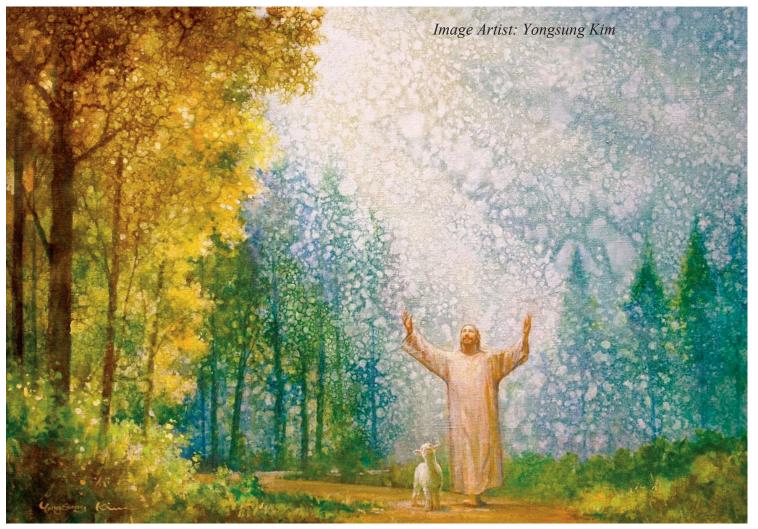
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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 22, 2023

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Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

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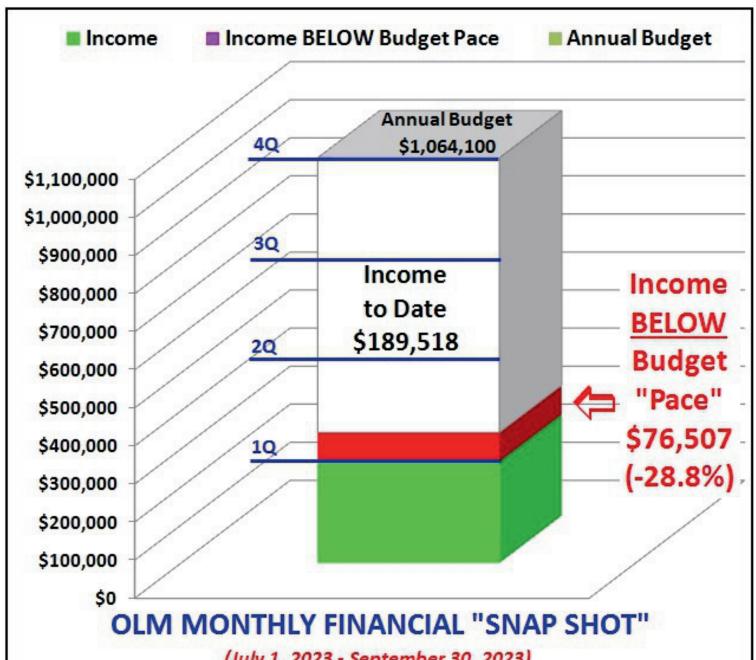
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Join Us For Mass

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil—5:00 PM Church Sunday—8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church Confessions—Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM Holy Days—9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church



(July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)

Based on the annual budget of \$1,064,100 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$189,518 for the first 3 months of our fiscal year are **BELOW** budget "pace" by \$76,507 or 28.8%. Based on this, the Finance Committee is hopeful that the Annual Parish Appeal (Oct 1st - Nov 1st) and parishioner generosity (which has helped tremendously in past years) will continue or increase overall parish income before the end of this year.

