

OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

And raising his eyes toward  
his disciples he said:  
“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20





## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



With retirement 136 days away, I have to start thinking about moving – again! This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> move in forty one years! I am often frustrated by the amount of possessions I have accumulated over the years. It is not only the things I have collected over the forty years of my priesthood, but also the things I brought with me each move. When going through boxes, I find things that were once important and now have no meaning, or at least I have forgotten the meaning. I must wonder why it was so special and why I felt the need to save it. Once I have determined that I no longer want or need the object, I struggle with what to do next. Were there times when those possessions came between me and God. Now, over the years, I have received many religious nick-knacks as gifts from well-intentioned parishioners. However, with a collection of 40 years I could easily open a religious good store! Of course, these religious items have enhanced my devotional and prayer life. Psychologist Carl Jung said, “What is a normal goal to a young person becomes a neurotic hindrance in old age.”

In Luke's gospel of the “beatitudes” today, we are reminded of our moral obligation to care for the marginalized. We are taught that sin is when we make choices that separate us from God. Hoarding wealth and ignoring the needs of those less fortunate also separates us from God. Jesus makes it quite clear that it may keep us out of the kingdom. He calls out the rich and preaches that they have received their kingdom on earth. In their world, that have no need for God's mercy because their needs are already being met by the “good life.”

But the psalmist reminds us that we can prosper if we chose to live a just life. The rich are not locked out but must let their roots spread to others in kindness and generosity. They can make a choice to hoard their wealth as the poor struggle to survive, or they can bear fruit and share with others.

So what shall I do with the over-abundance of possession that can hinder my relationship with God? I must share them, donate them, or give them away freely so that others may use them. The comfort we seek is found in the kingdom of God, not in wealth or possessions! So, watch for our youth ministry garage sale this summer – several of my treasures just might end up there!

Have a blessed week!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 14 - Sts Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

8:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Edward John Lynch, by Madeline Lynch

*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, February 15 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Int George Engel, by Kathy Grannan

*(Live Streamed)*

6:30 pm † Ross Urso

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, February 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm Int Fr Don McLaughlin *(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, February 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am Int Fr James Altman, by Betsy Gallo

8:00 am † Angela Gomez, by Luchie Saraceni

*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, February 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Marian Simcoe, by Family

*(Live Streamed)*

### Saturday, February 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Zenaida Adap Alegre by The Alcantara's

*(Live Streamed)*

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family

† Edward Nevera, Jr by

Stan & Beth Nieweglowski

### Sunday, February 20 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer

10:00 am † Donald Butch Anderson, by  
The Kraehmer Family *(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy

5:30 pm † Gloria Crews, by Family



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Fr Don McLaughlin           | 9. Soul of Nathaniel Centeno Jr |
| 2. John A.                     | 10. Ann Borberg                 |
| 3. Camille Marie Damore        | 11. Special Intention-C.H.      |
| 4. Manuel Cordero              | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty   |
| 5. The Pluskota Family         | 13. The Sick                    |
| 6. Healing for Father Don      | 14. Healing for Estela          |
| 7. Healing Family Relationship | 15. Success of Children         |
| 8. The Deceased                | 16. Special Intention           |

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

**February 19 & 20**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Martini
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Doug McIlvaine (A)
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Phil Rehmer
	5:30 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Leazzo

## We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

### **For our sick, confined and their families.**

David Bakke  
Ailani Banulos  
Ann Borberg  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Wayne Draper  
Mary Dunbar  
Bridget Garry  
Connie Hegg  
Jim Hegg  
Nancy Higgins  
Mark Hoeksema  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Antoinette Humanski  
Steve Johnson  
Helen Joseph  
Michael Kuchinski  
Patricia Kramer Daugherty  
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  
Joy Rinon  
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!***



