



OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 16 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This is why I speak to them in parables, because 'they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.'

Matthew 13:13

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



I think I might have to accept the fact that I don't have a green thumb. In seminary, I kept succulents in my room because they are supposed to be easy plants to care for. For a while, things were going well. But then I decided to water one of the plants, and it died from having too much water. So I decided I would wait until it was clear that the other succulent needed water, but it ended up so dry that it looked almost dead. But when I watered it, the plant ended up dying from too much

water. I don't have any more succulents, but there are some plants in my office here at the parish. I was told I don't have to water them, so they should be safe.

In our culture, we struggle with waiting. We want things to be done as quickly as possible, and we want them to be done as perfectly as possible, and we want all this done yesterday. If we try to apply this to our spiritual life, we will almost inevitably become disappointed. God did not create us perfect, and He typically does not work quickly or instantly in the spiritual life.

Maybe that's why Jesus uses the image of a seed to describe how people receive the Word of God into their lives. We can really only observe the progress of a plant after it has grown; we cannot catch a seed in the act of growing. And this growth only takes place over time. My succulents were so slow in showing progress that I didn't notice a change until it was too late. As today's Gospel says, we all need to strive to become the rich soil which will allow the Word of God to grow deep roots and bear fruit. But this takes time.

What does that look like? The key idea is little by little. In the spiritual life, this means cultivating good habits such as praying every day or joining a ministry or doing the dishes. When we first start doing this, we might not see any difference. But after some time, we hopefully will begin to notice some growth compared to where we started.

As with plants, there are many factors that are outside our control. We can make sure the plant has rich soil, water, and sunlight. But the rest is up to God. The same is true for our spiritual lives. We cannot grow by our own efforts alone but only by God's grace.

Even with this in mind, waiting is still hard. But we know that the One Who sows the seed is faithful and that He wants His Word to take root in our lives and bear fruit even more than we do. If we allow Him to work in our lives on His terms, then we can bear fruit "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Thankfully, God takes much better care of His plants than I do.

Father Frank



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Jacqueline Rootes, by Scott Sowizrol
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Ruben Manzaneres, by Family
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, July 18 - St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 6:30 pm † James Krcmarik, by Dcn. Buggy & Happy Sindac
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, July 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Geraldine Nemeth, by Tom & Joan Campion
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, July 20 - St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

- 6:30 am † Lolita Raiz, by the Freeston Family
- 8:00 am † Stanley Kerkla, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, July 21 - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

- 8:00 am † Pacita Rina

Saturday, July 22 - St Mary Magdalene

- 8:30 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
† James W. Ray & James W. Ray, Jr. by Helean Ray
The People of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, July 23 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Paula Toole, by Carolyn Kerkla
- 10:00 am † Janice Melisi, by Family
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Jim & Jane Darby, by Mary Campos
- 5:30 pm † Amy D'Silva, by Maybird D'Silva



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. Special Intention-L.T. | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Safe & Healthy Pregnancy | 10. Vocations |
| 3. Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr. | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Special Intention | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. Peace |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. The JTB Family |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Children with cancer |
| 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

July 22 & 23

Father Michael will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Michael Kearney
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	10:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	12:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
	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
Patricia Gebhardt
David Griffins
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
Diane Reiter
Jackie Schiable
Julia Schremp
Christopher Shea
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
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)



Creo que podría tener que aceptar el hecho de que no tengo habilidad para la jardinería. En el seminario, tenía plantas suculentas en mi habitación porque se supone que son plantas fáciles de cuidar. Durante un tiempo, las cosas iban bien. Pero luego decidí regar una de las plantas, y se murió por tener demasiada agua. Así que decidí esperar hasta que quedara claro que la otra suculenta necesitaba agua, pero terminó tan seca que parecía casi muerta. Pero cuando la regué, la planta terminó muriendo por el exceso de agua.

No tengo más suculentas, pero hay algunas plantas en mi oficina aquí en la parroquia. Me dijeron que no tengo que regarlas, así que deberían estar vivas.

En nuestra cultura, luchamos con la espera. Queremos que las cosas se hagan lo más rápido posible, y queremos que se hagan de la manera más perfecta posible, y queremos que todo esto se haga ayer. Si tratamos de aplicar esto a nuestra vida espiritual, casi inevitablemente nos decepcionaremos. Dios no nos creó perfectos, y por lo general El no obra de manera rápida o instantánea en la vida espiritual.

Tal vez por eso Jesús usa la imagen de una semilla para describir cómo las personas reciben la Palabra de Dios en sus vidas. Realmente solo podemos observar el progreso de una planta después de que ha crecido; no podemos agarrar a una semilla en el acto de crecer. Y este crecimiento sólo se produce con el tiempo. Mis suculentas tardaron tanto en mostrar progreso que no noté ningún cambio hasta que fue demasiado tarde. Como dice el Evangelio de hoy, todos debemos esforzarnos para convertirnos en la tierra fértil que permita que la Palabra de Dios eche raíces profundas y dé frutos. Pero esto toma tiempo.

