

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!

OUR LADY *of* MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 16, 2023



**DIVINE
MERCY**

News from P.I.T. (Priest in Training)



Although Catholicism is the largest single denomination in the US, we are doubly outnumbered by Protestants in general. This means that, like it or not, we American Catholics are deeply influenced by Protestants. In that light, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, allow me to share five arguments proving that Jesus gave us sacrament of divine mercy: confession.

#1: John 20:23 *“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”* There are three things that Jesus immediately does upon resurrecting and appearing to his apostles for the first time: first, He says, *“Peace be*

with you”; second, He gives them the Holy Spirit; third, He gives them the authority to forgive sins on His behalf. Why in the world would He give men the authority to do what only God can do (Mark 2:7) if He didn’t want them to use that authority? And if that isn’t enough, Jesus did much the same when He gave Peter the authority to bind or loose things in heaven (Matt 16:18-19). Jesus Himself gave us the sacrament of confession.

#2: Catholicism or bust. If you believe that Jesus founded the Catholic Church and not the Lutheran, Calvinist, Baptist, etc. (see Matt 16:18-19), then you necessarily must believe in sacramental confession. Under the Holy Spirit, the Church has definitively declared this again and again, council after council; so for Catholics at least, if you’re going to be rationally consistent, confession isn’t optional.

#3: James 5:16 *“Therefore confess your sins to one another.”* James tells us to confess our sins to other Christians. Regardless of who he means by *“one another”*, this shows us that the confession of sins has always been more than a private prayer devotion for Christians. The Acts of the Apostles itself says of those who were converting, *“Many also of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.”* (Acts 19:18) Confessing to another Christian (i.e. a priest) is essential because our sins affect the rest of the church and not just our personal relationship with God alone.

#4: History Proves It. If Scripture wasn’t enough, innumerable early Christian writings show us that those temporally closest to Jesus believed that Jesus intended a public confession of sins. We read from the Didache, written at about the same time as some New Testament books: *“Confess your sins in church, and do not go up to your prayer with an evil conscience. This is the way of life... On the Lord’s Day gather together, break bread, and give thanks, after confessing your transgressions so that your sacrifice may be pure.”* (Didache 4:14, 14:1) Or, to take an example from Origen: *“[A final method of forgiveness], albeit hard and laborious [is] the remission of sins through penance, when the sinner . . . does not shrink from declaring his sin to a priest of the Lord and from seeking medicine, after the manner of him who say, ‘I said, ‘To the Lord I will accuse myself of my iniquity.’”* (Homilies on Leviticus 2:4 [A.D. 248])

#5: James 5:14-15 *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”* The same passage that clearly points to the sacrament of anointing of the sick also shows us that sins can be forgiven through the ministry of priests.

Jesus gave us a gift in sacramental confession, so it’s only reasonable to think that He had good reasons for doing so! I’d encourage you to go at least every couple months. I go every few weeks.

Father James



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am † Lauren Zink, by Mom and Dad
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Josefa Ramirez, by Family
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, April 18 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am † Tekla & Walter Kunach, by Family
- 6:30 pm † Teodora Fagaragan, By Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, April 19 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, April 20 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am Int Father Don McLaughlin by Ida Phillips
- 8:00 am † Mary Coats Carroll, by Carroll Children
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, April 21 - St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor

- 8:00 am Int Soledad Diaz, by Shirley Staples

Saturday, April 22 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30 am † Milagros Joaquin, by Daughter
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Third Sunday of Easter**
† Anthony M Loquercio, Jr by Family
† Luevinia Wheeler, by Uy Family

Sunday, April 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Ann Borberg, by Diane Reiter
- 10:00 am † Christopher Ianno, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm The People of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:30 pm † Andrea J Schultz, by Marty Kadziela



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. Anthony M. Locuercio, Jr. | 9. The Feldman Family |
| 2. Frank Rostan | 10. Alee Marins |
| 3. Joan Seifred | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Louise Touvell | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Peace in Heart & Home |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Louise V. |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Hernandez Family |
| 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 22 & 23

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr James Guarascio
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
	5:30 pm	Fr Michael Kearney

We Pray

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

For our sick, confined and their families.

