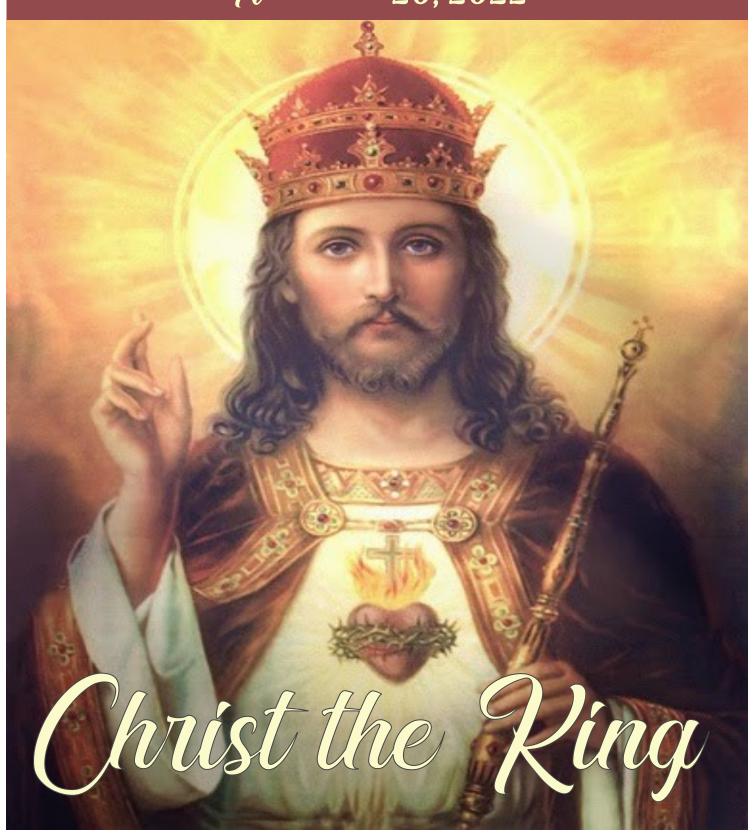
# OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH \*\*Revember 20, 2022\*\*



# News from P.I.T. (Pastor in Training)



I have to say, I enjoyed growing up in the 80s and 90s! I still remember going to the movie theater with my family and friends to see great movies that our culture continues to try to recapture today. One movie in particular that I remember seeing was the Lion King. The music and cinematography were absolutely beautiful. As I was leaving the theater, one of the songs in particular was stuck in my head: "I Can't Wait

to be King." The lyrics went on, "No one say 'do this', no one say 'be there', no one say 'stop that', no one say 'see here'..." It's quite a catchy song with an adolescent concept of freedom. The main character began the movie by thinking that kingship was all about having it *my* way. However, as the movie progresses and the main character comes of age, it becomes clear that kingship is best wielded at the service and love of others.

Based on my time forming future priests in the seminary, I can say that this misunderstanding often arises in many young seminarians today who may sing, "I can't wait to be pastor! No one say do this, no one say be there... free to do it all *my* way!" However, that too would be a misunderstanding of what it means to be a pastor. Lucky for myself, the Church is very clear about how pastors are to lead their parishes. The scriptures used in the celebration of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, are a perfect example.

Our first reading brings it all together: kingship and shepherding (pastoring) belong together!

"And the LORD said to you,
'You shall shepherd my people Israel
and shall be commander of Israel."

The great King David in the Old Testament, prior to being Israel's great king, was first a shepherd willing to lay down his life for his flock. David was only made king when he first served and fought for his people. Jesus, who is the ultimate David, is both King and Shepherd. Christ makes it clear in His ministry, with the heart of a good shepherd, that He desires not only to serve and love his people, but even to suffer and die for them. What a beautiful King and Shepherd we have in Christ. Please pray that Fr. James and I may have the same heart of Christ the King and that we may continue to entrust our very lives to our Lord and King!

