



**OUR LADY of MERCY**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 17, 2023



**Advent**  
THIRD WEEK

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



Hopefully we all know that we are called to be Christ to others. We see this subject come up in the letters of St. Paul: "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1), as well as in the popular prayer attributed to St. Theresa of Avila which was taken up by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:

*"Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours..."*

This, of course, is quite challenging to live out as a Christian. A similar challenge came to me while I was praying with our First Reading from Isaiah, the same reading Jesus will proclaim before starting his ministry in Luke's Gospel today:

*"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners..." (Isaiah 61:1)*

If these words, which are proclaimed by Christ, are to be fulfilled by us I have a few questions to ask first: How am I to heal the brokenhearted? How am I to proclaim liberty to the captives & release to the prisoners?

As a priest, a person ordained to be *In Persona Christi Capitis* ("in the person of Christ the head"), you can imagine the various encounters I have regularly in my priestly ministry. You can imagine the broken hearts I encounter in the Church, in hospitals, the jail and in funeral homes. How do I bring healing?

But of course, this challenge isn't just for me! This includes all of us; we are all called to bring healing and hope to our loved ones. You may find yourself asking the same question: how? The Gospels give us insight. St. John the Baptist was a man, a fore-runner to Christ, but also an example for you and me. When asked if he was the Messiah, the one to bring healing, his response was to point everyone to Jesus Christ. We are called to do the same.

As a priest, it's not me who comforts or consoles, it is the Lord who does it through me. Advent is not only a time of preparation to receive the Lord ourselves, but to point others to the Lord and his coming. Let us ask the Lord for the strength to unite ourselves to him who can "bring glad tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners"

Father Michael

## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 18 - Weekday in Advent

- 8:00 am † Ronickam
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 6:30 pm † Joan Pritzl  
*(Spanish Mass)*
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:30 pm)

### Tuesday, December 19 - Weekday in Advent

- 8:00 am † Barbara Saurer, by Roy Saurer
- 6:30 pm In Thanksgiving, by The Rajasekhar Family
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:30 pm)

### Wednesday, December 20 - Weekday in Advent

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:00 pm † Stanley Gancarz, by Jolene & Jeff LeRoy
- 12:30 pm Reconciliation (Until All Are Heard)
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:30 pm)

### Thursday, December 21 - St Peter Canisius, Priest

- 6:30 am † Florencia DeCastro
- 8:00 am Int Dcn Art & Babes Tiongson
- 8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 pm Benediction
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:30 pm)

### Friday, December 22 - Weekday in Advent

- 8:00 am Int Ray & Dechie Doligosa
- 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:30 pm)

### Saturday, December 23 - Weekday in Advent

- 8:30 am † David Jenkins, Jr.
- 9:00 am Reconciliation (Until 10:00 AM)
- 1:30 pm Reconciliation (Until 2:30 PM)
- 4:00 pm **Vigil - Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
† Jim & Jane Darby, Mary Campos  
Int The People of Our Lady of Mercy

### Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
† Nancy Basten, by Rick Basten
- 10:00 am † Margaret Lorenz, by The Liazowski Family  
*(Live Streamed)*
- 12:00 pm No Mass  
**Christmas Eve**
- 3:00 pm † Cathy Dodd, by Family  
Church
- 3:00 pm † James Krcmarik, by Mary Krcmarik  
MPR
- 5:00 pm † Feldman, Robin, Ernsting, Sanders & Prasse Families
- 7:00 pm † Lillian Weaver, by Kevin & Lisa Hayes
- Midnight † Emmanuel Masangcay, by Shirley Staples



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

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

- |                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. George Durante        | 9. Fr Don McLaughlin         |
| 2. Good Health for M.M.  | 10. Matthew C.               |
| 3. Reunite Family        | 11. Special Intention-C.H.   |
| 4. Micah Ginsberg        | 12. The Sick                 |
| 5. The Pluskota Family   | 13. Anthony M Loquercio, Jr. |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Good Health for D.R.     |
| 7. Baby Cerina Skye      | 15. Lillian Weaver           |
| 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.

## We Pray

David Bakke  
Michael Butler  
Alfredo Chavez  
Baby Riley Chick  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Mary Dunbar  
Anna Falcon  
Bridget Garry  
Patricia Gebhardt  
Jim Gray  
Kelly Greenwood  
David Griffins  
Nancy Higgins  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Cera Horste  
Helen Joseph  
Baby Penelope  
Keene  
Nina Keehn  
Keith Kuchinski  
Michelle Maeirs  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett

Susan Mennenga  
Bill Morse  
La Moua  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
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.

