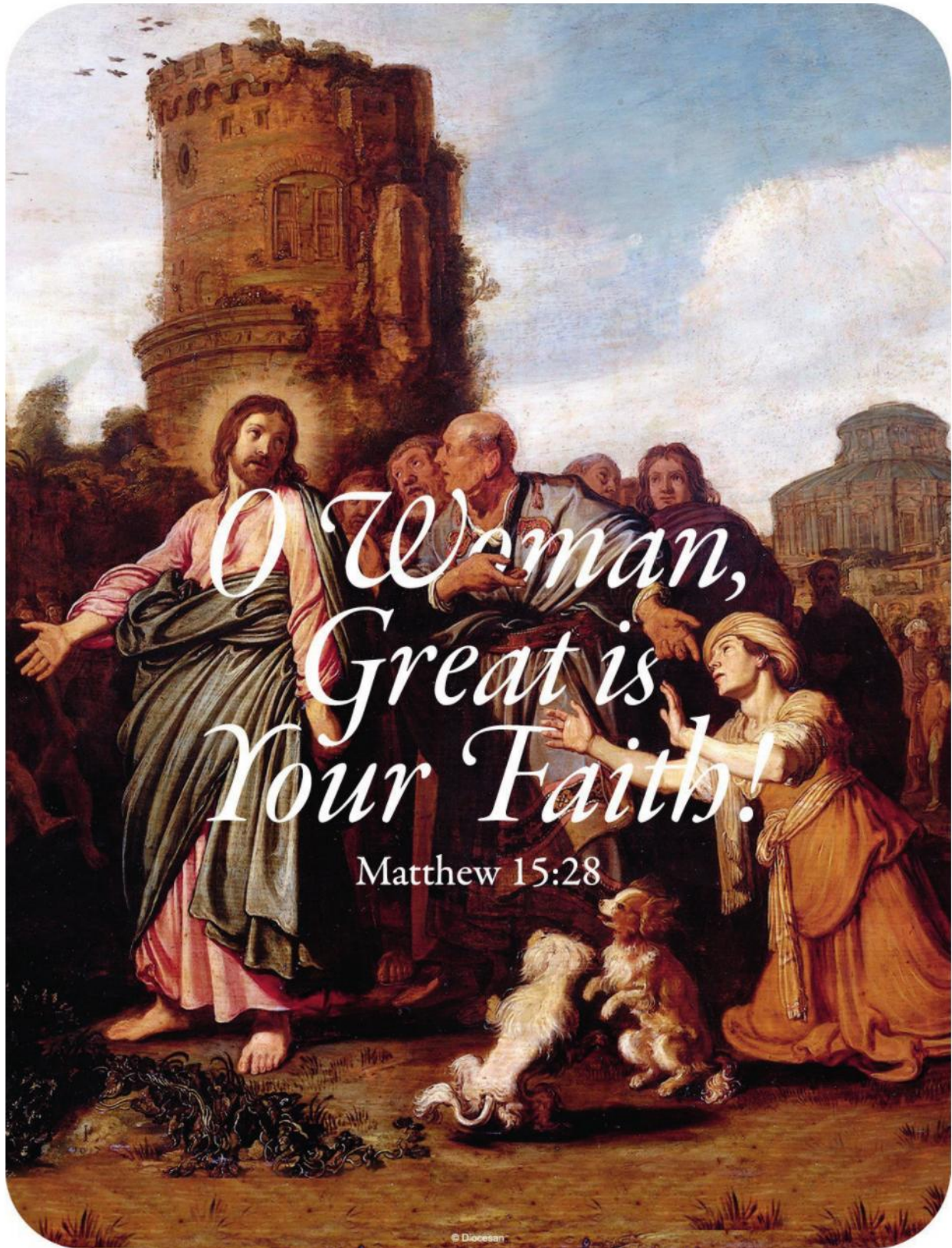




OUR LADY of MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 20, 2023
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Sometimes we come across a Gospel reading where we initially hear it and don't know how to react! This Sunday's reading of Jesus initially rejecting the Canaanite woman is perhaps one of them. We may see Jesus's treatment and response to her harsh and difficult to comprehend. Isn't our faith in Jesus Christ based on his willingness to die for EVERYONE? Why does Jesus ignore this woman and then compare the Canaanite people to dogs?