Con la jubilación a 136 días, tengo que empezar a pensar en mudarme, ¡otra vez! ¡Esta será la octava mudanza en cuarenta y un años! A menudo me siento frustrado por la cantidad de posesiones que he acumulado a lo largo de los años. No son solo las cosas que he coleccionado durante los cuarenta años de mi sacerdocio, sino también las cosas que traje conmigo en cada mudanza. Al revisar las cajas, encuentro cosas que alguna vez fueron importantes y ahora no tienen significado, o al menos se me ha olvidado el significado. Debo preguntarme por qué fue tan especial y por qué sentí la necesidad de guardarlo. Una vez que he determinado que ya no quiero ni necesito el objeto, lucho por saber qué hacer a continuación. Hubo momentos en que esas posesiones se interpusieron entre Dios y yo. Ahora, a lo largo de los años, he recibido muchos adornos religiosos como obsequios de feligreses bien intencionados. Sin embargo, con una colección de 40 años, ¡podría abrir fácilmente una tienda de artículos religiosos! Por supuesto, estos artículos religiosos han mejorado mi vida devocional y de oración. El psicólogo Carl Jung dijo: “Lo que es un objetivo normal para una persona joven se convierte en un obstáculo neurótico en la vejez”.

En el evangelio de Lucas de las “bienaventuranzas” de hoy, se nos recuerda nuestra obligación moral de cuidar a los marginados. Se nos enseña que el pecado es cuando tomamos decisiones que nos separan de Dios. Acumular riquezas e ignorar las necesidades de los menos afortunados también nos separa de Dios. Jesús deja bastante claro que esto puede mantenernos fuera del reino. Llama a los ricos y predica que han recibido su reino en la tierra. En su mundo, que no tienen necesidad de la misericordia de Dios porque sus necesidades ya están siendo satisfechas por la “buena vida”.

Pero el salmista nos recuerda que podemos prosperar si elegimos vivir una vida justa. Los ricos no están excluidos, sino que deben dejar que sus raíces se extiendan a otros con bondad y generosidad. Pueden tomar la decisión de atesorar su riqueza mientras los pobres luchan por sobrevivir, o pueden dar frutos y compartirlos con los demás.

Entonces, ¿qué debo hacer con la sobreabundancia de posesiones que pueden obstaculizar mi relación con Dios? Debo compartirlos, donarlos o regalarlos libremente para que otros puedan usarlos. ¡El consuelo que buscamos se encuentra en el reino de Dios, no en riquezas o posesiones! Por lo tanto, estén atentos a nuestra venta de garaje del ministerio juvenil este verano, ¡varios de mis tesoros podrían terminar allí!

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*



“Dichosos ustedes los que lloran ahora, porque al fin reirán”.

## Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Jer 17, 5-8/ Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/ 1 Cor 15, 12. 16-20 Lc 6, 17. 20-26
Lunes	Sant 1, 1-11/ Sal 118, 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/ Mc 8, 11-13
Martes	Sant 1, 12-18/ Sal 93, 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19/ Mc 8, 14-21
Miércoles	Sant 1, 19-27/ Sal 14, 2-3ab. 3cd-4ab. 5/ Mc 8, 22-26
Jueves	Sant 2, 1-9/ Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/ Mc 8, 27-33
Viernes	Sant 2, 14-24, 26/Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mc 8, 34—9, 1
Sábado	Sant 3, 1-10/ Sal 11, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mc 9, 2-13
Domingo	1 Sam 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23/ Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10. 12-13/ 1 Cor 15, 45-49/ Lc 6, 27-38





February 13, 2022

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17, 20-26

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

Luke's account of the Beatitudes pulls no punches. Blessed are you ... who are poor, hungry, weeping, when people hate you. These admonitions bear little resemblance to the pursuit of happiness as most of us know it: Striving for wealth (or at least stability), enjoying a good meal, sharing a laugh with friends, and being well-liked. These are things of this world, and Jesus tells us that pursuing them alone will not make us truly happy. I don't think that means we need to wear sackcloth and ashes, or refuse to enjoy the great gifts with which God has endowed his Creation. However, Jesus' words remind us that we won't find lasting happiness even in the finest meal or the most lavish vacation, but rather in placing our lives in God's hands. For the desire for happiness "is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw us to the One who alone can fulfill it." (CCC 1718)