David Bakke
Alfredo Chavez
Baby Riley Chick
Robert Ciulla
Michael Dandan
Mary Dunbar
Bridget Garry
Jim Hegg
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph
Baby Penelope Keene
Michelle Maeirs
Kristen Manning
Susan Massett
Rev. Don McLaughlin
Susan Mennenga
Bill Morse

La Moua
Charlene Oates
Flo Paprzycki
Diane Pazos
Valerie Plesha
Jim & Carol Pluskota
Jackie Schiabile
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.

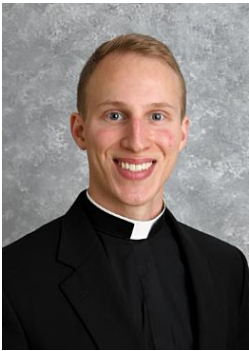
Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

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

Noticias del P.I.T.

(Sacerdote en formación)



Aunque el Catolicismo es la denominación individual más grande en los EE.UU., los Protestantes en general nos superan doblemente en número. Esto significa que, nos guste o no, los Católicos estadounidenses estamos profundamente influenciados por los Protestantes. En ese sentido, en este Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, permítanme compartir cinco argumentos que prueban que Jesús nos dio el sacramento de la divina misericordia: la confesión.

#1: Juan 20:23 “A quienes perdonéis los pecados, les quedan perdonados; si retuvierdes los pecados, le son retenidos.” Hay tres cosas que Jesús hace inmediatamente al resucitar y aparecerse a sus apóstoles por primera vez: primero, dice: “La paz esté con ustedes”; segundo,

les da el Espíritu Santo; tercero, les da la autoridad para perdonar los pecados en su nombre. ¿Por qué les daría a los hombres la autoridad para hacer lo que solo Dios puede hacer (Marcos 2:7) si no quisiera que usaran esa autoridad? Y si eso no es suficiente, Jesús hizo lo mismo cuando le dio a Pedro la autoridad para atar o desatar cosas en el cielo (Mateo 16:18-19). Jesús mismo nos dio el sacramento de la confesión.

#2: Catolicismo o fracaso. Si crees que Jesús fundó la Iglesia Católica y no la Luterana, Calvinista, Bautista, etc. (ver Mateo 16:18-19), entonces necesariamente debes creer en la confesión sacramental. Bajo el Espíritu Santo, la Iglesia lo ha declarado definitivamente una y otra vez, concilio tras concilio; entonces, al menos para los católicos, si vas a ser racionalmente consistente, la confesión no es opcional.

#3: Santiago 5:16 “Por tanto, confiesen vuestros pecados unos a otros.” Santiago nos dice que confesemos nuestros pecados a otros cristianos. Independientemente de a quién se refiera con “los unos a los otros”, esto nos muestra que la confesión de los pecados siempre ha sido más que una devoción de oración privada para los cristianos. Los mismos Hechos de los Apóstoles dicen de los que se estaban convirtiendo: “Vinieron también muchos de los que ya eran creyentes, confesando y divulgando sus prácticas”. (Hechos 19:18) Confesarse con otro cristiano (es decir, un sacerdote) es esencial porque nuestros pecados afectan al resto de la iglesia y no solo a nuestra relación personal con Dios.

#4: La historia lo demuestra. Si las Escrituras no fueran suficientes, innumerables escritos cristianos primitivos nos muestran que aquellos más cercanos a Jesús en el tiempo creían que Jesús tenía la intención de una confesión pública de los pecados. Leemos de la Didaché, escrita aproximadamente al mismo tiempo que algunos libros del Nuevo Testamento: “Confiesa tus pecados en la iglesia, y no te elevés a la oración con mala conciencia. Este es el camino de la vida... En el día del Señor reuníos, partid el pan y dad gracias, después de confesar vuestras transgresiones para que vuestro sacrificio sea puro”. (Didaché 4:14, 14:1) O, para tomar un ejemplo de Orígenes: “[Un último método de perdón], aunque duro y laborioso [es] la remisión de los pecados a través de la penitencia, cuando el pecador . . . no rehuye declarar su pecado a un sacerdote del Señor y buscar medicina, a la manera de quien dice: 'Dije: "Ante el Señor me acusaré de mi iniquidad"'” (Homilías sobre Levítico 2:4 [A.D. 248]).

