6:30 pm † Debbie Verdico, by Bogusz Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

Wednesday, January 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm Int Ted Popernick, by The Freeston Family
(Live Streamed)

Thursday, January 13 - St Hiliary, Bishop

- 6:30 am Int Fr James Altman, by Betsy Gallo
- 8:00 am † Martin Grill, by Mary Krcmarik
(Live Streamed)
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, January 14 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Josefina Rina-Oliva by Ross Rina
(Live Streamed)

Saturday, January 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Marian Leckey, by Her Children
(Live Streamed)
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
In Thanksgiving, by Gerald & Lisa Brancato

Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Michelle Viola, by Chris Harvey
- 10:00 am † Robert LeMay *(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Daniel Labrador, Jr by Angie Pe



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Colleen B. | 9. Jeanne P. |
| 2. Gratitude - RC's Recovery | 10. Ann Borberg |
| 3. Thanksgiving for Graces | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. New Home | 12. Manuel & Elda Felix |
| 5. Special Intentions | 13. Loreto Gaspar, Jr |
| 6. God Bless the Philippines | 14. Alexis J Yillasin |
| 7. The Deceased | 15. Marie Sulita |
| 8. Sharon Orig | 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

January 15 & 16

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

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



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
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
Jim Pluskota
Dan Saurer
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!



¿Tu árbol de Navidad todavía está parado? Después de todo, la Navidad no es simplemente un día, es una temporada. Casi cuatro semanas después del Día de Navidad, concluye esta gloriosa temporada. Al principio celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús y caminamos en la fe, la mano del niño Jesús sosteniendo nuestra mano. Hoy, mientras celebramos el Bautismo de Jesús, nuestra temporada Navideña termina y las manos del Jesús adulto con sus brazos alrededor de nuestros hombros nos guían. Es un día para reflexionar sobre nuestro propio bautismo, por mucho tiempo que haya sido.

Nuestro bautismo es nuestra puerta de entrada a la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. A través del bautismo llevamos a cabo la misión de Jesús en nuestro día a día. Así como el ministerio de Jesús comenzó con su bautismo por Juan, nuestro ministerio a los demás comienza a medida que crecemos en la vida de la Iglesia. EL BAUTISMO es el comienzo. A través de los sacramentos estamos llamados a ser Iglesia para quienes nos rodean. Somos la Iglesia. Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo.

Después de su bautismo por Juan, y antes de que comience su ministerio público, Jesús se retira solo a un lugar privado para orar sinceramente. Se prepara para lo que está por venir. ¿Cuántos de nosotros oramos antes de comenzar algo nuevo y que cambia la vida? ¿Como un nuevo trabajo, casarse, comenzar una nueva familia? Nuestras promesas bautismales nos instan a nutrir nuestra vida de oración. La oración tiene el poder de transformar nuestras vidas. Cuánto tiempo pasamos y dónde elegimos estar cuando oramos siempre depende de nosotros. Para algunos, sentarse en una iglesia o capilla tranquila es ideal. Para otros, la mesa de la cocina, el jardín o un lugar tranquilo en el bosque, o incluso su automóvil en el camino hacia o desde el trabajo. Cada lugar y momento puede ser un buen lugar para orar.

Al comenzar un nuevo año, tomen la resolución de abrazar el significado de su bautismo: ¡recibieron el encargo de continuar la obra de Jesús y obtener el poder para hacerlo profundizando su vida de oración!