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's a little ironic that I am writing a reflection entitled "GROW and GO." Few plants have survived my black thumb. That's why I love the image of the tree in the reading from Jeremiah. One who trusts in the Lord "is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream; it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." These words from Jeremiah are a prophecy of hope, and hope allows us to accompany one another through the hills and valleys (and occasional dead plants) of our lives. We can become a source of hope to others by praying for and with one another and encouraging them on their own journeys of faith. In doing so, we help one another tap into the ultimate source of hope - the God who loves us.

**STUDY** Read the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount and reflect on how Jesus' teachings draw us ever more to himself and highlight our baptismal vocation: holiness. What one thing can you bring to prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation this week to purify your heart?

## Pastoral Care

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, February 15 in the church after 6:30pm Mass 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.

### Open HEARTS Ministry

The mental and emotional health and wellness ministry of the parish is the Open HEARTS Ministry. It is important that our faith community be a source of support, education and advocacy for mental health and wellness. If you are a mental health professional or are a champion for mental health and wellness, please consider joining the ministry.

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental and emotional health concerns, there is support and resources available at Our Lady of Mercy and in the community. The next in-person gathering for the Open HEARTS Ministry is Monday, February 21 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218 in the Parish Life Center. The topic for discussion will be *"Finding God in the Everyday"*. If you have questions, need support or resources or would like to join the ministry, please contact Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com).

### Spiritual and Emotional Care of the Heart

There are many scripture passages that reflect God's guidance in taking spiritual and emotional care of the heart. *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbor as yourself"* (Mark 12:30-31) *"The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these*

*clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful"* (Colossians 3:14-15)

God loves each one of us. He wants us to know Him better through reading the Bible, going to Mass, receiving the sacraments and through serving others. He wants us to give up any bitterness in our heart by choosing to forgive. God tells us how much he loves us in scripture: *"For this is how God loved the world: he gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life"* (John 3:16).

Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Valentine's Day! May you feel God's love for you and share that love with others in your life!

### Pastoral Care

Please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral at [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com) or at 331-707-5380.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

March 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **March 19th and 20th** for our **Clothing Drive!!** Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon.

### We will accept.....

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

No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. **ALL BABY CLOTHES ACCEPTED!**

**Small housewares** and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players etc. **SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.**

For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date or email us at – [saintvincentdonate@gmail.com](mailto:saintvincentdonate@gmail.com). **\*Due to Covid-19 our home pickup service has been suspended until further notice.**