#5: Santiago 5:14-15 “¿Está alguno enfermo entre vosotros? Que llame a los presbíteros de la iglesia, y que oren por él, ungiéndole con aceite en el nombre del Señor. Y la oración de fe salvará al que está enfermo, y el Señor lo levantará. Y si ha cometido pecados, le serán perdonados”. El mismo pasaje que apunta claramente al sacramento de la unción de los enfermos también nos muestra que los pecados pueden ser perdonados a través del ministerio de los sacerdotes.

Jesús nos dio un regalo en la confesión sacramental, ¡así que es razonable pensar que Él tenía buenas razones para hacerlo! Te animo a que vayas al menos cada dos meses. Yo voy cada pocas semanas.

Padre James



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Hch 2, 42-47; Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24; 1 Ped 1, 3-9; Jn 20, 19-31
Lunes	Hch 4, 23-31; Sal 2, 1-3. 4-6. 7-9; Jn 3, 1-8
Martes	Hch 4, 32-37; Sal 92, 1ab. 1c-2. 5; Jn 3, 7-15
Miércoles	Hch 5, 17-26; Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9; Jn 3, 16-21
Jueves	Hch 5, 27-33; Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20; Jn 3, 31-36
Viernes	Hch 5, 34-42; Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14; Jn 6, 1-15
Sábado	Hch 6, 1-7; Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19; Jn 6, 16-21
Domingo	Hch 2, 14. 22-33; Sal 15, 1-2a. y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11; 1 Ped 1, 17-21; Lc 24, 13-35



*“Do not be
unbelieving,
but believe.”*

(Jn 20: 27)

Christ's appearance to the apostles by A.M. Ripstein, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons

April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

“I’ll believe it when I see it.” We’ve all said this at some point, usually in response to hearing about someone unreliable doing something out of character. St. Thomas had the same reaction in today’s Gospel when he wasn’t there when the other disciples saw Christ for the first time since he rose from his tomb – “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Although Jesus helped Thomas with his unbelief, he blesses those who have not seen, but believe. Have any of us seen the nail marks in Christ’s hands and feet, or the wound in his side? Do we see Christ’s body and blood on the altar, or do we see only the gifts of bread and wine? Christ comes to us in ways we can understand initially – parables, bread and wine, the face of people we meet throughout our daily lives – but our faith in what we have not seen, in the great mystery of our salvation, is what makes us Christian.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ’s disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let’s act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is “more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire.” We certainly aren’t perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ’s name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

INVITATION People often see Christ through the words and actions of others. This week, actively seek out opportunities to be the hands of Christ. What opportunities does your community have to practice corporal works of mercy?



The Eighth Day Is Freedom

Every year, I am in awe that we prepare for Easter with 40 days of penitence, and then celebrate Christ's Resurrection for 50 days! Every day of the Octave of Easter is one long Easter Sunday, liturgically speaking; a week-long day of rejoicing, encompassing the "first day of the week" (Easter Sunday) and the "eighth day" of the week (Divine Mercy Sunday). This "eighth day" becomes the new "first day", the symbol of the new creation Christ has set in motion.

The eighth day as a sign of holiness and freedom is seen in Scripture, particularly in the Book of Leviticus. On this day, children were circumcised, becoming purified and receiving the seal of the covenant (Lev 12:2-3). Animals were ceremonially unclean before their eighth day, and could not be sacrificed before then (Lev 22:27). All people who were unclean for any reason remained so until the eighth day, when they were accounted clean (Lev 14:8-10; 15:13-14). Even the vessels for ministry

and the priests went through seven days of purification, and were "clean" on the eighth day.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus rose on "the first day of the week," which is the same as the "eighth day." The Jewish people hold Saturday, the seventh day, as a day of rest and worship, because God rested on the seventh day of creation. But Christians acknowledge that Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary fulfilled every Levitical oblation and sacrifice, and the resurrection on the "eighth day" points to the NEW creation and the final fulfillment of all creation. In the early Church, the baptismal font was often octagonal, to symbolize that through this font that we become a new creation in Christ!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we see Jesus putting Thomas' doubts to rest by revealing his wounds, through which he poured out mercy on the world. It is through these wounds that Jesus gave us the incredible gifts of cleansing and forgiveness and renewal, and here he gives his disciples the au-

thority to forgive in the sacrament of Penance. In Jesus' many words and actions and miracles, he proved that Love overcomes every sin and shortcoming. On this "eighth day" of Easter, we glimpse the whole point and hear anew the call to fulfillment of all creation: the final victory over every uncleanness and sinfulness, and our final, glorious rest at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, celebrating the definitive conquering of death on the mystical eighth day of creation in eternity.