Father Michael



# Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 21 - Presentation of Virgin Mary

8:00 am † Wayne & Marian Leckey, by Children

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm Int of The Bistrain Family, by Rosario Zuniga

(Spanish Mass)

### Tuesday, November 22 - St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 am † William Gardaphe

6:30 pm + Romeo Pantaleon, by Family

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Wednesday, St Clement & St Columban

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Sharladen Kurz, by Grandchildren 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

### Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

6:30 am No Mass

9:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

**No Eucharistic Adoration** 

No Benediction

### Friday, November 25 - St Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 am † Sandra Dragovich, by The Heying Family

### Saturday, November 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am † Patrice Klasinski

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

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

4:00 pm Vigil - First Sunday of Advent

† Dcn Bob Vavra, by Family

† George Durante, by Fassl Family

### Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am + Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family

† Romeo Pantaleon, by Bonnie Ramirez

10:00 am † Betty Szott, by James Jaraczewski

(Live Streamed)

12:00 pm † Bernadette Fleckenstein, by Jolene LeRoy

5:30 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy



# Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- The Poor
- 2. Caron & Thompson Families 10. Charles E Thompson
- 3. Whalen & Jirasek Families
- 4. Baby Riley Chick
- 5. The Pluskota Family
- 6. The Homeless
- 7. Baby Cerina Skye
- 8. The Deceased

- The Reid Family
- 11. Special Intention-C.H.
- 12. The Sick
- 13. Edwin Garcia
- 14. Helen O'Brien
- 15. Glenn L Heywood
- 16. Baby Leyla Baydilli

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

November 26 & 27

Father J	ames will pı	reach at all Masses.
Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Bugsy Sindac
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tiongson
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Doug McIlvaine
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Tim Kueper
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney Dcn Tony Leazzo



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 Alfredo Chavez **Baby Riley Chick** Robert Ciulla Michael Dandan Mary Dunbar **Bridget Garry** Connie Hegg Jim Hegg **Nancy Higgins** Eric Hoerdemann

Cera Horste

Steve Johnson Helen Joseph Baby Penelope Keene Kristen Manning Susan Massett Rev. Don McLaughlin

Antoinette Humanski

Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse

La Moua

**Charlene Oates** 

**Ruth Olek** 

Flo Paprzycki

Diane Pazos

Valerie Plesha

Jim Pluskota

Julia Schremp

Diane Singer

**Hedy Sterling** 

Thomas F. Sterling

John Swanston

Rev. Gerald Tivy

Bernice Tokarski Kathy Walowski Judy Wiltgen

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.



# Noticias del P.I.T. (Párroco en Formación)



¡Tengo que decir que disfruté crecer en los años 80 y 90! Todavía recuerdo ir al cine con mi familia y amigos a ver estupendas películas que nuestra cultura sigue tratando de recuperar hoy. Una película en particular que recuerdo haber visto fue el Rey León. La música y la cinematografía fueron absolutamente hermosas. Cuando salía del teatro, una de las canciones en particular se me quedó grabada en la cabeza: "No puedo esperar a ser Rey". La letra continuaba: Que "Nadie me diga 'haz esto', nadie me diga 'estar allí', na-

die me diga 'deja de hacer eso', nadie me diga 'mira aquí'...". Es una canción bastante pegajosa con un concepto adolescente de libertad. El personaje principal comenzó la película pensando que la realeza se trataba de hacer las cosas a *mi* manera. Sin embargo, a medida que avanza la película y el personaje principal alcanza la mayoría de edad, queda claro que la realeza se ejerce mejor al servicio y al amor de los demás.

Basado en mi tiempo formando futuros sacerdotes en el seminario, puedo decir que este malentendido surge a menudo en muchos jóvenes seminaristas de hoy que pueden cantar: "¡No puedo esperar a ser párroco! Nadie me diga haz esto, nadie me diga estar allí... libre de hacerlo todo a *mi* manera!" Sin embargo, eso también sería un malentendido de lo que significa ser un párroco. Por suerte para mí, la Iglesia tiene muy claro cómo los párrocos deben dirigir sus parroquias. Las escrituras utilizadas en la celebración de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, son un ejemplo perfecto.

Nuestra primera lectura lo reúne todo: ¡la realeza y el apacentar (pastorear) van juntos!

Y el SEÑOR te dijo: "Apacentarás a mi pueblo Israel y serás el guía de Israel."

El gran Rey David en el Antiguo Testamento, antes de ser el gran rey de Israel, fue primero un pastor dispuesto a dar su vida por su rebaño. David solo fue hecho rey cuando sirvió y peleó por primera vez por su pueblo. Jesús, quien es el supremo David, es tanto Rey como Pastor. Cristo deja claro en Su ministerio, con corazón de buen pastor, que El desea no sólo servir y amar a su pueblo, sino incluso sufrir y morir por el. Qué hermoso Rey y Pastor tenemos en Cristo. ¡Por favor oren para que el Padre James y yo podamos tener el mismo corazón de Cristo Rey y que podamos continuar confiando nuestras vidas a nuestro Señor y Rey!

