

# THE RESURRECTION OF THE *Lord*



Holy Women at Christ's Tomb  
by Annibale Carracci, 1590

*Easter*

APRIL 17, 2022

“Why do you seek the living one among the dead?  
He is not here, but *he has been raised.*”

Luke 24:5-6

## From The Pastor's Desk...

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



It is a heartfelt joy that I welcome all of you to Easter Sunday Mass! There is no greater celebration for Christians than Easter! It is good that you are here! But for a moment, let us travel back in time to that first Easter morning.


Since the death of Jesus, all who knew and loved him have been laying low. They've been grieving. They've been stunned. They've been trying to retrace the path of events that led them to this horrible and despite all Passion prediction to the contrary unanticipated crisis. Were they wrong to have entered Jerusalem? Was there a fatal mistake that could have been avoided earlier in the plan? Whose fault was it that things turned deadly so quickly? If Jesus foresaw all this, why didn't he prevent it from happening? It's safe to say the friends of Jesus have spent the past 36 hours trying to understand.

Then, the empty tomb is discovered. Mary of Magdala dashes through the dark and reports directly to Peter. Her interpretation? "They – the enemies of Jesus – have stolen his body. Peter runs to the site, sees every detail of the remaining contents of the tomb, but draws no stated conclusions. Another disciple goes with him, "sees" and "believes" - but we aren't told precisely what he saw or what he believed. The evangelist comes to his own bottom line of all this frantic running and bewildered seeing: "They did not yet understand the Scriptures that Jesus had to rise from the dead."

We now have the luxury of 2,000 years of Christianity and a sworn allegiance to this faith in the resurrection. When we hear the story of Easter morning from our vantage point, it's easy to wonder what part of the Resurrection didn't those early believers understand. Empty tomb, stone rolled away, burial cloths neatly piled up.

Ah. If only it were that simple. Many of us run all around the territory of religion, reporting and seeing and believing – but understanding little and incorporating less. Genuine understanding of the empty tomb isn't an "aha!" moment that's over and done with on Easter morning. It's demonstrated in how you perceive every empty, lost, lonely, abandoned situation in this world and in your life. Is it hollow, or full of divine promises?

On behalf of Fr. James, Deacon Tom, our permanent deacons, pastoral and support staff, I wish you and your family a most blessed Easter day and Easter season!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 18 - Monday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 am † Robert Kranz, by Doug & Nancy Seeman  
*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm † Victor Varela, by The Hepburn Family  
*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, April 19 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer  
*(Live Streamed)*

6:30 pm † Marie Matera, by Chris & Joe Riley

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

### Wednesday, April 20 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Lauren Zink, by John, Carole & Johnny  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, April 21 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter

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

8:00 am Int Stefania Chase, by Shirley Staples  
*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, April 22 - Friday in the Octave of Easter

8:00 am † Paul Miller, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy  
*(Live Streamed)*

### Saturday, April 23 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 am † Ann Borberg, by Phyllis Anderson  
*(Live Streamed)*

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

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

4:00 pm **Vigil - Divine Mercy**

† Joyce Markus, by Family

† Lito Aclo, by Family

### Sunday, April 24 - Divine Mercy

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Celeste Hope Glen, by Mark & Amy Miller

10:00 am The People of Our Lady of Mercy

*(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm † Mary Frances Aubuchon, Jill & Gary Stercay

5:30 pm † Forgotten Souls, by Friends



## 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. Charles E Thompson        |
| 3. In Thanksgiving       | 11. Special Intention-C.H.    |
| 4. Special Intention     | 12. Patricia Kramer Daugherty |
| 5. The Pluskota Family   | 13. Sr Regina Dubickas SSC    |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Mark McDonald             |
| 7. George Durante        | 15. Carrie Rigby              |
| 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

**April 23 & 24**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Leazzo
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Art Tionson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tony Martini
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tim Kueper
	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.**

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  
Michael Kuchinski  
Theresa Kuchinski  
Patricia Kramer Daugherty

Maria Luna  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Holly Masters  
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  
PO3 Joshua San Diego, US Navy  
LT Daniel Moran, US Army

# Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

*¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!*



¡Es con alegría sincera que les doy la bienvenida a todos a la Misa del Domingo de Pascua! ¡No hay mayor celebración para los Cristianos que la Pascua! ¡Es bueno que estén aquí! Pero por un momento, viajemos en el tiempo a esa primera mañana de Pascua.