I'm sure there are various ways to approach this Gospel passage. One approach is to ask the question, "Could Jesus be testing the woman's perseverance even in the midst of persecution, which is something the Apostles will eventually have to learn themselves?" I, however, would like to approach today's Gospel with this main proposition about our own brokenness: When God's actions don't match up with our will, we seem to always perceive God's actions as harsh and questionable.

Have you ever wanted God to act or respond to a problem in your life? And what happened when your prayers were not answered in the ways you wanted them to? Did you throw a fit? (As I have done many times) Did you feel like God didn't have a plan for you, let alone love you?

Yet, what is clear throughout the Scriptures is that God loves all of us and desires to bring salvation, not only to the Israelites, but to all people (cf. 1 Tim 2:4). We fail in our perception of God's plan in not understanding that God doesn't always act the way we want Him to. We don't see God's greater picture of salvation. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the covenants (promises) given to the Israelites first, and then spread salvation to the whole world. Hence Christ said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). And then after his death and resurrection he said, "Go, therefore and make disciples of ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:16-20). God's plan from the very beginning was to bring all nations, including the Canaanite woman, into His Body the Church. Yet, in its proper time and way!

Sometimes when God doesn't act or respond the way we want Him too, we feel that God is harsh and unresponsive. But what we need to realize is that the Lord's love and plan is greater than our own. He desires the good and salvation of all people, including you and me! Let's, yes, learn from the Canaanite woman in perseverance, but more importantly trust in the Lord when He doesn't respond in the way we want Him too!

Father Michael



Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

- 8:00 am † C.K. Georgekutty
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm Int Souls in Purgatory
(Spanish Mass)

Tuesday, August 22 - Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 am Int Emma Rother, by The Reyes Family
- 6:30 pm † Rey Sereno, by Siblings
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Wednesday, August 23 - St Rose of Lima, Virgin

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Timothy Weidenbacher, by Friends
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)

Thursday, August 24 - St Bartholomew, Apostle

- 6:30 am † Nancy Hilgenbrink, by Tom McGrath
- 8:00 am † Connie Haag, by Shirley Staples
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction

Friday, August 25 - St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz, Priest

- 8:00 am † Joan Seifrid, by Jolene LeRoy

Saturday, August 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am † Karen Loback, by Emily & Mary Wojtalewicz
- 9:00am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Int of the People of Our Lady of Mercy
† Anthony M. Loquercio, Jr., by Family

Sunday, August 27 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family
† Sally Coit, by Family
- 10:00 am † Dolores Swanson, by Kim Harris
(Live Streamed)
- 12:00 pm † Hugh Hoerdeman, by Judy Zeno
- 5:30 pm † Jim & Jane Darby, by Mary Campos



Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

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| 1. James Krcmarik | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin |
| 2. Louise-Special Intention | 10. People with Cancer |
| 3. Good Health | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Peace | 12. The Sick |
| 5. The Pluskota Family | 13. First Responders |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. The JTB Family |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye | 15. Vocations |
| 8. The Deceased | 16. The Homeless |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

August 26 & 27

Deacons will preach at all Masses.

Saturday	4:00 pm	Fr Frank
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr Michael
	10:00 am	Fr Frank
	12:00 pm	Fr Michael
	5:30 pm	Fr Frank

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
Jim Gray
David Griffins
Nancy Higgins
Eric Hoerdemann
Cera Horste
Steve Johnson
Helen Joseph
Baby Penelope Keene
Michelle Maeirs
Kristen Manning
Susan Massett
Susan Mennenga

Bill Morse
La Moua
Richard Muszynski
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. (Párroco en Formación)



¡A veces nos encontramos con una lectura del Evangelio donde inicialmente la escuchamos y no sabemos cómo reaccionar! La lectura de este domingo de Jesús rechazando inicialmente a la mujer Cananea es quizás una de ellas. Podemos ver el trato y la respuesta de Jesús a ella dura y difícil de comprender. ¿No se basa nuestra fe en Jesucristo en su voluntad de morir por TODOS? ¿Por qué Jesús ignora a esta mujer y luego compara al pueblo Cananeo con perros?

Estoy seguro de que hay varias maneras de abordar este pasaje del Evangelio. Un enfoque es hacer la pregunta: "¿Podría Jesús estar probando la perseverancia de la mujer incluso en medio de la persecución, que es algo que los Apóstoles eventualmente tendrán que aprender por sí mismos?" Sin embargo, me gustaría abordar el Evangelio de hoy con esta proposición principal sobre nuestro propio quebrantamiento: cuando las acciones de Dios no coinciden con nuestra voluntad, parece que siempre percibimos las acciones de Dios como duras y cuestionables.

