



# OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 13, 2022

*Listen*

LENT WEEK 2  
This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him.  
Luke 9:35

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



What if.....The Transfiguration in today's Gospel was not really about a dramatic, dazzling change in Jesus, but was instead about the radical change that took place in the apostles – that they could see Jesus differently? What if today's Gospel is really about

transfigurations that take place in the lives of people around us, the kinds of changes that make us ask ourselves – Why haven't I made that change, too? What if....this story of transfiguration is really about you and me – and about moments in our lives when God opens our eyes to see the divine within and around us?

Perhaps what today's Gospel is trying to get us to see is that the Transfiguration of Jesus isn't a spectacular special-effects incident that took place a long time ago. It's instead a sweet glimpse of heaven that can come to any of us right now –if we are able to see it. It can happen to a mother when she first views the baby she gave birth to. It can happen to a person reading scripture when suddenly their eyes open wide at words that speak to a deep place within them. It can happen to a person listening to a great symphony or enjoying a walk on a brilliant autumn day or watching the delight of children on a Christmas morning or standing in awe before a masterful piece of art. Transfiguration moments are experience of enchantment that open our everyday mind to the heaven that is already present, if we can see it.

Scripture describes these moments continually. The Acts of the Apostles tells us transfiguration in the awareness that "we live and move and have our being in God." It is the gift of wisdom that Moses received when he went up on a mountain, just like the apostles in today's story, and realized he was "standing on holy ground." What Moses also grasped was that the famous "burning bush" he saw was not an earthen plant on fire, but the gift of vision in his eyes. Like the apostles in today's Gospel, he could see differently. To quote Thomas Merton, "Life is this simple: we are living in a world that is transparent and the divine is shining through it all the time." If we could see it.

Unfortunately, like the apostles in today's Gospel, we are often asleep. Consequently, we tend to miss the clues, the hints, the suggestions of something being afoot that is beyond our everyday recognition, something that is way more than what meets the eye.

This is what Lent is really all about – it's a time to sharpen our inner eyes so that we can better see the "holy ground" in our lives. It's a time to ask: What if? What if I can truly be transfigured?

Have a blessed Lent!

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



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am † Ricardo Arias by Elizabeth Navas  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Joseph Salata, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am Int Nenita F Lagrosa, by Shirley Staples  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 6:30 pm † Rosalie Woodring, by The Hepburn Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm Int Fr Don McLaughlin by Betty Vavra  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, March 17 - St Patrick, Bishop

- 6:30 am Int Fr James Altman, by Betsy Gallo
- 8:00 am Int Diane Reiter, by Shirley Staples  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, March 18 - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

- 8:00 am † Monica Thomas, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Saturday, March 19 - St Joseph, Spouse of Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am † Konrad Hedl, by Mark & Katherine Hedl  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent**  
† Beverly Linden, by Carolyn Kerkla  
† Joyce Markus, by Family

### Sunday, March 20 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 10:00 am † Arthur Biegel, by Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Roy Pagay, 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. The Poor              | 9. The Feldman Family         |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Ann Borberg               |
| 3. Ailani Banuelos       | 11. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 4. Joy Rinon             | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family   | 13. Healing for Fr. Don       |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Bernice Tokarski          |
| 7. The People of OLM     | 15. Fr Michael Kearney        |
| 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

**March 19 & 20**

**Fr Michael Kearney will preach 8a/12p/5p Masses.  
Dcn Tom will preach at 10a Mass.**

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



## 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.**

Joseph Allaire  
David Bakke  
Ailani Banulos  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Wayne Draper  
Mary Dunbar  
George Durante  
Bridget Garry  
Brielle Hearty  
Connie Hegg  
Jim Hegg  
Nancy Higgins  
Mark Hoeksema  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Antoinette Humanski  
Steve Johnson  
Helen Joseph  
Rick Kirchhoff

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  
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!*



¿Y si... La Transfiguración en el Evangelio de hoy no se tratara realmente de un cambio deslumbrante y dramático en Jesús, sino del cambio radical que tuvo lugar en los apóstoles, que pudieran ver a Jesús de manera diferente? ¿Qué pasa si el Evangelio de hoy es realmente sobre las transfiguraciones que tienen lugar en la vida de las personas que nos rodean, el tipo

de cambios que nos hacen preguntarnos: ¿Por qué no he hecho ese cambio también? ¿Qué pasa si... esta historia de transfiguración es realmente sobre ti y sobre mí, y sobre momentos en nuestras vidas cuando Dios abre nuestros ojos para ver lo divino dentro y alrededor de nosotros?