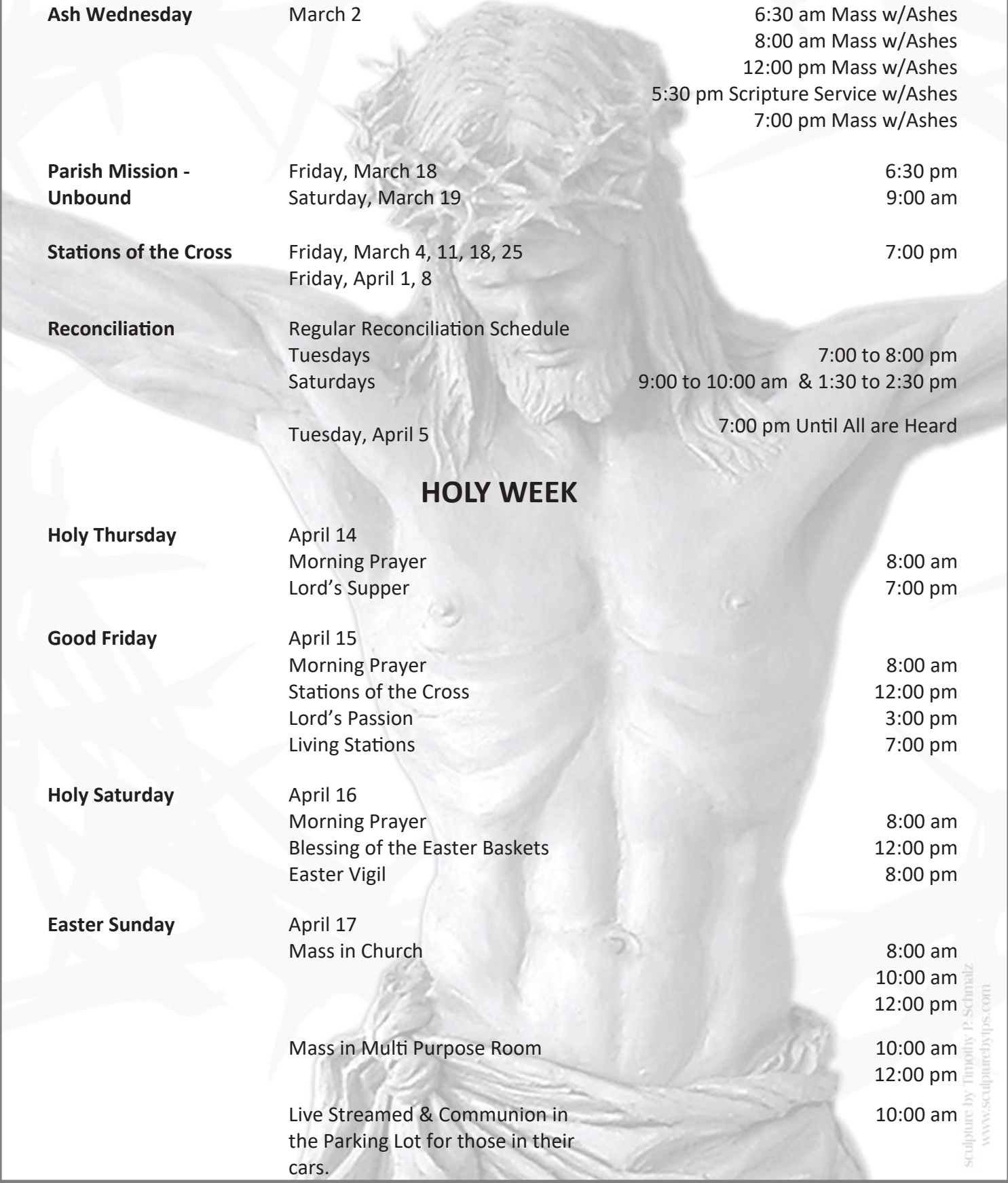
Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance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

Thanks for your generous donations!  
*Society of St. Vincent de Paul*





# Lenten Schedule



<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	March 2	6:30 am Mass w/Ashes 8:00 am Mass w/Ashes 12:00 pm Mass w/Ashes 5:30 pm Scripture Service w/Ashes 7:00 pm Mass w/Ashes
<b>Parish Mission - Unbound</b>	Friday, March 18 Saturday, March 19	6:30 pm 9:00 am
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Friday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 Friday, April 1, 8	7:00 pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Regular Reconciliation Schedule Tuesdays Saturdays  Tuesday, April 5	7:00 to 8:00 pm 9:00 to 10:00 am & 1:30 to 2:30 pm  7:00 pm Until All are Heard

## HOLY WEEK

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	April 14 Morning Prayer Lord's Supper	8:00 am 7:00 pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 15 Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross Lord's Passion Living Stations	8:00 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 16 Morning Prayer Blessing of the Easter Baskets Easter Vigil	8:00 am 12:00 pm 8:00 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 17 Mass in Church  Mass in Multi Purpose Room  Live Streamed & Communion in the Parking Lot for those in their cars.	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm  10:00 am 12:00 pm  10:00 am

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## Youth Ministry News

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

**LIGHT Mini-Course ONLINE SIGN-UP** for Term #2 and #3 is now taking place!

Term #2 sign-up deadline is Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

Term #3 sign-up deadline is Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>

Information and Online Sign-up can be found here:

<https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

**Confirmation Letters of Intent** for High School Teens ready to enter the immediate preparation for the sacrament are DUE by February 28<sup>th</sup> to the Faith Formation Office. Get the details here: <https://olmercy.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Confirmation-Letter-of-Intent-Packet.pdf>

**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>

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, February 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. Please see the EDGE webpage for more details.