¿Alguna vez has querido que Dios actúe o responda a un problema en tu vida? ¿Y qué pasó cuando tus oraciones no fueron respondidas de la manera que querías? ¿Tuviste un ataque? (Como lo he hecho muchas veces) ¿Sentiste que Dios no tenía un plan para ti, y mucho menos amarte?

Sin embargo, lo que está claro a lo largo de las Escrituras es que Dios nos ama a todos y desea traer la salvación, no sólo a los israelitas, sino a todas las personas (cf. 1 Tim 2: 4). Fallamos en nuestra percepción del plan de Dios al no entender que Dios no siempre actúa como queremos. No vemos la imagen más grande de Dios de la salvación. Jesucristo vino a cumplir los pactos (promesas) dados a los israelitas primero, y luego esparcir la salvación a todo el mundo. Por eso Cristo dijo: "Solo he sido enviado a las ovejas perdidas de la casa de Israel" (Mateo 15:24). Y luego, después de su muerte y resurrección, dijo: "Vayan, pues, y hagan discípulos a TODAS LAS NACIONES, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo" (Mateo 28:16-20). El plan de Dios desde el principio fue traer a todas las naciones, incluyendo a la mujer Cananea, a Su Cuerpo, la Iglesia. ¡Sin embargo, en su debido tiempo y manera!

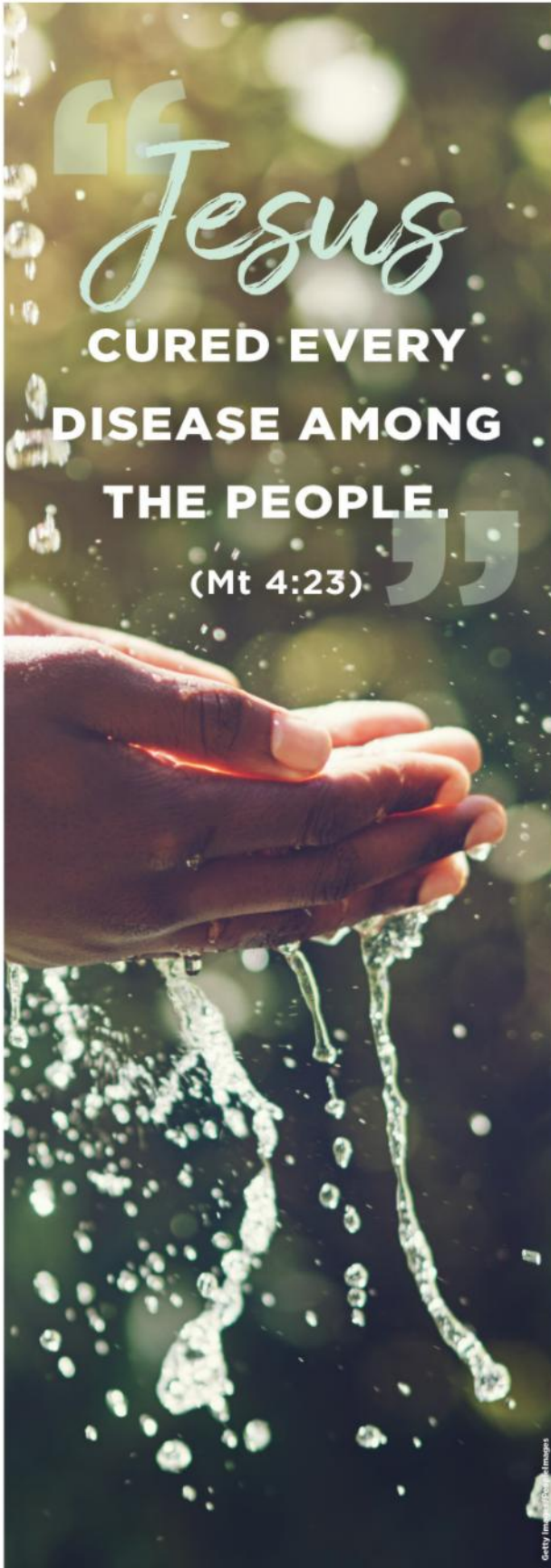
A veces, cuando Dios no actúa o responde de la manera en que lo queremos, sentimos que Dios es duro e indiferente. Pero de lo que debemos darnos cuenta es que el amor y el plan del Señor son más grandes que los nuestros. ¡Él desea el bien y la salvación de todas las personas, incluidos ustedes y yo! ¡Aprendamos, sí, de la mujer Cananea en perseverancia, pero lo más importante es que confiemos en el Señor cuando Él no responde de la manera que nosotros también lo queremos!