Padre Michael



## Lecturas de la Semana

**Domingo** 2 Sm 5, 1-3;

Sal 121, 1-2. 4-5; Col 1, 12-20; Lc 23, 35-43

**Lunes** Apoc 14, 1-3. 4b-5;

Sal 23, 1bc-2. 3-4ab. 5-6;

Lc 21, 1-4

Martes Apoc 14, 14-19;

Sal 95, 10. 11-12a. 12b-13;

Lc 21, 5-11

Miércoles Apoc 15, 1-4;

Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 7-8. 9;

Lc 21, 12-19

**Jueves** Apoc 18, 1-2. 21-23; 19, 1-3. 9a;

Sal 99, <u>1b-2</u>. <u>3</u>. 4. <u>5</u>;

Lc 21, 20-28

**Viernes** Apoc 20, 1-4. 11—21, 2;

Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6a y 8a;

Lc 21, 29-33

**Sábado** Apoc 22, 1-7;

Sal 94, 1-2. 3-5. 6-7;

Lc 21, 34-36

**Domingo** Is 2, 1-5;

Sal 121, 1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9;

Rom 13, 11-14a; Mt 24, 37-44



November 20, 2022

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Did you watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral procession? The Imperial State Crown that sat atop her coffin is "made of gold and set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies," according to the Historic Royal Palaces website. It had been made for her father, King George VI, for his 1937 coronation. It is hard to reconcile this bejeweled crown with the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion. Yet we recognize the crucified Christ as the king of kings, the firstborn of creation, above "thrones or dominions or principalities or powers." As we conclude the liturgical year, we are reminded that the cross, not the crown, is the primary symbol of Christ's power. By embracing the cross – through service, sacrifice and recognizing Jesus as the king of our lives – we can help bring about his kingdom.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be easy to distance ourselves from the two condemned criminals crucified alongside Jesus, much the way we might write off the prisoners in our midst today. Yet Luke's telling reveals their humanity and our shared human nature. One reacts as any of us might, telling Jesus to "save himself." The other speaks words of faith, recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, our true king of the universe. As we prepare to enter Advent, let us ask God for the grace to recognize Jesus as our king. Soon we will be swept up in the Christmas countdown. By placing Christ, the newborn king, at the center of our lives, we can in turn help ourselves and those close to us slow down and experience Advent in such a way so as to fully prepare for his coming.

**PRAY** This week, make the words of the second criminal your prayer: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

### Pastoral Care

### **Coping with Grief and Loss**

The monthly grief support session is Monday, November 28 from 11am to 12:30pm in Room 114 in the Parish Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy at <a href="mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com">jolenel@olmercy.com</a>.

### **Grieving at Thanksgiving**

For some, holidays are a welcome time of year to celebrate with family and friends. For others, it is a painful time as a reminder of the loss of loved ones and tough changes that have taken place. During the season of thanksgiving, is it possible to be both grateful and grieving? The answer to that is not easy and is different for everyone. Research has shown that over time, gratitude can provide a source of healing during the grieving process. According to researcher, Jeff Huffman, "There is growing evidence that being grateful may not only bring good feelings. It could lead to better health."

Like any skill, gratitude requires practice. If you are not currently practicing gratitude in your life but would like to try – start small. Think about being thankful for your morning coffee or tea, the sunshine, a friend's call or a warm meal. When we practice gratitude, it does not mean that we stop grieving our loss. Grief expert, Dr. Alan Wolfelt shares "that being grateful for what remains after you have experienced a loss can be a powerful way to deal with, and heal, that loss.

Turning your attention on how your life was enriched because that person was in it, for example, rather than on the vacuum the loss created, might be one powerful and healthy approach to confronting grief."

Take the time to consider some ways to practice gratitude. A gratitude journal may help to give thanks for one thing each day. If you do not like to journal, write one thing you are grateful for on a piece of paper each day and put it in a gratitude jar or put it on a board. Give at least one compliment daily. This helps your thoughts to turn to others and uplift them.