Quizás lo que el Evangelio de hoy está tratando de hacernos ver es que la Transfiguración de Jesús no es un incidente espectacular de efectos especiales que tuvo lugar hace mucho tiempo. En cambio, es un dulce vistazo del cielo que puede llegar a cualquiera de nosotros ahora mismo, si somos capaces de verlo. Le puede pasar a una madre cuando ve por primera vez al bebé que dio a luz. Puede sucederle a una persona que lee las escrituras cuando de repente sus ojos se abren de par en par ante las palabras que le hablan a un lugar profundo dentro de ellos. Puede sucederle a una persona que escucha una gran sinfonía o disfruta de un paseo en un brillante día de otoño o contempla el deleite de los niños en una mañana de Navidad o se queda asombrada ante una obra de arte magistral.

Los momentos de transfiguración son experiencias de encantamiento que abren nuestra mente cotidiana al cielo que ya está presente, si podemos verlo.

La Escritura describe estos momentos continuamente. Los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos hablan de la transfiguración en la conciencia de que "vivimos, nos movemos y tenemos nuestro ser en Dios". Es el don de la sabiduría que Moisés recibió cuando subió a una montaña, al igual que los apóstoles en la historia de hoy, y se dio cuenta de que estaba "parado en tierra santa". Lo que Moisés también captó fue que la famosa "zarza ardiente" que vio no era una planta de la tierra en llamas, sino el don de la visión en sus ojos. Al igual que los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, el podía ver de otra manera. Para citar a Tomas Merton, "La vida es así de simple: vivimos en un mundo que es transparente y lo divino brilla a través de el todo el tiempo". Si pudiéramos verlo.

Desafortunadamente, como los apóstoles en el Evangelio de hoy, a menudo estamos dormidos. En consecuencia, tendemos a perder las pistas, los indicios, las sugerencias de que algo está en marcha que está más allá de nuestro reconocimiento diario, algo que es mucho más de lo que parece.

De esto se trata realmente la Cuaresma: es un tiempo para agudizar nuestros ojos internos para que podamos ver mejor la "tierra santa" en nuestras vidas. Es un tiempo para preguntar: ¿Qué pasa? ¿Qué pasa si realmente puedo ser transfigurado?

¡Que tengan una bendecida Cuaresma!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18; Sal 26, 1. 7-8a. 8b-9abc. 13-14 Fil 3, 17-4, 1 o Fil 3, 20-4, 1; Lc 9, 28b-36
<b>Lunes</b>	Dn 9, 4-10; Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13; Lc 6, 36-38
<b>Martes</b>	Is 1, 10. 16-20; Sal 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 y 23; Mt 23, 1-12
<b>Miércoles</b>	Jer 18, 18-20; Sal 30, 5-6. 14. 15-16; Mt 20, 17-28
<b>Jueves</b>	Jer 17, 5-10; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Lc 16, 19-31
<b>Viernes</b>	Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17-28; Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21; Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46
<b>Sábado</b>	2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22; Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51
<b>Domingo</b>	Ex 3, 1-8a. 13-15; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8 y 11; 1 Cor 10, 1-6. 10-12; Lc 13, 1-9

March 13, 2022

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17—4:1 or Phil 3:20—4:1 |  
Lk 9:28b-36

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

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a "face changed in appearance," and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, "did not know what he was saying." Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God's voice affirm what they have just seen: "This my chosen Son; listen to him." We all experience these extremes – days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we've had glimpses of heaven. Today's Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately – as the disciples glimpsed today – "he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body."

“STAND  
FIRM IN  
the Lord.”

(PHIL 4:1)

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What's next now that the kids are grown? Today's readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God's chosen Son, and to "stand firm in the Lord."

**PRAY** Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.

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## Pastoral Care

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, March 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.

After the prayer service, there will be an opportunity to be together to provide support and resources to one another as we gather in the Ministry Room. It is important to know that you are not alone in your journey of faith as you experience illness or are the caregiver for someone.

### 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 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 is Monday, March 21 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Room 218. The topic for discussion will be "Discovering Joy through Fasting during Lent". 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 [olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com).

### Health Topic for March

March is *Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month*. Colorectal cancer is cancer of the colon or rectum. In 2022, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 106,180 new cases of colon cancer and 44,850 cases of rectal cancer. People with a family history of colorectal cancer are at a higher risk and need to be screened earlier than age 45. 68% of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented with screening. The earlier the diagnosis of colorectal cancer, the better the survival rate.

Risk factors for colorectal cancer are aging, a personal history of polyps or cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, family history and genetics, smoking, excessive alcohol use, a fatty diet and obesity. Signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer may be an ongoing change in bowel habits, blood in the stool, rectal bleeding, frequent gas pains, bloating, fullness or cramping, weight loss for no known reason or feeling very tired. Please consult with a healthcare practitioner if you have any concerns about colorectal can-

cer. For more information about colorectal cancer go to [FIGHTCRC.ORG](http://FIGHTCRC.ORG).

### Grief Support in the Community

Fox Valley Hands of Hope provides compassionate guidance and support for those who are grieving - at no cost. If you would like to find out what services are offered, call 630-232-2233 or go to [griefsupport@fvhh.net](mailto:griefsupport@fvhh.net). The office is located at 200 Whitfield Drive in Geneva.