Second Collections for the Month of September, 2023

Peter's Pence \$1,659.00 **Diocesan Assessment** \$1,798.00

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 AM Joseph Dell Beni

r/o Steve & Doreen Gliebe

10:00 AM Dorothy Flemm

r/o Roger Novoa

11:30 AM James Golden

r/o Donna Golden

Monday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest

9:15 AM Bill Pelfrey

r/o Caroline & Dave

Tuesday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

9:15 AM Mary Flannery 3rd Anniversary

r/o The Family

Wednesday, October 25

9:15 AM Martin Piszko

r/o Esta-Ann, Amy, Steve and Hudson

Thursday, October 26

9:15 AM Susan Leidner

r/o Bud Connelly & Family

Friday, October 27

9:15 AM Kathy Sanger

r/o Bob Sanger

Saturday, October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

9:15 AM Susan Leidner

r/o OLM Office of Faith Formation

5:00 PM Martin Nicholas Piszko *1st Anniversary*

r/o Gene & Eileen Piszko

Sunday, October 29 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Rovaldo Angelo Iamundo

r/o Jacira Iamundo

10:00 AM Tom O'Dea, Sr.

r/o The O'Dea Family

11:30 AM Stephanie Ryder Reyes

r/o Mom & Dad

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.



Mass Intentions Available

Mass Intentions are available for 2023/2024. To request to have a Mass offered for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office or request online at https://olmwarren.org/mass-intentions.

Mass stipends are \$10.



In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

Marguerite Thompson

Mother of Gregory, Jeffrey and Christopher

Denise "Denny" Borrelli

Wife of Vincent and Mother of James and Marc

Robert Yankevicz

Husband of Barbara and Father of Robert Yankevicz, Jr. and Linda Monath

Anne Marie Romero

Wife of Victor and Mother of Robert Moraga, Frank Moraga and Victoria Romero Corozine

Mario Petrino

Husband of Marta and Father of Frederick, Susan Gallic and Adele Brennan

Christine Canady

Wife of David and Mother of Alex and Danielle Vastl

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns this week in loving memory of



Stephanie Ryder Reyes

at the request of Walter & Elizabeth Ryder

To register as a parishioner please visit our website, www.ourladyofthemount.org, and complete our online registration form or scan the QR code.



Scripture Readings For the Week of October 22, 2023

Sunday | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday | Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday | Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53

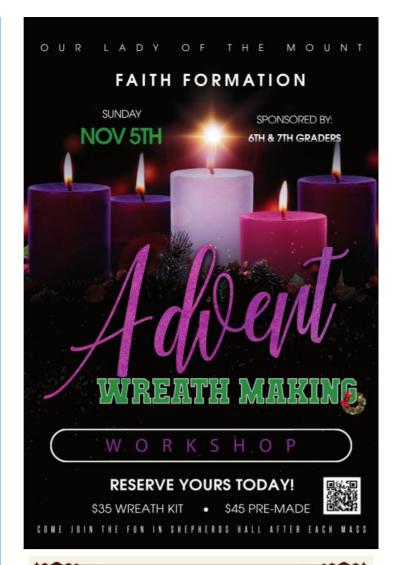
Friday

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54

Saturday | Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40





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From the Office of Faith Formation

Our 7th grade students, who are beginning their first year of the two-year Confirmation program, and their parents, attended 10am Mass followed by the **Commitment Ceremony** in Shepherds Hall. Fr. Sean spoke about the importance of the role of the parents in a child's journey of faith. Bibles that were blessed by Fr. Sean, were distributed along with the Commitment forms that were signed by the students and their parents.

The 2nd annual **Living Rosary** for families in grades 1 thru 5 was a great success. The children, together with their parents, recited the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Afterwards, the Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck, generously sponsored by Stephen & Cheryl Liberti, treated the kids to some delicious ice cream.











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Saint John Paul II



"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978.

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon

Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland's University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria.

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

"Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, Redeemer of the Human Race. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that.

One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II's pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Reflection

Before John Paul II's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, hundreds of thousands of people had waited patiently for a brief moment to pray before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented.

Presiding at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—then dean of the College of Cardinals and later Pope Benedict XVI—concluded his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing urbi et orbi ('to the city and to the world').

"We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

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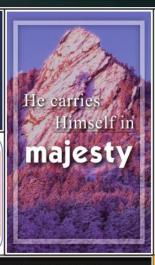




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