## Weekend Masses

**December 23 & 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

**Deacons will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr Frank Pusateri
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Michael Kearney
	10:00 am	Fr Frank Pusateri
	12:00 pm	No Mass

## Christmas Eve Masses

**December 24**

Church	3:00 pm	Fr. Frank Pusateri
MPR	3:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney
Church	5:00 pm	Fr. Frank Pusateri
Church	7:00 pm	Fr. Matt Alexander
Church	Midnight	Fr. Michael Kearney

## Christmas Day Masses

**December 25**

Church	8:00 am	Fr. Matt Alexander
Church	10:00 am	Fr. Frank Pusateri
Church	12:00 pm	Fr. Michael Kearney





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



Ojalá todos sepamos que estamos llamados a ser Cristo para los demás. Vemos surgir este tema en las cartas de San Pablo: "Imítenme como yo imito a Cristo" (1 Cor. 11:1), así como en la oración popular atribuida a Santa Teresa de Ávila que fue retomada por la Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta:  
*"Cristo no tiene cuerpo, sino el tuyo,  
No tiene manos, ni pies en la tierra, sino los tuyos..."*

Esto, por supuesto, es bastante difícil de vivir como Cristiano. Se me ocurrió un desafío similar mientras oraba con nuestra Primera Lectura de Isaías, la misma lectura que Jesús proclamará hoy antes de comenzar su ministerio en el Evangelio de Lucas:

*"El espíritu del Señor DIOS está sobre mí,  
porque el SEÑOR me ha ungido;  
me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres,  
para sanar a los quebrantados de corazón,  
para proclamar la libertad a los cautivos  
y la liberación a los prisioneros..." (Isaías 61:1)*

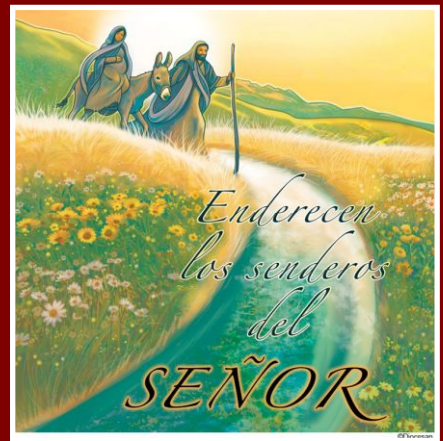
Si queremos que cumplamos estas palabras, que son proclamadas por Cristo, primero tengo que hacer algunas preguntas: ¿Cómo puedo sanar a los quebrantados de corazón? ¿Cómo voy a proclamar la libertad a los cautivos y la liberación a los prisioneros?

Como sacerdote, persona ordenada para ser *In Persona Christi Capitas* ("en la persona de Cristo la cabeza"), pueden imaginar los diversos encuentros que tengo regularmente en mi ministerio sacerdotal. Pueden imaginar los corazones quebrantados que encuentro en la Iglesia, en los hospitales, en la cárcel y en las funerarias. ¿Cómo consigo sanación?

Pero claro, jeste desafío no es sólo para mí! Esto nos incluye a todos nosotros; todos estamos llamados a llevar sanación y esperanza a nuestros seres queridos. Es posible que te encuentres haciéndote la misma pregunta: ¿cómo? Los evangelios nos dan una idea. San Juan el Bautista fue un hombre, un precursor de Cristo, pero también un ejemplo para ti y para mí. Cuando se le preguntó si él era el Mesías, el que traería sanación, su respuesta fue señalar a todos hacia Jesucristo. Estamos llamados a hacer lo mismo.

Como sacerdote, no soy yo quien conforta o consuela, es el Señor quien lo hace a través de mí. El Adviento no es sólo un tiempo de preparación para recibir nosotros mismos al Señor, sino también para señalar a otros al Señor y su venida. Pidamos al Señor fortaleza para unirnos a Él quien puede "anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, sanar a los quebrantados de corazón, proclamar libertad a los cautivos y liberación a los prisioneros".

Padre Michael



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	Is 61, 1-2. 10-11; Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54; 1 Ts 5, 16-24; Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28
<b>Lunes</b>	Jr 23, 5-8; Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17; Mt 1, 18-24
<b>Martes</b>	Jc 13, 2-7. 24-25; Sal 70, 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17; Lc 1, 5-25
<b>Miércoles</b>	Is 7, 10-14; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 1, 26-38
<b>Jueves</b>	Can 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18; Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21; Lc 1, 39-45
<b>Viernes</b>	1 Sam 1, 24-28; 1 Sam 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8; Lc 1, 46-56
<b>Sábado</b>	Ml 3, 1-4. 23-24; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 y 14; Lc 1, 57-66
<b>Domingo</b>	2 Sam 7, 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Rom 16, 25-27; Lc 1, 26-38





December 17, 2023

## Third Sunday of Advent

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” Such simple words from today’s second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don’t feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul’s words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: “Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.” That’s it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God’s gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

### **SING** *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim*

*One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.*



# GAUDETE SUNDAY

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which is Latin for "rejoice: On this day, we recognize the joyful anticipation of the season of Advent that will culminate in the birth of Christ on Christmas by changing the liturgical color to rose. Rose is a "brightening" of the ordinary violet and symbolizes joy and gladness in our promised redemption.