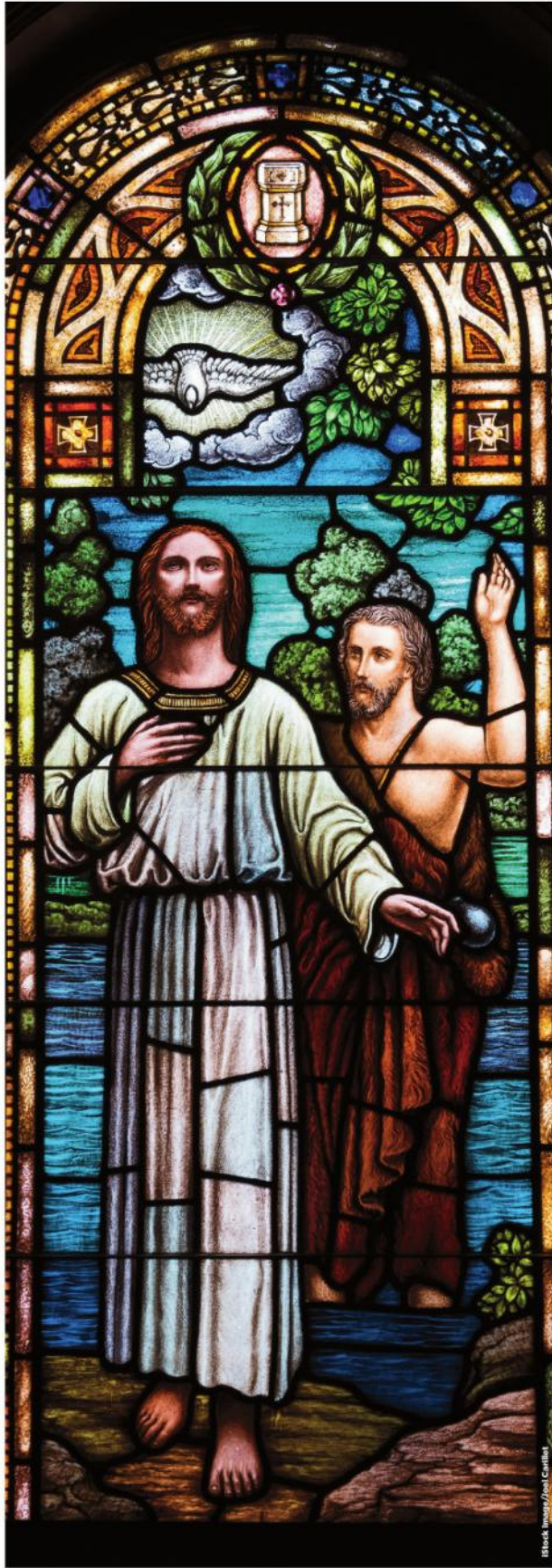
Con el cierre de la Temporada Navideña, a nombre del Padre James, el Diácono Tom, nuestros diáconos permanentes, el seminarista Andrew y nuestro personal, agradezco a todos los que nos obsequiaron golosinas caseras, dulces, regalos de Navidad personales, sus mejores deseos y oraciones. ¡También nos gustaría extender un profundo "gracias" a nuestro Comité de Arte y Medio Ambiente, al Equipo de Liturgia, a todos nuestros Músicos, ministros litúrgicos y a todos los que ayudaron a hacer de nuestra celebración de la Navidad del 2021 en OLM una experiencia maravillosa y hermosa!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/ Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Sal 103, 1-2a. 2b-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30/ Hch 10, 34-38 o Ti 2, 11-14; Ti 3, 4-7/ Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22
Lunes	1 Sm 1, 1-8/ Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/ Mc 1, 14-20
Martes	1 Sm 1, 9-20/ 1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles	1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/ Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves	1 Sm 4, 1-11/ Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes	1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/ Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/ Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado	1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19, 1 Sm 10, 1/ Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mc 2, 13-17
Domingo	Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario Is 62, 1-5/ Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10a y c/ 1 Cor 12, 4-11/ Jn 2, 1-11



January 9, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is “the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.” (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it’s much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus’ baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, “You are my beloved Son.” So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father’s saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God’s beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as “the doorway to the Church” because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn’t. Each day that we “put on Christ” and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

SERVE Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been “anointed,” in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?

Pastoral Care

Grief Support Sessions

Weekly grief support sessions will begin at the end of January offered in the evening and during the day on Mondays. The guide that will be used is "Understanding Your Grief Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Alan D. Wolfelt, PH.D. If you would like more information or would like to register to attend, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com. Look to your faith community for support and understanding during your experience of grief and loss.

Open HEARTS Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual support or resources for mental and emotional health and wellness, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at olmopenhearts@yahoo.com. The Open HEARTS Ministry educates and supports those with mental health and emotional challenges through hope, empathy, awareness, renewal, trust and support. Dates for gatherings in the months to come are being planned.

The Upper Room Crisis Hotline is a faith-based hotline in the Catholic tradition at 1-888-808-8774. The website for the hotline is www.catholic hotline.org. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255.

Healthy Eating in 2022

According to the Mayo Clinic, the Mediterranean diet is a heart-healthy eating plan based on the traditional cuisines of Greece, Italy and other countries that border the Mediterranean Sea. The foundation of the diet is plant-based foods, such as whole grains, vegetables, legumes, fruits, nuts, seeds, herbs and spices. Olive oil is the main source of added fat. Fish, seafood, dairy and poultry are included in moderation. Red meat and sweets are eaten only occasionally.

If you would like to follow the Mediterranean diet, the following tips

may help to prepare you to make healthy lifestyle choices. As a plant-based diet, eating seven to ten servings of fruits and vegetables daily is an important part of it. Eating fiber-rich foods helps the body stabilize blood sugar and make you feel fuller. Eat fish twice a week – grilled or baked – not deep fried. Fatty fish such as mackerel, herring, sardines, albacore tuna and salmon are rich in omega-3 fatty acids. These polyunsaturated fats help fight inflammation in the body. Avoid red meat – use fish, poultry or beans instead. Incorporate whole grains. Use healthy fats. Skip the salt. Eat dairy in moderation.