Desde la muerte de Jesús, todos los que lo conocieron y lo amaron han estado postrados. Han estado de duelo. Han quedado atónitos. Han estado tratando de recorrer el camino de los eventos que los llevaron a esta horrible Pasión, a pesar de todas las predicciones a la crisis inesperada. ¿Se equivocaron al entrar en Jerusalén? ¿Hubo un error fatal en el plan que podría haberse evitado antes? ¿De quién fue la culpa de que las cosas se volvieran mortales tan rápido? Si Jesús previó todo esto, ¿por qué no evitó que sucediera? Es seguro decir que los amigos de Jesús han pasado las últimas 36 horas tratando de entender.

Entonces, se descubre la tumba vacía. María de Magdala atraviesa la oscuridad e informa directamente a Pedro. ¿Su interpretación? "Ellos, los enemigos de Jesús, han robado su cuerpo. Pedro corre al sitio, ve todos los detalles del contenido restante de la tumba, pero no saca conclusiones expresadas. Otro discípulo va con él, "ve" y "cree", pero no se nos dice con precisión lo que vio o lo que creyó. El evangelista llega a su propia conclusión de todo este correr frenético y ver desconcertado: "Aún no entendían las Escrituras de que Jesús tenía que resucitar de entre los muertos".

Ahora tenemos el lujo de 2000 años de Cristianismo y una lealtad jurada a esta fe en la resurrección. Cuando escuchamos la historia de la mañana de Pascua desde nuestro punto de vista, es fácil preguntarse qué parte de la Resurrección no entendieron esos primeros creyentes. Tumba vacía, piedra removida, paños funerarios cuidadosamente apilados.

¡Ah! Si sólo fuera así de simple. Muchos de nosotros corremos por todo el territorio de la religión, informando, viendo y creyendo, pero entendiendo poco e incorporando menos. La comprensión genuina de la tumba vacía no es un momento "¡ajá!" que se acabó y se terminó en la mañana de Pascua. Se demuestra en cómo percibes cada situación vacía, perdida, solitaria, abandonada en este mundo y en tu vida. ¿Está hueca o está llena de promesas divinas?

En nombre del Padre James, el Diácono Tom, nuestros diáconos permanentes, personal pastoral y de apoyo, ¡les deseo a ustedes y sus familias un muy bendecido día de Pascua y temporada de Pascua!

*Padre Tom*



ÉSTE ES  
EL DÍA TRIUNFO  
SEÑOR.  
ALELUYA.

## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Hch 10, 34a. 37-43; Sal 117, 1-2. 16ab-17. 22-23; Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6b-8; Jn 20, 1-9
<b>Lunes</b>	Hch 2, 14. 22-33; Sal 15, 1-2a y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11; Mt 28, 8-15
<b>Martes</b>	Hch 2, 36-41; Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22; Jn 20, 11-18
<b>Miércoles</b>	Hch 3, 1-10; Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 24, 13-35
<b>Jueves</b>	Hch 3, 11-26; Sal 8, 2a y 5. 6-7. 8-9; Lc 24, 35-48
<b>Viernes</b>	Hch 4, 1-12; Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-24. 25-27a; Jn 21, 1-14
<b>Sábado</b>	Hch 4, 13-21; Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16ab-18. 19-21; Mc 16, 9-15
<b>Domingo</b>	Hch 5, 12-16; Sal 117, 2-4. 22-24. 25-27a; Apoc 1, 9-11a. 12-13. 17-19; Jn 20, 19-31