In the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus reveals his desire that this day be "a refuge and shelter for all souls... On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy." So, let us joyfully approach that Fount by going to Confession and receiving Him in Communion to welcome the Gift of His healing love!

Easter Flower Memorials

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

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Most of us like to go out to restaurants to eat from time to time and we go home with leftovers and often we order meals to take out and enjoy at home. This creates more disposable containers some of which are reusable but some are not recyclable and this adds to the items going to landfills that are not biodegradable and will take a very long time to decompose. Suggest better packaging options to the staff at your favorite eateries.

Did you know that styrofoam can be recycled? Not in your community recycling barrels but at Dart Container Corporation in North Aurora. Dart recycles the material into a variety of useful products. Yes it is a distance to travel to drop off your styrofoam cups, food containers, packaging material but consider getting together with neighbors, friends and family members and collect styrofoam. Then once every month or two, one person drop off a car load at: DART 310 Evergreen Dr. North Aurora, IL 60543 630-896-4631

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Saturday May 13 from 1-2PM
@ Our Lady of Mercy by the
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(next to the rectory)
Refreshments to follow!

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Divine Mercy Feast Day Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m.

In honor of the Feast Day of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16, Our Lady of Mercy will hold a beautiful celebratory service in the Church at 2 p.m. New this year will be a group recitation in song of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a devotional prayer that Jesus revealed among his numerous apparitions to Saint Maria Faustina. He also promised St. 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 p.m. (Frs. Michael, James, and other priests if available)
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Adoration starting at 2 p.m.
- Period of Silent Meditation and Prayer
- Placing of Divine Mercy Images at the steps of the altar for blessing (must be placed at the altar before 1:45 p.m.)
- Taking of Personal Intentions prior to the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Recitation of the Chaplet in song at 3 p.m. (in remembrance of the Hour of Death)
- Blessing of participants' Divine Mercy Images at the altar
- Benediction, closing prayers to Jesus and Mary
- Recitation of the Rosary (optional)

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!

Around the Parish

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, April 18 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass (at 7pm) with Deacon Tony Leazzo and Jolene LeRoy. 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.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry is on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:30pm to 6pm. The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non-perishable items) to people in need. No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in need of food! Mobile Food Pantries use a “drive-thru” method to distribute food. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. Mobile Food Pantries take place snow, rain, or shine!

Justice & Peace Ministry

There will be a Green Fair on April 29. More details to follow. If you wish to volunteer to help contact Chris Harvey 631-561-9722 or Ida at 630-000-0111. And if you can help with the following please contact Deacon Tim at 815-603-4089.

Wanted: Electric car owners, and electric cars

For: Green Fair

When: Saturday, April 29, 9:30am to 3:30pm for 1 or 2 hours

Where: OLM Parking Lot

What: Explain why you like having an electric car and answer questions car owners may have.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,178,208
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,193,400
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(15,192)
04/02/23 Sunday Collection	\$	30,803
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	203

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 (Construction Loan)

April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
February, 2023	\$	400,049
March, 2023	\$	388,140



CMAA Pledge Report

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. 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 amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal	\$ 141,900
Amount Pledged	\$ 138,613
Amount Paid	\$ 99,152
Remaining Balance	\$ 39,461
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	426

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 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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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 16, 2023



God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1
The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes
"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron
Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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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. 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

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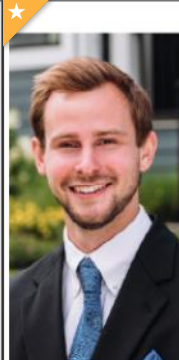
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