



# OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 6, 2022

*Call*

LENT WEEK 1  
For "everyone who calls on the name  
of the Lord will be saved."  
Roman 10: 13

## From The Pastor's Desk...



Bishop Ronald Hicks in consultation with the Priest Personnel Board has appointed **Fr. Michael Kearney** to succeed Fr. Don McLaughlin as Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora effective July 1, 2022.

Fr. Michael writes: *"I grew up in Naperville, just down the road, since I was four years old. I went to Naperville Central for high school and I can remember coming to play against Waubonsie High School in volleyball. I went to the University of Illinois in Champaign-*

*Urbana and received my General Engineering degree concentrated in Control Theory Robotics with the hope to go in consulting work after college. God, clearly had a different plan.*

*It was in college my love for my Catholic faith grew exponentially and I wanted to share my faith with others. After college I was blessed to do 7 years of college ministry and missionary work with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). I worked at Washington University in St. Louis, Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, University of Kansas City in Missouri, and University of Colorado in Boulder!*

*After hearing the Lord call me to the priesthood through prayer and ministry, I knew the Lord was calling me to serve in the Diocese of Joliet where I grew up! I was ordained a Priest in May of 2016 and was assigned at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst. And after 3 years, I was blessed to be assigned to serve in seminary formation helping young men discern their own vocational calling toward priesthood at St. John Vianney Minor Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota. I currently serve as Formation Advisor and Spiritual Director for men in college seminary, including men from our own diocese.*

*I'm truly excited to be named by Bishop Ronald Hicks to be your next pastor at Our Lady of Mercy. I know I have many things to learn, but excited to be back in the Diocese and be back in parish life! I joke with my brother priests; I'm being called up from the Minors (as I worked at a minor seminary). Please know of my prayers and I look forward to meeting you in July!"*

Fr. Michael Kearney

While I don't know Fr. Michael personally – he is one of our more recently ordained – Fr. James knows him well and assures me that Fr. Michael will make a great pastor for OLM. I ask your prayers for Fr. Michael as OLM will be his first pastorate. I also ask you to give him, as you have given me, your warm enthusiastic welcome and support!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 7 - Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

- 8:00 am † Jim Daly, by The Daly Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Ashley Marie Sanchez, by Jolene LeRoy  
**(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)**

### Tuesday, March 8 - St John of God, Religious

- 8:00 am † Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 6:30 pm In Thanksgiving, by The Rajasekhar Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, March 9 - St Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm Int Rick Ramirez, by Bonnie Ramirez  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Thursday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am † Nathaniel Centeno, Jr by Family
- 8:00 am † Elain T Duggan, By The Toschak Family  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 am In Thanksgiving by Family  
**(Live Streamed)**

### Saturday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am † Marie Sulitz, by Marie & Edgar Cuartero  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 10:30 am 1st Reconciliation
- 12:00 pm 1st Reconciliation
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Second Sunday of Lent**  
† James W Ray  
† James W Ray Jr by Helean M Ray

### Sunday, March 13 - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 10:00 am † Maureen Olszewski by Lisa D'Alessio  
**(Live Streamed)**
- 12:00 pm † Alejandro & Nora Caceres, by Family
- 5:30 pm † Ricardo Arias by Elizabeth Navas



## 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. Ashley Marie Sanchez  | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family   | 13. The People of Ukraine     |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Fr Don McLaughlin         |
| 7. Nathaniel Centeno Jr. | 15. Vocations                 |
| 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 12 & 13**

**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 Dcn Lupe Villarreal
	10:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Bugsy Sindac (A)
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tiongson
	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.**

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



El obispo Ronald Hicks, en consulta con la Junta Directiva de Personal Sacerdotal, ha designado al Padre **Michael Kearney** para suceder al Padre Don McLaughlin como Párroco de Our Lady of Mercy en Aurora a partir del 1 de julio del 2022.

El Padre Michael escribe: *“Crecí en Naperville, al final de la calle, desde que tenía cuatro años. Fui a Naperville Central para la escuela secundaria y recuerdo haber venido a jugar voleibol contra la Escuela Secundaria de Waubonsie. Fui a la Universidad de Illinois en Champaign-Urbana y recibí*

*mi título de Ingeniería General concentrado en la Teoría de Control Robótico con la esperanza de trabajar como consultor después de la universidad. Dios, claramente tenía un plan diferente.*

Padre Michael Kearney

*Fue en la universidad que mi amor por la fe católica creció exponencialmente y quería compartir mi fe con los demás. Después de la universidad tuve la bendición de hacer 7 años de ministerio universitario y trabajo misionero con FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).*