**Mardi Gras Party** for EDGE students on **Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the PLC. Join us for a great night of fun with DJ John Werle, socializing, food and prayer service to get ready for Lent.

Go to our EDGE webpage for the details and the link: <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>

## Marmion

Do you know a young man interested in the monastic life? Or are you that man looking for a life of prayer and devotion to God? Come and see at Marmion Abbey! Marmion is hosting young men interested in the monastic life for an immersion experience. The first opportunity is March 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> and then again from June 24<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. RSVP the abbey vocation director, Father Theodore, a week before either set of dates at [thaggerty@marmion.org](mailto:thaggerty@marmion.org).

## Around the Parish

### **Christ Renews His Parish**

Christ Renews His Parish, or CRHP is a break from your busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that you can refresh yourself spiritually and renew your heart. You will be meeting with and listening to the experiences of other men or women from our Parish in an informal and relaxed environment of reflection, fellowship and fun. The day on Saturday starts at 7:30am and goes through the evening at 8:30pm. We return the next day at the same time 7:30am ending at 3pm. For additional information go to <https://www.crhpatolm.com/>

### **Bible Studies**

**The Creed:** Mondays for 6 weeks starts 2/21 at 7:15 pm. Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed. Come rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith.

**Walking with Purpose:** Mondays for 8 weeks starts 2/7 at 6:30 pm. A practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first by paying attention to the One who made us, because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

**Epic:** Tuesdays for 20 weeks starts 2/15 at 7:00 pm. This series explores the major people, places and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church and how you fit into this epic story.

**Bible Timeline:** Wednesdays starts 2/16 thru December (Breaks for summer.) A great place to start if you want to understand the Bible and God's message of Salvation. Learn to read the bible and be introduced to scripture.

Visit [www.olmercy.com/biblestudy/](http://www.olmercy.com/biblestudy/) for more information or to sign up.

### **Salt & Light**

Experience transformation and intentional community; sign up for Salt and Light Grow Group.

In the company of friends, Grow Groups provide a place of deep transformation where people can be known, loved, and cared for as they strive to deepen their friendship with Jesus and one another. Experience transformation and intentional community; sign up for Salt and Light Grow Group.

For more information, connect with Bob Maxwell our Salt and Light Grow Group Leader at [bmaxwell@deltadentalil...](mailto:bmaxwell@deltadentalil...) or 630-962-8464.



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	887,723
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	870,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,723</b>
01/23/22 Sunday Collection	\$	22,962
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(7,038)</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.		

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
November, 2021	\$	621,273
December, 2021	\$	<b>610,239</b>

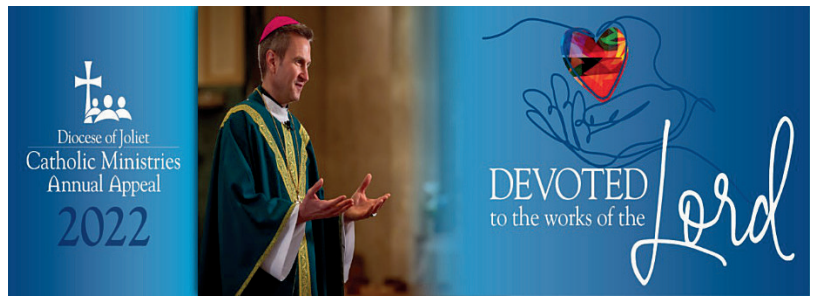
## Important Notice

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.



## Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish.

This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$152,000 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

## Online Giving

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.**

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# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## Parish Office

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468

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

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