Padre Michael



Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo	Is 56, 1. 6-7; Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8; Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32; Mt 15, 21-28
Lunes	Ju 2, 11-19; Sal 105, 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab y 44; Mt 19, 16-22
Martes	Ju 6, 11-24; Sal 84, 9. 11-12. 13-14; Mt 19, 23-30
Miércoles	Ju 9, 6-15; Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mt 20, 1-16
Jueves	Apoc 21, 9b-14; Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13ab. 17-18; Jn 1, 45-51
Viernes	Rut 1, 1. 3-6. 14b-16. 22; Sal 145, 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; Mt 22, 34-40
Sábado	Rut 2, 1-3. 8-11; 4, 13-17; Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5; Mt 23, 1-12
Domingo	Is 22, 19-23; Sal 137, 1-2a. 2bc-3. 6 y 8bc; Rom 11, 33-36; Mt 16, 13-20



August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

The abundance of God's love for us is what stood out for me in our readings today. If we consider the concept of abundance outside the Scriptures, it can be tricky. When we have it, does it imply we have too much when others have too little? If we are speaking of material things, then perhaps. But God's infinite and merciful love for us resound in each of our readings today, and this is cause for joy. In Isaiah, the Lord announces that he will accept offerings from anyone who holds to his covenant, Jewish or not. Saint Paul stresses that God's mercy is for *all*, and Jesus, after some back-and-forth with the Canaanite woman, heals the woman's daughter because of her great faith. God never tires of desiring healing and wholeness for *all* his children, which is a great gift. Let this gift of grace from God be a catalyst for us to reach out in love to others so that we also can come to God's "holy mountain and [be made] joyful in [his] house of prayer."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How can we reach out in love to others as we called to do? Perhaps we can start with our parish. Is there a ministry we have read about in the bulletin that needs volunteers? Or a coordinator? Perhaps it is time to ask God how we can be his instrument in the world. We can start small. I will never forget when my friend volunteered to run our Vacation Bible School one summer. Of course, she turned to her friends to help her with this daunting task! What she desperately needed was someone to go from classroom to classroom and lead the children in song. Talk about out of my comfort zone! But she gave me the music books and song suggestions, and pretty soon, "This Little Light of Mine" was reverberating through the halls of the school. I learned then and there that kids don't notice the quality of your voice if you are joyful and enthusiastic. They love to sing! Take a chance and get out there. You won't regret it.

PRAY *Lord, Jesus Christ, give me the wisdom to view my hands as extensions of yours. Give me eyes to see all people as you see them. Help me to use my voice to praise you and bring the truth of your goodness to everyone I encounter. Give me the strength to have unwavering faith. Amen.*

Bishop Hicks' Column

August 2023

TRAVEL LESSONS



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"WHAT I DID THIS SUMMER" is usually the first essay of the school year for students. My own essay would include a trip to El Salvador, staying at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). NPH was originally founded in Mexico, by Father William Wasson in 1954, as a home to care for orphaned,

abandoned and at-risk children. He created a safe place where children could thrive within a culture of unconditional love and faith at its core. Currently, NPH nurtures children and transforms lives in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With permission from Cardinal George, I worked as a priest as the Regional Director of our NPH homes in Central America from 2005 until 2010. Last month, I returned to El Salvador, and as I walked through the enormous doors, the aromas of handmade tortillas mixed with the cow farm next door instantly filled me with memories from five years of service there. I instantly smiled and thought to myself, what a blessing to be back here! I knew, of course, I would be sacrificing many of the creature comforts of home during my visit.

While I was there, NPH celebrated its 24th anniversary of operating a home in El Salvador. We began the day with an early Mass, and I was uplifted knowing the tradition of full and active participation in the liturgy still exists there, as over 500 children enthusiastically sang and responded to the prayers.

After Mass, everyone changed out of their "church clothes" and into their "play clothes." By 9 a.m. it was already 95 degrees, so I, too, decided to change out of my black suit and roman collar and into a T-shirt and sandals. It was a good decision because the day's next activity was an hour-long Zumba/salsa class! Did the bishop Zumba and salsa? Yes! However, trust me when I say that I lacked all skill and grace while doing it—it was an exercise in true humility that also got my heart pumping.