### Holy Communion to the Homebound/Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to illness or are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or if someone has physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at [jolene@olmercy.com](mailto:jolene@olmercy.com). If care is needed during the weekend in an emergency situation, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency phone line and talk with the priest on call.

### The Lily

*According to legend, the lily lost its self-respect on the night of Christ's agony in the garden. The other flowers bowed their heads in sorrow in Christ's presence, but not the lily. How could it, being the most fragrant and beautiful flower (according to its own estimation)? Upon Christ's display of humility, however, the lily belatedly hung its head in shame and has humbly remained so ever since.*

If you'd like to dedicate one of the Easter flowers which will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season, please visit [www.olmercy.com](http://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 name(s) in the Comments section. You can also find Flower Offering Envelopes in the Narthex. The recommended donation is \$10 for each memorial. Memorials donated between March 13 and April 3 will appear in a future bulletin.

## Knights News:

### Knights of Columbus Council 12005

**Blood Drive:** We were able to collect 17 units of blood at our last drive on 1/15! Thanks to all who came and gave so others can live – you saved 51 lives! Our next drive will be Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 12.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** We served 105 families at our January pantry and 150 families at our February pantry. Thanks to all who braved the cold in January and the rain in February to make these a success. The next pantry is March 16 from 4:30 to 6:00 and is open to anyone in need.

**Annual Free Throw Contest:** Congratulations to Gabriella, Grace, Neto and Daniel for winning their age groups. Gabriella, Grace and Daniel also won their brackets in the district contest and will move on to regionals.

**2022 College Scholarship Program:** The Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus Council 12005 is pleased to announce our College Scholarship Program for 2022. This program is open to any High School Senior that will be attending either a Community College or 4 year College Institution starting with the fall 2022 semester and is a parishioner of OLM. Application forms and information on this program can be found using the link on the Parish Website for the Knights of Columbus Council 12005 site. A total of \$2,000 will be offered this year and we look forward to awarding these funds to another group of dedicated students

**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 to help us make a difference! For information reach out to Jeff LeRoy, Grand Knight, at [jleroy53@hotmail.com](mailto:jleroy53@hotmail.com) or call 630-336-7728.

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Parish Mission	Friday, March 18 Saturday, March 19	6:30 pm 9:00 am
Stations of the Cross	Fridays March 18 & 15 April 1 & 8	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Tuesdays Saturdays April 5	7:00 pm 9:00 am & 1:30 pm 7:00 pm Until All Heard

## HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday	April 14 Morning Prayer The Lord's Supper	8:00 am 7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 15 Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion Living Stations	8:00 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday	April 16 Morning Prayer Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil	8:00 am 12:00 pm 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 17 Mass in Church Mass in MPR Live Streamed & Communion in Parking Lot	8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm 10:00 am & 12:00 pm 12:00 pm

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www.sculpturetips.com

## Lenten Regulations

- 14 years and older is bound to abstain from meat on Fridays.
- 18–60 yrs old are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
- On Fridays one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, needed to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- During Lent the faithful should draw closer to God through penance, prayer and almsgiving.
- Those who are sick, pregnant or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, are not bound by these norms.

**Fish Fry**  
ALL ARE WELCOME

*March 25 & April 1*

*5:30 to 8:00 pm*

*Jumbo Shrimp - 6 pieces \$12*  
*Cod - Baked or Fried \$11*  
*Salmon - 6 oz \$12*

*All plates include coleslaw, tator-tots, dinner roll, chocolate brownie and soda or water.*

*Tickets can be purchased the weekend before in the lobby of the PLC or Parish Office. Proceeds support the summer Teen Mission Trip*

## Around the Parish

### **Parish Mission—Unbound**

Save the dates for our 2 day parish mission on Friday evening 3/18 from 6:30pm to 9:15pm and all day Saturday 3/19 from 9am to 8pm (catered lunch & dinner included). Led by Father Burke Masters, Father Steven Borello, and our very own Father James Guarascio!

Please keep an eye out for further details on the talks and registration (to help us in the materials and catering). Our vision of providing ways to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, and experience more power for mission, our parish mission this year is an Unbound Conference. Visit <https://olmercy.com/UNBOUND/> for additional information.

### **St Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive**

March 19 & 20 the STVP truck will be in the parking lot and donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon. Donation bags are on the desk in the lobby of the PLC.

### **Interfaith Food Pantry**

Please consider donating nonperishable items to the food pantry. The collection is the first weekend of the month. Our next collection is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The collection bin will be located in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). This collection is separate from the collection for PADS that supports Hesus House Homeless Shelter. Thank you!

### **Knights of Columbus College Scholarship**

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## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	998,462
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	990,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>8,462</b>
02/20/22 Sunday Collection	\$	24,644
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(5,356)</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.

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

*Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.*

## Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
December, 2021	\$	<b>610,239</b>
January, 2022	\$	<b>598,885</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.



Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$152,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org).

## 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

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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