April 17, 2022

## Easter Sunday

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

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

Happy Easter! When I think about Easter when I was a child, I admit that many of my memories are centered more around its symbolic trappings: Fannie Mae Easter eggs and peppermint ice cream, my grandma's table set just so, and unseasonably cold Easter egg hunts. While I may not have yet fully understood the theology of the Resurrection, being at Mass with my family and taking part in the celebratory activities engendered in me the disposition of which the psalmist speaks: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.* Today's readings invite us to see both the secular and the sacred with new eyes. The fact that Jesus took on our humanity, died and rose again give us a glimpse of the joy that awaits. The simple pleasures we experience at Easter and throughout the year hint at what the Lord has in mind for all of us. In the meantime, we can turn to Jesus for encouragement, with the knowledge that God is present in the ordinary and extraordinary people and events in our daily lives.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, Simon Peter and "the other disciple" (John) don't walk - but run to the tomb. I'm struck by the detailed account that follows. Peter "saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place." The words that follow seem contradictory: "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Their understanding would grow in the hours and days that followed. These early witnesses would then share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection, often at the cost of their own lives, building up the Church that endures today. Like the disciples, we, too, are commissioned to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus, sharing this life-changing reality with others through our words and actions.

**PRAY** As this Easter season begins, we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, yet mourn that death still comes so violently for so many around the world. Make an extra effort - an extraordinary effort - this week to pray for peace in the world.

# Bishop Hicks' Column



## Lenten Pruning Leads to Easter Glory April, 2022

Recently, I stopped by a big home improvement store. The garden center was bustling with people shopping for flowers and plants. Happily, I sighed and thought, "Ah, spring is in the air!"

One of my favorite images in the Bible is that of the garden. It not only reminds us that we reap what we sow. But also, it all begins in the Garden of Eden with the creation of Adam and Eve and then their eventual fall from grace. Jesus experiences deep prayer, agony and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane before his crucifixion. At the resurrection, Mary Magdalene is the first to see the risen Christ, but she does not recognize him, "supposing him to be the gardener" (John 20:15). Throughout Scripture, gardens are a place to encounter the mystery of God. They are places of suffering, death and most importantly, new life.

Saying all this, let me acknowledge that I do not have a naturally

green thumb. I admire people who possess that gift. Regardless, I am starting to dabble in some basic gardening.

At the bishop's residence in Joliet where I live, I have made the decision to have some large trees cut down in my backyard. The reason I am having them removed is not because I am "anti-tree." On the contrary, I love trees. However, there are so many in my backyard, that they have created a canopy over the yard through which no sunlight can penetrate. As a result, instead of grass, my backyard is basically a plot of dirt that, when it rains, turns into a muddy mess and at worst a swamp. As we remove a few of the trees, my hope is that the sun may shine through the remaining ones and that grass, flowers and plants may return to sprout, grow and flourish.

Scripturally, Jesus reminds us that gardens need to be pruned so that they may produce fruit: "He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:3). In the Catholic Church, spiritual pruning is not a negative exercise. Instead, it helps our spiritual growth by removing whatever inhibits or prevents us from growing in healthy and holy ways.

Perhaps that is a good way to look at these past 40 days. Lent provides us the time to cut down and prune some things in our lives that prevent God's light from shining on and through us. We do so, specifically during Lent, with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving.

Continuing this theme of gardening around my house, late last fall I planted over 50 tulip bulbs around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After I planted them, I have constantly wondered, "Did the squirrels dig them up and eat them?" "Will they blossom and what color will they be?" "Will the Blessed Mother enjoy them?" Every day, I find myself eagerly awaiting these tulips to colorfully burst through the soil.

This is an act of hope! While I still cannot see the flowers, I eagerly anticipate their arrival. We, too, wait with faith and hope to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior at Easter and boldly proclaim that he is not dead. He is not still in the ground. He is risen!