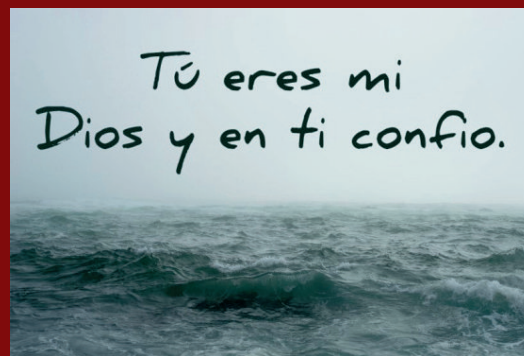
*¡Trabajé en la Universidad de Washington en St. Louis, la Academia de la Fuerza Aérea en Colorado Springs, la Universidad de Kansas City en Missouri y la Universidad de Colorado en Boulder!*

*¡Después de escuchar al Señor llamarme al sacerdocio a través de la oración y el ministerio, supe que el Señor me estaba llamando a servir en la Diócesis de Joliet donde crecí! Fui ordenado sacerdote en mayo del 2016 y fui asignado a la Parroquia Visitation en Elmhurst. Y después de 3 años, tuve la bendición de ser asignado para servir en la formación del seminario ayudando a los jóvenes a discernir su propio llamado vocacional hacia el sacerdocio en el Seminario Menor St. John Vianney en St. Paul Minnesota. Actualmente sirvo como Asesor de Formación y Director Espiritual para hombres en el seminario universitario, incluyendo a hombres de nuestra propia diócesis.*

*Estoy realmente emocionado de ser nombrado por el Obispo Ronald Hicks para ser su próximo párroco en Our Lady of Mercy. ¡Sé que tengo muchas cosas que aprender, pero estoy emocionado de estar de vuelta en la Diócesis y estar de vuelta en la vida parroquial! Bromeo con mis hermanos sacerdotes; me están llamando de los Menores (ya que trabajaba en un seminario menor). ¡Sepan de mis oraciones y espero conocerlos en julio!”.*

Si bien no conozco al Padre Michael personalmente, él es uno de nuestros más recientemente ordenados, el Padre James lo conoce bien y me asegura que el Padre Michael será un gran párroco para OLM. Les pido sus oraciones por el Padre Michael ya que OLM será su primer pastorado. ¡Les pido también que le den, como me lo han dado a mí, su calurosa y entusiasta acogida y su apoyo!

*Padre Kearney*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Dt 26, 4-10; Sal 90, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15; Rom 10, 8-13; Lc 4, 1-13
<b>Lunes</b>	Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18; Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15; Mt 25, 31-46
<b>Martes</b>	Is 55, 10-11; Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19; Mt 6, 7-15
<b>Miércoles</b>	Jn 3, 1-10; Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19; Lc 11, 29-32
<b>Jueves</b>	Es 14, 1. 3-5. 12-14; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 7c-8; Mt 7, 7-12
<b>Viernes</b>	Ez 18, 21-28; Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8; Mt 5, 20-26
<b>Sábado</b>	Dt 26, 16-19; Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8; Mt 5, 43-48
<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





March 6, 2022

## First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10 | Rom 10:8-13 | Lk 4:1-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

If you are anything like me, you may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What comes to mind when you picture a desert? I imagine sand, heat, thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert - barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

**ACCOMPANIMENT** Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.

## 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, we will have an opportunity to be together to provide support and resources to one another. 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 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 is Monday, March 21 from 7:00pm 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 321-217-7872 or at [olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopen-hearts@yahoo.com).

### **Walking to Jerusalem**

It is not too late to join the annual parish-wide health initiative program during Lent to grow closer to Jesus and improve your physical health. If you would like to join, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN at 331-707-5380.

### **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, spiritual or emotional health concerns, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380.

### **LENT -**

#### **A Different Approach to Fasting**

Lenten fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch this Lent. Below are some suggestions you may want to consider.

- Fast from anger and hatred. Give your family an extra dose of love each day.
- Fast from judging others. Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.
- Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life. (Jer. 29:11).
- Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has giving you.
- Fast from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.
- Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give these savings to the poor.

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## Ministry Spotlight

**A Mother's Heart** is a group for Catholic mothers with children ages 0-11 who are seeking to journey with other like-minded women of faith. Following the example of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, we strive to imitate her "little way" of growing in holiness through the lenses of motherhood and family. Join us twice a month on Thursdays for book chats, podcast discussions, "Mom's Night Out," community service projects, fellowship, and prayer! We also invite you, with your young children, to take part in faith-based story-times, crafts, and play groups! Contact Lydia Schmitt at [lydi-as@olmercy.com](mailto:lydi-as@olmercy.com) for more information.





## Peace & Social Justice

### Themes of Catholic Social Teaching - RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society."

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Washington, D.C.