¿Cómo se ve eso? La idea clave es poco a poco. En la vida espiritual, esto significa cultivar buenos hábitos como orar todos los días o unirse a un ministerio o lavar los platos. Cuando comencemos a hacer esto por primera vez, es posible que no veamos ninguna diferencia. Pero después de un tiempo, posiblemente comenzaremos a notar algún crecimiento en comparación con el punto de partida.

Al igual que con las plantas, hay muchos factores que están fuera de nuestro control. Podemos asegurarnos de que la planta tenga tierra fértil, agua y luz solar. Pero el resto depende de Dios. Lo mismo es cierto para nuestra vida espiritual. No podemos crecer solo por nuestros propios esfuerzos, sino solo por la gracia de Dios.

Incluso con esto en mente, la espera sigue siendo difícil. Pero sabemos que Aquel que siembra la semilla es fiel y El quiere que Su Palabra eche raíces en nuestras vidas y dé frutos aún más que nosotros. Si permitimos que Él obre en nuestras vidas en Sus términos, entonces podemos dar fruto "al ciento, al sesenta o al treinta por uno". Afortunadamente, Dios cuida mucho mejor de Sus plantas que yo.

Padre Frank



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 55, 10-11; Sal 64, 10abcd. 10e-11. 12-13. 14; Rom 8, 18-23; Mt 13, 1-23 o Mt 13, 1-9
Lunes	Ex 1, 8-14. 22; Sal 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8; Mt 10, 34—11, 1
Martes	Ex 2, 1-15; Sal 68, 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34; Mt 11, 20-24
Miércoles	Ex 3, 1-6. 9-12; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7; Mt 11, 25-27
Jueves	Ex 3, 13-20; Sal 104, 1 y 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27; Mt 11, 28-30
Viernes	Ex 11, 10—12, 14; Sal 115, 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18; Mt 12, 1-8
Sábado	Can 3, 1-4 o 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
Domingo	Sab 12, 13. 16-19; Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16a; Rom 8, 26-27; Mt 13, 24-43 o Mt 13, 24-30



July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

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

At Mass with my family recently, my five-year-old daughter caught the last four words of the mystery of faith as if she was hearing them for the first time. She was bursting with excitement as we finished saying, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.” She turned to me and said, “Mom! We said, ‘until you come again.’ Does that mean Jesus is coming back? He’s coming HERE?” What a lovely, emotion-filled response to learning that truth. She has heard those words countless times, but this time she heard the truth behind them. Her soul has been made for relationship with God from her time in the womb. The Holy Spirit has been preparing her to receive those words when she was ready to hear them in their fullness, and as the responsorial psalm proclaimed: “The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.” For those in the young, challenging years when it may seem easier to leave the little ones at home rather than take them to Mass, let’s remember what we are told in the first reading from Isaiah. “Thus says the Lord: ... my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How often do you find yourself listening to a friend or family member not to really hear what they are saying, but to plan your response? Do we do that while we pray as well? Sometimes I catch myself praying with an inner monologue behind it, deciding how I want that prayer to be answered. Now all of this may not be exactly what Jesus meant when he said, “This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*,” but it is worth exploring. When we are so anxious to get our words in – either to another person, or to God, we’re not really being the rich soil that the other’s words deserve. We’re not even the rocky ground or the thorny path of which the Lord speaks; we’re more like a giant rubber wall off of which the words bounce! Let’s take some time to consider how our practice of listening and receiving others, including the Lord, is preparing us (or not) for the return of Jesus. And if there is room to improve, now is a good time to do it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, prepare my heart and my soul so that your words and your desires for my life will not fall on rocky soil. Give me the strength to be a Godly sower to all I encounter, especially my family, so your glory will be revealed. Amen.*

Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the “meet and greet” in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the

parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: “Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!” I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, “Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!” Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, “I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives.” With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma’s. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our *spiritual* lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God’s creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you’ll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a “staycation” sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you’re participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it’s a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET





ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE JULY 22-23

The **St. Vincent de Paul** truck will be in our parking lot the weekend of **July 22 & 23** for our **Clothing Drive!!**

Donations may be dropped off before and after the 4:00 mass on Saturday and on Sunday until noon.

We will accept...

- Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Unusable items generate income for the needy because they are sold for rags or in bulk.
- ALL BABY CLOTHES. No baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc.
- Small housewares and electronics – dishes, glassware, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, radios, cd players, etc. SORRY NO TELEVISIONS.
- For furniture and large item donations please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a home pickup at a later date.

Thanks for your generous donations!