The lingering question is, "Why do we spend time at garden centers and in our own gardens, planting and caring for flowers and plants?" It is partially because they are tangible signs of beauty, hope and life. As St. Alphonsus Liguori rightly noted, "When we see a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object."

As we come to the end of this Lenten time of pruning in our own spiritual gardens, let us approach Easter with great joy and enthusiasm. In other words, with springtime hope, let us continue to search for and bask in the risen life of Christ, for he truly fills our world and lives with light, beauty and new life.

## *Easter Flower Memorials*

Each beautiful lily in our church not only reminds us of Christ's glorious resurrection, but also represents a special prayer to God for the repose of a soul, help for the living, or a prayer of gratitude for gifts received. The prayers are offered then, not by just one person, but by everyone who enjoys the look and fragrance of these lovely Easter flowers. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

### *In Honor/Memory of...*

Joseph Salata  
Jeanne LeRoy  
Milton LeRoy  
Tom Sillasen  
Scott Davidson  
Joseph P. O'Bryan  
Phyllis O'Bryan  
Lorretta Jakoboski  
Ruth & Harry Davidson  
Joseph D. O'Bryan  
Alfonso Agustin  
Lucila Agustin  
Apolinar O. Pacheco  
Edilberto & Juanita Rivera  
Sophie Kerkla  
Stanley Kerkla  
Robert Klemaszewski  
Joseph & Louise Landino  
Robert Fred Kahlfeldt  
Carol Anne Kahlfeldt  
Gus Mattera  
Ross Weiser  
Cleona Weiser  
Ron Peterson

### *Given by...*

Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
Jolene & Jeff LeRoy  
Dor Davidson  
Dor Davidson  
Dor Davidson  
Dor Davidson  
Dor Davidson  
Dor Davidson  
Aurora Garrido  
Aurora Garrido  
Pacheco Family  
Hurtado Family  
Carolyn Kerkla  
Carolyn Kerkla  
Helen Keene  
Helen Keene  
Michael Kahlfeldt  
Michael Kahlfeldt  
Mary Mattera  
Patsy Peterson  
Patsy Peterson  
Patsy Peterson

### *In Honor/Memory of...*

The Dietz Family  
The Marks Family  
Al & Lena Yannuzzo  
Ruth & Tom Walsh  
Peace in Ukraine  
The Weber Family  
All Cancer Patients  
Charlotte Gucwa  
Nicholas Mazur  
Dennis Mazur  
Fran Polivka  
Deceased Family & Friends  
Family Members  
Lonny Greenwald  
Norma Prasse  
Dcd Richter Family Members  
Dcd Zeunik Family Members  
JoAnne E. Sullivan  
LeRoy, Mary & Kathy Choate  
Abt Family  
Vavra Family  
Lofstrom Family & Friends  
Robert Huesing  
Bill Nimmow

### *Given by...*

Rose & Jim Fisher  
Rose & Jim Fisher  
Rose & Jim Fisher  
Rose & Jim Fisher  
Rose & Jim Fisher  
James & Frances Weber  
James & Frances Weber  
David & Karen McCann  
Terry & Trish Polivka  
Terry & Trish Polivka  
Terry & Trish Polivka  
The Griffins Family  
William & Barbara Jesse  
Jacqueline Greenwald  
Audrey Biegon  
John & Mary Zeunik  
John & Mary Zeunik  
Walter & Katie Beski  
Midge Choate  
Betty Vavra  
Betty Vavra  
Judith Lofstrom  
The Mead Family  
The Mead Family



## Divine Mercy Feast Day Sunday, April 24, 2-4 pm

In celebration of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24, Our Lady of Mercy will hold a beautiful celebratory service in the MPR at 2 p.m. Our service will include a group recitation of The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a devotion that Jesus revealed in His numerous apparitions and revelations to Saint Faustina.