For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus could be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a heightened sense of rejoicing. This is reflected in our liturgical environment. You may notice flowers in the Advent wreath, trumpets preparing to announce Christ's birth, and stars preparing to guide the faithful to Bethlehem.



DEC 17

PREPARE YOUR HEART TO RECEIVE *Jesus*

Dec 18 through Dec 25  
Monday thru Friday  
7pm to 8:30pm

Saturday  
9am to 10am & 1:30pm to 2:30pm

*advent*  
RECONCILIATION

## BLESSING OF BABY JESUS

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER  
23RD  
12:30PM  
IN THE  
CHURCH**

the Blessing of the Baby Jesus was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines.



**BRING  
BABY  
JESUS  
FROM  
YOUR  
FAMILY  
CRÈCHE  
TO THE  
CHURCH  
FOR A  
BLESSING**

*This year marks the 800th Anniversary of when St. Francis created the First Nativity Crèche in the year 1223!*

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## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MASSES

**Christmas Eve 3PM CHURCH & PLC**  
**SUNDAY DEC 24 5PM** LIVESTREAM  
**7PM**

**12AM MIDNIGHT MASS**  
PRECEDED BY CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ 11:15PM  
LIVESTREAM

**Christmas Day 8AM**  
**MONDAY DEC 25 10AM** LIVESTREAM  
**12PM**

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**SATURDAY DEC 30 4PM**  
**SUNDAY DEC 31 8AM**  
**10AM**  
**12PM**  
**5:30PM**

**Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God**  
**MONDAY JAN 1 @ 9AM & 7PM**

# YOUTH MINISTRY BULLETIN NEWS

## Epiphany Gospel Story Enactment

**\*\*\*Calling ALL Kindergarten -  
through Grade 5 Students of  
Our Lady of Mercy Parish\*\*\***

Hold fast to the meaning of the  
Christmas season, and come to  
**Enact this beautiful story of the three  
kings visiting the King of Kings,  
JESUS!**

**WHEN? Epiphany Sunday, January  
7, following the 10:00 A.M. Mass!**

**REHEARSAL: IN CHURCH  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6  
10:30—11:30**

### **PARENTS:**

**For more information or to sign-up,  
email [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com) by  
Monday, January 1!**

### **PARISH FAMILY**

**Join our children as we pray and  
sing our joyous faith story!**



*High School teens (Grades 9-12)*

**LIGHT webpage here:**

<https://olmercy.com/formation/light/>

### **Chosen Confirmation Program Update**

The next Chosen Sunday session for Teens will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office with questions.

### **Teen Mission Trip 2024 Update:**

**Our trip is to Winchester, KY on July 7-13!** We still have a few open spots for teens—please contact Dave in the Faith Formation Office for information.

**Teen Mission Trip Parent and Teen Meeting** is TUESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> at 7pm in the PLC. All high school teens and at least 1 parent are asked to attend this very important kick-off meeting.

**Teens can Sign-up for Service and Discipleship opportunities** here: <https://olmercy.com/formation/light/service-discipleship-projects/>



**Middle School  
Youth Ministry**

*for Middle School teens (Grades 6-8)*

**EDGE Nights** meet twice a month on Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. in the Parish Life Center. Upcoming EDGE Nights: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

To register for EDGE and for more information go to <https://olmercy.com/formation/edge/>





## ***Tutor Volunteers Needed***

The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora, celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year, has just received The Best Practices Award from the National Library of Congress. The Center will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in January. 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 7 hours of training in addition to viewing several training videos online. The next training date is Saturday, January 20, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Tutors will begin with their new student the following week. To volunteer, email Alison Brzezinski at [Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org](mailto:Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org).

For more information, visit [www.dominicanliteracycenter.org](http://www.dominicanliteracycenter.org) or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.

## **Around the Parish**

### ***Christmas Flower Memorials***

This Christmas we will decorate the church with poinsettias around the altar. Flowers can also be memorialized by using one of the Flower Envelopes found in the Narthex. The recommended donation is \$20.