The OLM PADS/Hesed House Ministry expresses our deep gratitude to all who supported with their time, talent or treasure to ensure a successful Fourth of July service day. May the Father who sees your good works, reward you tenfold.

The PADS Board for our service day in August, is now on display in the Atrium (Door B Entrance). The board contains a “wishlist” of items used to prepare meals for 250 guests at the Hesed House homeless shelter, on the first Tuesday of each month. Drop-off for all items are before all Masses on the weekend of July 29th and 30th, 2023.

Monetary donations can be made via the OLM Online Giving Portal (please specify donation is for Hesed House), or make checks payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church, and write on the memo “Hesed House-PADS”.

Thank you for supporting our mission of mercy.

You are Cordially Invited!

Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond
Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm
Please RSVP below - QR Code or
Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192

“His mercy is From Age to Age” Luke 1:50

A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK AT WATERLEAF WOMEN'S CENTER

We pray that you'll join Our Lady of Mercy's WWMIN for an inside look and guided tour at Waterleaf Women's Center!

Find out how an ultrasound works, walk through a typical appointment, and meet with some of the staff while you enjoy some refreshments during our Q&A!

3055 E. NEW YORK STREET AURORA, IL 60504

JULY 31 2023 AT 06:00PM

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 28, 2023
LYDIA SCHMITT
lydias@olmercy.com

Walking with **girl** in Need

Justice & Peace Ministry

The Justice & Peace Ministry continues to collect hotel size shampoo, body lotion, conditioner and soap along with small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes, socks, wash cloths, granola bars, combs and razors for the Blessing bags we assemble for homeless people. We collect these items year round. If you are traveling this summer and collect these items and want to donate them, there is a crate in the Parish Life Center lobby for your donations. Thank you.

Summertime is a busy and fun time and we spend time outdoors at picnics and other gatherings. Please remember it is important to take time to care for God's creation and pick up trash and dispose of it properly, remember to recycle and plan accordingly. Bring along separate containers for trash and recyclables. Cut down on waste and excessive use of plastic. Use personal water bottles instead of buying plastic water bottles, use washable plates and utensils. Remember that a cleaner planet is up to all of us. Take home leftovers. FYI - "Food loss and waste is estimated to be roughly one third of the food intended for human consumption in the United States. When food is discarded, all inputs used in producing, processing, transporting, preparing, and storing discarded food are also wasted. Food loss and waste also exacerbates the climate change crisis with its significant greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint. Production, transportation, and handling of food generate significant Carbon Dioxide (CO2) emissions and when food ends up in landfills, it generates methane, an even more potent greenhouse gas." *United States Department of Agriculture*

We will be working on collecting items later in the year for a Welcome to AMERICA Pack for a refugee family. In the past year we were able to present a Welcome Pack with necessary household and personal care items to a family of four from Guatemala and a Welcome Pack and ethnic food pack to a family of five from Myanmar (Burma), and some extra items needed for a large family of six from Ukraine. God bless all who made this possible. We hope to possibly help two families in the coming year. Meanwhile, please join us in praying for refugees all around the world. Thank you.

Around the Parish

Mixed Bowling League

You need not be a good bowler. You only need to come out and enjoy some safe time out with fellow parishioners for one Friday a month. If you have thought about joining a league, now is the time to give it a try.

There are 4 players to a team, but we will build a team for <4 players who wish to join. Fees are \$17/person per month.

The league will be one Friday/month from August through May, skipping December. If you have questions and/or would like to join the league, please contact Dan Panozzo at tanddpanozzo@comcast.net or call at 815-302-4111.

Come on out and join the fun!

Women Volunteers Needed

The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in August. Female volunteers (with high school diploma) are trained to help women students learn to read, write, and speak English. Tutoring sessions are 90 minutes, once a week, from Sept. to May, at 260 Vermont St., Aurora (behind St. Therese Church). Tutors do not need to speak Spanish or have teaching experience, but all volunteers must attend 3 training sessions in addition to viewing several training videos online. The next training dates are August 15, 22 and 24, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. To volunteer, email Alison Brzezinski at Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org.

For more information, visit www.dominicanliteracycenter.org or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.



Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	1,505,553
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	1,530,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(24,447)
06/25/23 Sunday Collection	\$	25,663
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,600
Amount Short of Goal	\$	(4,937)

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
May, 2023	\$	365,613
June, 2023	\$	354,009

Need space this summer?

We have a **STELLAR**
place for YOU!
VBS at OLM
Save the Dates!
August 7-11
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Sign up now at www.olmercy.com!



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	\$ 165,703
Amount Paid	\$ 136,562
Remaining Balance	\$ 29,142
Rebate Amount	\$ 0
# of Families Pledged	475

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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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 Friday of the Month 8:30-9:15am

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:30-8:20pm

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

Last Wednesday of the Month at Magnify 7:00-8:30pm

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

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

Parish Directory

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