***“On that (Feast) Day, the depths of My mercy will be open to all .... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”***

Our OLM observance of the Divine Mercy Feast Day will include the following:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2 to 4 p.m. (Frs. Don and James) in designated PLC rooms
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration starting at 2 p.m.
- Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- Silent Meditation and Prayer
- Taking of Personal Intentions for the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Recitation of the Chaplet (at the Hour of Jesus' Death)
- Blessing of participants' Divine Mercy Images at the altar
- Benediction, closing prayers to Jesus and Mary
- Pamphlets featuring the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, as well as other resources, will be available, but participants should be sure to bring their Rosary!



**\*Also, on Good Friday morning (April 15),** immediately after an 8 a.m. prayer service in the church, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. It's a great way to start your Good Friday observance and Divine Mercy Novena, which should include your recitation of the Chaplet and a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy through April 23.

## Around the Parish

### **Earth Day**

Celebrate Earth Day at OLM on Saturday April 23 from 9am to 3 pm. About 20 organizations participating with lots of information to share including activities for children. Learn about best recycling practices, repurposing, energy saving and more. Fair Trade items for sale. Food trucks available and more! ***Come see the Incredible Bats from 9:30am to 12:30pm.*** Celebrate Earth Day - bring the family. Tell your neighbors and friends. Admission - free.

### **OLM Is Hiring!!**

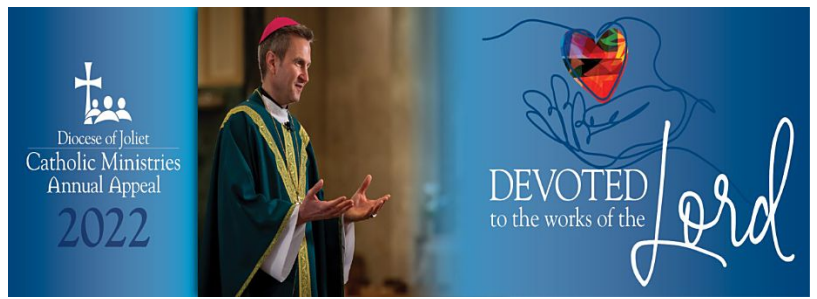
#### **Coordinator of Family & Youth Evangelization & Catechesis for Grades 6-12** Youth Ministry – LIGHT & EDGE

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is seeking a part-time Coordinator for Family and Youth Catechesis and Evangelization for Grades 6-12. The Coordinator will work with a ministry team to develop and grow disciples for Christ and send them on mission. Primary focus will be spent working with high school and middle school teens and their families in a variety of ministry settings. An applicant must have experience in youth or family ministry, have a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies, or Pastoral Ministry or a related field and must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. The position is 28 hours a week with no benefits. Please submit a resume to Dave Miserendino at [DaveM@olmercy.com](mailto:DaveM@olmercy.com).

**Administrative Assistant** - The Family Faith Formation Office is hiring , an Administrative Assistant for Pre-K- Grade 12. Does the idea of placing your administrative skills at the service of growing the Catholic faith life of families bring you joy? We are seeking candidates who possess a positive team spirit, are comfortable taking initiative, and demonstrate strong interpersonal skills. The position is 37.5 Hours/Week, benefited position with some evening and weekend hours expected. Being fluent in Spanish and English is desired. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, basic accounting, record keeping, coordination of volunteers and Tracking Safe Environment requirements and comfortable learning technology platforms. Interested candidates may send a cover letter and resume to Mary Jo Trapani at [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com).



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,160,224
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,140,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget</b>	\$	<b>20,224</b>
03/27/22 Sunday Collection	\$	28,213
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount Short of Goal</b>	\$	<b>(1,787)</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>Thank you for your generosity!!</i>		
<i>Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish in your will and estate planning.</i>		



## 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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).

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
January, 2022	\$	598,885
February, 2022	\$	537,667

## 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.

## 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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## 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](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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Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

### Weddings

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