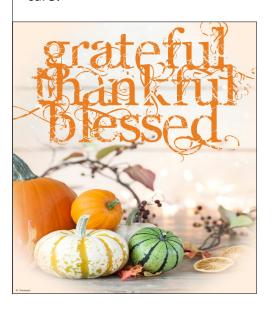
Turn to the faith community for a source of hope and support in your grief journey. There are grief support sessions or you could meet one-on-one with clergy or a grief minister. Turn to scripture, spend time in prayer, or spend quiet time with the Lord at Adoration. It is so important that you do not grieve alone. At times, it may be helpful to receive support from a grief counselor. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or at jolenel@olmercy.com.

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 29 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy RN 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. There will be time after the service to venerate the relic of St. Peregrine and pray for your personal intentions. St. Peregrine, pray for us!

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

If you are homebound and unable to come to Mass and would like Holy Communion brought to you by a trained Minister of Care 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 jolenel@olmercy.com or 331-707-5380. If pastoral care is needed in an emergency after office hours, please call 630-851-3444 to connect with the emergency line and talk with the priest on call. May God bless you and keep you in His care!



# Christmas Flower Offerings

This Christmas we will decorate the church with poinsettias around the altar. If you wish to make a gift towards the flowers please go to our website at 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 names in the Comments section. Flowers can also be memorialized by using one of the flower envelopes found in the narthex.

The recommended donation is \$20.00 per intention.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our church beautiful during the holiday season.









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# **ENTRANCE EXAM**

12/3/2022 8:00 a.m.



Register at SFHSCOLLEGEPREP.ORG/APPLY by November 30, 2022

Scholarship eligibility and priority admission consideration given to those who test at SFHS.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Maureen Isphording, Director of Admissions at (630)668-5800, ext. 1120

### Around the Parish

### **Annual Ladies Advent Tea**

All ladies of the parish 16 years of age and older are invited to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Ladies Advent Tea – Praying With JOY During Advent -on Sunday, November 27 from 2:00pm to 4:30pm in the church and the Parish Life Center (multi-purpose room). What is the Christ Child yearning to share with you this Advent season? Please bring your favorite tea cup or coffee mug for your beverage and a dozen sweets to share on a disposable plate. There will be a catered appetizer. Please register at 331-707-5080 or jolene@olmercy.com at by November 21.

### **Monthly Grief Support**

The monthly grief support session is on Monday, November 28 from 11am to 12:30pm in the Ministry Room. There is no registration. Any questions, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380.

### St. Peregrine Prayer Service

The monthly prayer service will be on Tuesday, November 29 at 7pm (after the 6:30pm Mass) in the church led by Deacon Tony Leazzo. Come together to support one another in prayer and presence.

### **Unbound**

Register at www.olmercy.com/unbound for the Unbound Freedom In Christ Conference on Friday, December 9 from 6:30 pm to 9:15 pm & Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The fee is \$50 for parishioners and \$75 for non-parishioners.



### Parish Sacrificial Giving **Actual Year-to-Date Collections** 517,562 \$ Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget 550,800 \$ **Amount Short of Budget** (33,238)\$ 11/06/22 Sunday Collection 34,122 \$ Weekly Sunday Goal 30,600 \$ **Amount in Excess of Goal** 3,522

For the Budget Year 2022/23 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 2%, to \$30,600/week, to help expand our various Ministries.

Thank you for your generosity!!

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

Parish Life Center (Const	ruci	tion Loan)
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
September, 2022	\$	456,948
October, 2022	\$	445,665



### **CMAA Pledge Report**

It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$ 152,000
Amount Pledged	\$ 172,856
Amount Paid	\$ 159,825
Remaining Balance	\$ 13,031
Rebate Amount	\$ 5,478
# of Families Pledged	512



# What Is the True Meaning of Christmas? with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book, The True

Meaning of Christmas, available on Catholic.Market.

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# 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 <a href="www.olmercy.com">www.olmercy.com</a> 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**

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-34	68
Monday-Thursday	8:30am-4:00pm
Friday	8:30am-1:00pm

### **Mass Schedule**

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs	day, Friday8:00am
Monday (Spanish Mass)	6:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am, 6:30pm
Wednesday	12:00pm
Thursday	6:30am, 8:00am
Saturday	8:30am
Saturday (Anticipated fo	r 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**

O	/S	7.00 0.00
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### Adoration

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-6:00pm
Wednesdays	8:00am-12:00pm
First Friday of the Month	12:00pm

### **Benediction**

Monday & Thursday	6:00pm
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### **New Parishioners**

We welcome you! Please register by visiting our website at www.olmercy.com. Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

### Sick and Homebound

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

### Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirement Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

### 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.

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