The health benefits of the Mediterranean diet come together by adding aerobic exercise such as running, walking, hiking or swimming. Thirty minutes to an hour of exercise a day will help keep your heart healthy and strong and maintain a healthy weight. For more information about the Mediterranean diet and recipes, check out www.mayoclinic.org or www.mediterraneanplan.com. As with any diet plan, consult with your health care provider to make sure it is appropriate for you in relation to your medical health status and conditions.

Be Kind and Take Care of Yourself

Self-care is important along with practicing kindness to avoid burnout. People in caregiving professions who continually take on the emotional stress of others may experience burnout more often. Burn out usually occurs when people do not have time or take the time for self-care practices that help them recharge and focus on their own mental well-being.


Consider the following self-care suggestions: take breaks, take a nap, schedule vacation days and truly get away or disconnect, spend time outside, or participate in wellness activities such as meditation, exercise or a hobby. Being kind

to others helps to build a caring community – remember to be kind to yourself so that you can continue to practice kindness every day.

Kindness triggers a neurochemical response in the body as the two feel-good hormones (oxytocin and dopamine) get released and cortisol (the hormone related to stress) decreases. Performing an act of kindness, being the receiver of an act of kindness or witnessing an act of kindness benefit the health of everyone involved. Let's continue to spread kindness and the love of God in what we do and say every day.

Pastoral Care

If you have questions about end-of-life issues, would like to pre-plan your funeral, are experiencing grief or loss, or are homebound and not able to come to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at jolenel@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380. Pastoral care involves taking care of and assisting with physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and wellness concerns.

Giving 
WARMS THE HEART
DONATE BLOOD

Saturday January 15
8:00am - 12:00pm
PHOTO ID & MASK required. Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12005 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Located at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Catholic Church in Rooms 114 & 110, 701 S Eola Rd, Aurora

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 770-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!

Giving warms the heart! Donate and receive a limited-edition pair of Versiti socks, while supplies last.

Stepping Up



Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for a virtual class that promotes empowerment, peace, and ways to cope with life during this difficult season. Meeting virtually on Tuesdays for 8 weeks January 25th through March 29th 10:00-11:30 am



During this time, more than ever we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Stepping Up is a group that offers support, encouragement, and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. Stepping Up is a nonjudgmental environment to share feelings and gain helpful skills for a better life.

Topics include:

- Living beyond your past
- Coping during a pandemic
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Effective communication
- Budgeting
- Boundaries
- Racial and cultural identity

Need assistance connecting?

All you need is a device with a camera and microphone and we can help!

To register, contact Joy Newburn at (630) 519-6547 or jnewburn@cc-doj.org

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching 1

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

We believe that God created man and woman in his image and thus all people have inherent dignity. There is nothing anyone can do to gain or take away their human dignity, since it is God given, not earned. Because of this, we believe that every life is sacred and that no life—born or unborn—is disposable. All of the principles of Catholic social teaching flow from the core belief that every person has inherent dignity that must be respected. In whom is it easy to see God's image?

Are there people who you struggle to believe are made in God's image? St. John Paul II wrote - "Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature." - The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), no. 3

Pope Francis said - "When we speak of mankind, we must never forget the various attacks on the sacredness of human life. The plague of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers and sisters to die on boats in the Strait of Sicily is an attack on life. Dying on the job because the minimum safety standards are not respected is an attack on life. Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity." - Address to Meeting of the Science and Life Association.

At Our Lady of Mercy we pray for the unborn. We support Waterleaf through the baby bottle collection. Loving Hands members create baby blankets, sweaters and hats for babies. Parishioners donate and/or prepare food for Hesus House monthly. The SVDP provides assistance to individuals and families in emergency situations to preserve quality of life. We pray for the sick and dying and some visit the sick. Let us remember that all life is essential and pray for refugees and aliens, orphans and widows, the mentally ill, the elderly, homeless persons, the incarcerated, those on death row, etc..... we pray for all God's people.

<https://youtu.be/ABRI2ZSs58E> check out a video

Around the Parish

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Saturday, November 13 from 8:00 am to 12:00 om 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, load the Versiti Donor App or call 800-7TO-GIVE. Every donor will save up to 3 lives.

Respect Life Ministry

You are invited to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on Friday, January 7, 2022. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.

Free Throw Championship

On Saturday 1/22/2022 at 9am is the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 8:45am. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of 1/1/2022, are invited to participate, please present proof of age during registration with written parental consent. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to the district, region, and state competitions. The District competition will take place in February at a to be determined location. For additional information call (630) 957-7559.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers

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.

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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	729,544
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	750,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(20,456)
12/19/21 Sunday Collection	\$	34,596
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
Amount Short of Goal	\$	4,596
<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
October, 2021	\$	632,712
November, 2021	\$	621,273



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	\$ 167,951
Amount Paid	\$ 166,289
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,663
Rebate Amount	\$ 8,322
# of Families Pledged	532

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. 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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