The rest of the day was filled with games and soccer tournaments as we basked in each other's warm friendship and lively conversation. The highlight for the children was being served hotdogs, a bag of chips and a can of pop for lunch. While you may think this is rather basic food, these children are accustomed to eating rice and beans daily, so this was a wonderful and welcomed treat.

After my morning holy hour the next day, I waited for the daily ritual of the water trickling on at 6 a.m. After showering, I dressed in my black suit, roman collar and pectoral cross and got into a pickup truck to drive across the border to Guatemala—a trip that should have taken about two-and-a-half hours. However, because of the condition of the roads scattered with potholes and fallen trees, the drive took almost four hours.

I arrived in the town of Santa Rosa de Lima to ordain Juan Carlos Pirir. For the past four years he has been a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Joliet. After completing his studies, I ordained him a priest there in his hometown as he was surrounded by his parents, siblings, relatives and just about everyone else from the town.

Before and after the Mass, fireworks were launched. And outside of the church, with its large choir and sacred music, the spirit of fiesta filled the air with booming music along with colorful balloons, banners and decorations. It was an amazing celebration and reflected the deep faith in that community, which formed Father Juan Carlos Pirir and fostered his vocation.

Back in El Salvador, a strong storm came through and knocked out the power my last night there. But instead of being upset by this inconvenience, I was thankful for the rain which cooled everything down, including me.

As I went to bed, I thanked God for keeping me safe during my travels. I asked for special blessings upon the dear children of NPH and upon Father Juan's proud family and supportive community. My "summer essay" would thank God for the comforts we enjoy "back home" and often take for granted: our safety, food, water, electricity and our parish communities.

Do enjoy the rest of your summer!

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



YOU'RE INVITED!

A Mother's Heart is a group for Catholic mothers with children ages 0-11 who are seeking to journey with other like-minded women of faith.

Following the example of St. Therese of Lisieux, we strive to imitate her "little way" of growing in holiness through the lenses of motherhood and family.

JOIN US FOR
 book chats
 podcast discussions
 "Mom's Night Out"
 community service projects
 fellowship
 play groups
 prayer

Wine & Witness Continues!
 Join us for wine, fellowship & a witness talk given by a different mother at each gathering! We meet at a local parishioner's home!
 We gather locally 2 Thursdays a month;
 August 10th and August 24th @ 7PM!

Stories w/ the Saints Begins on Wednesdays in September!
 Mothers and their children (6 and under) are invited to learn about a different Saint each week through crafts, songs & play!
 Save the Date: September 6th and 20th from 9:15-10:15AM!

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ANY EVENTS AT LYDIADSCHMITT@GMAIL.COM AHEAD OF TIME SO WE CAN PLAN TO WELCOME YOU!

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OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Begins in September!

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the process to become Catholic? Or are you curious about what initiation for adults means?

Our blessed Lord Jesus Christ said to Matthew "Follow me" and he rose and followed him. For Catholics, we respond in a similar way. The Christian way of life and becoming Catholic goes through a process of initiation, which is falling in love with Jesus and becoming His disciple. Through weekly meetings, we strive to help people learn how to respond to the prompting of God in their lives.

The best way to learn is by doing Catholic things and hanging around other Catholics. The way to practice being a Catholic and enter into this process is through entering a way of life, as an apprentice learns from a master and that master's community.

Our blessed Lord Jesus is our master and becoming Catholic is a lot like being His apprentices. We call this process the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults often referred to as OCIA. It involves encountering the Word of God through the liturgies and personal study, engaging in a vibrant community at Our Lady of Mercy, worship with fellow believers in Christ, learning to pray and be of service to others.

Meetings will take the form of classes on Monday evenings led by our pastor, Fr. Michael Kearney and parochial vicar, Fr. Frank Pusateri and an invitation to fellowship gatherings on Thursday evenings starting in September.

If you are interested in being Catholic or know of someone who is interested, take the next step in responding to God's call by emailing: OCIA@olmercy.com

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Register soon for this unique Bible Study experience!

For any questions on the study connect with Joe Wiacek or Joe Glasgow at OLMBiblestudies@gmail.com or Shirley Staples shirleystaples@yahoo.com on the exhibit

Vatican International Exhibition and The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Presented by The Real Presence Association, Inc. www.therealpresence.org

This holy endeavor is one of several efforts contributing to the National Eucharist Festival at Our Lady of Mercy.