Leviticus 25:35 tells us when someone is reduced to poverty, we have an obligation to help. In Ruth 2:2-23, Boaz cares for Ruth, a widow and a foreigner, giving her far more than the law requires. Tobit 4:5-11 tells us to give from what we have received and do not turn away from the poor. In Proverbs 31:8-9 we hear, you must open your mouth to speak on behalf of those in need. And in Isaiah 1:16-17 we are called to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. In Matthew 25: 31-46 we are reminded that just as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me. In James 2:14-18 we hear that faith without works is dead.

Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], no. 157 states that society as a whole, and the state in particular, are obliged to defend and promote the common good.

At Our Lady of Mercy we participate in caring for one another through the work of those involved in a variety of ministries such as Loving Hands, St. Vincent de Paul Society, PADS, the teen Mission Trip, and many collections such as the missions around the world, CCHD (the Catholic Campaign for Human Development), CRS (Catholic Relief Services), etc.

We are encouraged to advocate, as well, for those who are hungry, homeless, without a voice, for their rights to human live in fullest capacity - to bring about the structural changes needed to achieve this. With rights come responsibilities.



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**Register now for  
Unbound Freedom In Christ Conference**  
**MARCH 18 & 19**  


**FATHER BURKE MASTERS  
FATHER STEVE BORELLO  
FATHER JAMES GUARASCIO  
THE UNBOUND TEAM**

**Friday evening March 18 from 6:30pm to 9:15pm**  
**Saturday all day March 19 from 9am to 9pm**

**Fee \$40 online or \$50 at the door\***  
\*for catered lunch, dinner & materials

**REGISTRATION & DETAILS**  
**WWW.OLMERCY.COM/UNBOUND**



## Racism Awareness

Have you ever asked: What really is racism? How does it affect me? How could I help make the world a little more accepting of all God's children?

The Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) of The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate will be doing a free workshop open to all parishes of the Joliet Diocese via ZOOM on Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The committee is made up of a multicultural mix of Sisters and lay persons. This well-done workshop is informative while treating this topic with the sensitivity it deserves.

For additional information or to register please send an email to [tpmarciani@gmail.com](mailto:tpmarciani@gmail.com) and the link for the workshop will be sent to you.

## Aurora Central Catholic High School's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Charger Challenge

The Charger Challenge is a day created for 7th grade students to experience what it's like to be a Charger for a few hours. Students are placed into small groups, led by current ACC Student Ambassadors. Throughout their time at ACC they will learn specific, detailed information about ACC, where their knowledge will be put to the test during a group "Challenge" before their day ends. The winning team will receive a prize!

**Charger Challenge Dates:** Tue., March 8, or Tue., March 22

**Time Frame:** 8:30am-11:30am

**Attire:** Students who wear a uniform to school are welcome to wear that. Otherwise, jeans/nice pants are fine (no holes) and a nice top/dress shirt/sweater (no crop tops or spaghetti straps.)

**More Info or to Sign-Up:** [www.auroracentral.com](http://www.auroracentral.com)  
"Admissions" - "7th Grade Charger Challenge"

## Around the Parish

### ***Walking to Jerusalem***

Let's join together as a parish family this Lent to walk together to Jerusalem while growing closer to Jesus and improving our physical health. The theme this year is prayer, fasting and fitness! If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to receive a packet by email for the health initiative contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

### ***Alpha In-Person Has Begun***

Experience the Alpha culture if you have not had a chance already. Alpha isn't just a program. It's a tool for evangelization. We all know people who are far away from the Lord, who may be asking questions about whether or not God even exists. Please visit <https://olmercy.com/alpha/> for more information or to register.

### ***Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast***

Join the Knights for a delicious pancake breakfast Sunday, March 6 from 8:00 am to Noon in the gym. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$5.00/Children 10 and under \$3.00/Children under 3 there is no charge. Dine in the MPR or take out is available. The menu is pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea and juice. All profits will be donated to the Teen Mission Trip this summer.

### ***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.

### ***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.

Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	973,818
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	960,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>13,818</b>
02/13/22 Sunday Collection	\$	24,655
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(5,345)</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.		
<i><b>Thank you for your generosity!!</b></i>		
<i><b>Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.</b></i>		

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.



## 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.

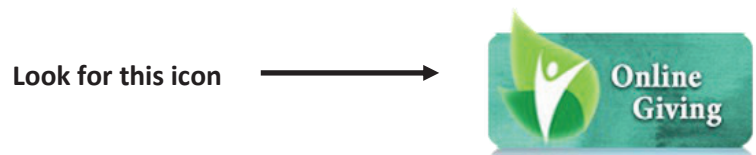
This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the 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.**



# 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

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### Baptisms

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