### ***Spanish Ministry***

Posadas will be celebrated on December 17 & 18 at 7:00 pm in the Church. The Pastorela Christmas play and potluck dinner will take place on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

### ***Mobile Food Pantry***

The next Mobile Food Pantry will be in the OLM parking lot Wednesday, December 20 at 4:30pm to distribute meat, produce and nonperishable items. Please share this information with those who may be in need.

### ***Christmas Concert***

Come listen to the OLM Adult Choir, Chamber ensemble, string quartet and trumpet as they perform The Glory of Christmas at 11:15 pm before the midnight mass on December 24.

### ***PADS/Hesed House***

The OLM PADS/Hesed House Board 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 December 30th and 31st, 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.

### ***Solemnity of Mary***

Monday, January 1st Mass honoring Mary, Mother of God will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

### ***Free Throw Championship***

On Saturday 1/18/2024 at 7pm is the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 6:45pm. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of 1/1/2024, are invited to participate, please present proof of age during registration with written parental consent. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to the district, region, and state competitions. The District competition will take place in February at a to be determined location. For additional information call (630) 957-7559.



## Parish Sacrificial Giving

Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	642,733
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	682,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(39,267)</b>
12/03/23 Sunday Collection	\$	40,486
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	31,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,486</b>

*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.*

# Make Advent Different this Year

*Daily Advent Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray*

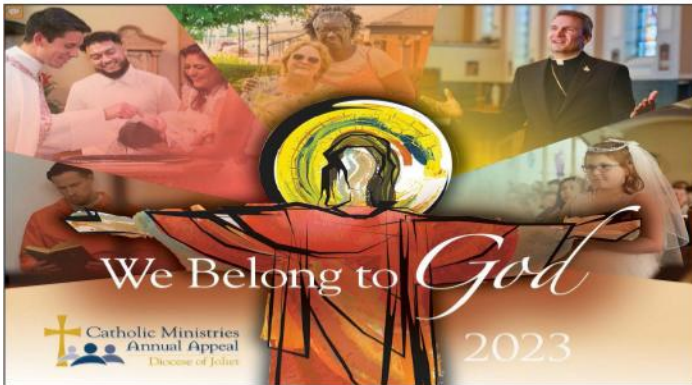
Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads viewers through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas.

Sign up for free at [DAILY.FORMED.ORG](https://DAILY.FORMED.ORG)

**FORMED**

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11



### 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	\$	179,582
Amount Paid	\$	174,895
Remaining Balance	\$	4,687
Rebate Amount	\$	23,096
# of Families Pledged		496

## Donate Online Through OSV

Whether you are a registered parishioner with us or visiting, we are set up to receive donations online!

**OSV** OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

OSV is an online website that makes contributions faster, easier, and accessible at anytime for donors.

**Website**  
[www.osvhub.com/olmercy](https://www.osvhub.com/olmercy)

Scan this code to start donating online!

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## Parish Office

Tel: (630) 851-3444 • FAX: (630) 851-3468

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

1st 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](http://www.olmercy.com). Click on "New Here" and choose "Join OLM" to fill out the online registration form.

### Sick and Homebound

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

### Hospitalization

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. Contact Lydia Schmitt at 331-707-5377.

### 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 Theresa Simeo at 331-707-5374.

# Parish Directory

## Parish Priests

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michael Kearney  
630-851-3444, Ext. 228 ..... [frmichael@olmercy.com](mailto:frmichael@olmercy.com)

**Parochial Vicar** ..... Fr. Frank Pusateri  
630-851-3444, Ext. 226 ..... [frfrank@olmercy.com](mailto:frfrank@olmercy.com)

## Permanent Deacons

Dcn Tim Kueper ..... [tkueper5@yahoo.com](mailto:tkueper5@yahoo.com)

Dcn Tony Leazzo ..... [tonyl@olmercy.com](mailto:tonyl@olmercy.com)

Dcn Tony Martini ..... [tonym@olmercy.com](mailto:tonym@olmercy.com)

Dcn Doug McIlvaine ..... [doug@olmercy.com](mailto:doug@olmercy.com)

Dcn Phil Rehmer ..... [deaconphil@rehmer.com](mailto:deaconphil@rehmer.com)

Dcn Buggy Sindac ..... [bugsys@olmercy.com](mailto:bugsys@olmercy.com)

Dcn Art Tiongson ..... [hope2640@yahoo.com](mailto:hope2640@yahoo.com)

## Pastoral Staff

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**Asst. to Pastor & Communications** ..... Theresa Simeo  
331-707-5374 ..... [theresas@olmercy.com](mailto:theresas@olmercy.com)

**Dir. of Evangelization & Communications** ... Zara Tan  
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