NATIONAL CHURCH SIMULCAST

standing with Her
 sunday

DETAILS

When
 Sunday, August 27 @ 5:30pm

Where
 St. Joseph Church Hall
 4801 Main St. Downers Grove
 (Please observe quiet for 5pm Mass-goers)

Who
 Parishioners, Family, Friends
 and all who wish to

Stand With Mom's in need
www.standwithhersunday.com

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OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH PADS/HESED HOUSE MINISTRY



The **OLM PADS/Hesed House Board** is now on display in the Atrium (Door B Entrancze). 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 is **before all Masses** on the **weekend of September 2nd and 3rd, 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.

Around the Parish

Respect Life

Join us Friday, September 1, 2023. The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in front of Waterleaf Women’s Center on September 1, 2023. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Our peaceful prayerful public witness is needed now more than ever with the influx of abortion bound women coming from out of state into Illinois as the abortion capital of the Midwest. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

All are invited to attend the in-person St. Peregrine Prayer Service on Tuesday, August 22 in the church after the 6:30pm Mass (at 7pm). 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.

Are you homeschooling?

JOIN US!

CRECHE is a Catholic homeschool support group with outreach to families throughout the Fox Valley. We offer activities, clubs, field trips, and events that encourage friendship and vibrant family life.



REGISTRATION & INFORMATION:

Friday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. – Noon
St. Gall Catholic Church, Elburn, IL

Registration for the '23-'24 school year runs now through Sept. 30, 2023

www.crechehomeschool.org Email: registration@crechehomeschool.org



Why & how should I read the Bible?

Do you know the Bible is the most successful literary creation ever, more influential than Shakespeare or any other great text? It’s completely international. Homer has been translated into 40 languages, Shakespeare into 60, the Bible into well over 2,000—ten times more than any other book. It’s every publisher’s dream! It’s the world’s bestseller—44 million copies of the Bible sell every year. God has given us guidelines of how to live—not because He hates us, but because He loves us and wants us to enjoy life to the full. To learn more about why we should read God’s love letter to us, consider Alpha. Connect with Zara at 331-707-5381 or zara@olmercy.com. #TryAlpha.

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Reboot! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all ages (12+) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life.

Join Chris Stefanick, an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and TV host, for a life-changing evening. Hear the Good News that the Lord has for ALL of us, and learn how to live out this JOY in your everyday life.

Whether you’re a lifelong Church goer, just rediscovering your faith, or have never heard of Jesus before, this is THE event for you!

Make the commitment to have more JOY in your life today.

Grab a ticket for yourself, your friends, your family.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 9/27th @ 7pm!

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Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	174,182
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	186,000
Amount Short of Budget	\$	(11,818)
08/06/23 Sunday Collection	\$	35,181
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
Amount in Excess of Goal	\$	4,181

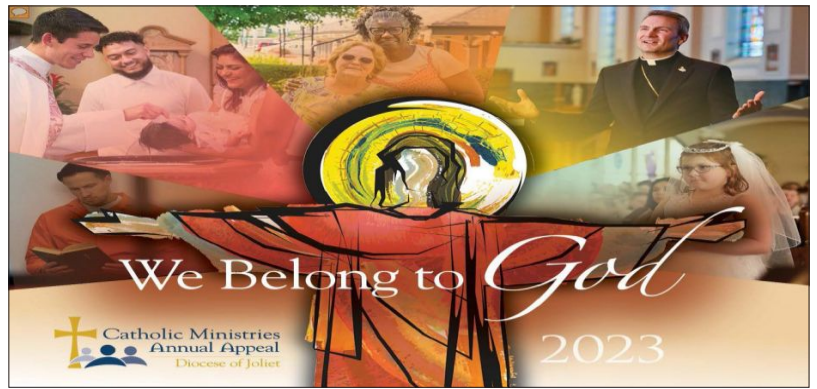
For the Budget Year 2023/24 we have Increased the Parish Sunday goal by 1.3%, to \$31,000/week, to help expand our numerous varied Ministries.

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
June, 2023	\$	354,009
July, 2023	\$	343,072



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	\$ 167,711
Amount Paid	\$ 149,729
Remaining Balance	\$ 17,981
Rebate Amount	\$ 5,481
# of Families Pledged	481

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

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