

July 17, 2022: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE POWER OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN PARABLE!

Many of you were touched by the POWERFUL PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN last week. We hear this Gospel only once every three years in the YEAR OF LUKE (YEAR C, Luke 10:25-37). It is one of Jesus' most famous parables. It is Jesus' answer to the Jewish scholar's question: "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?" (see my column of last week). It teaches us how to live a Christian Life and to be saved! It is all about CHRISTIAN LOVE! GOD IS LOVE! LOVE IS GOD!

Our secular world uses the expression "Good Samaritan" for any person helping another one in need. Someone who does not believe in Christ may show love and care for people at the margin of the society, whether homeless, drug addicts or beggars. Good social workers can even be atheists proclaiming that God does not exist.

For us Christians, the Good Samaritan Story is not a social work story, it is a CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE: Jesus is teaching us how to REACH ETERNAL LIFE: we simply need to see and love Jesus in everyone we encounter, especially those in need (spiritual, emotional, financial) and when we ourselves are "in need" we should not hesitate to ask for Jesus' help. Jesus is our neighbor, and we too are his neighbor. Jesus loves each of us immensely. Jesus always wants us to be with HIM here on earth and in heaven.

As Father Jan is currently away, I had the "Joy" of preaching six times, interpreting the powerful PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARTAN. Also, many of you gave me some helpful feedback between Masses! The most humbling moment for me was my public confession that two weeks ago, while two cars in front of me had an accident, I did not stop to help out. I was like the "priest" and the "Levite" who went on the other side of the road to avoid helping the robbers' victim lying half-dead. I had no excuses. Yes, I was going to a meeting, but I could have spared five minutes. Yes, the two cars were moving slowly and that helped me to rationalize that I did not need to stop. But somebody could have been seriously injured.

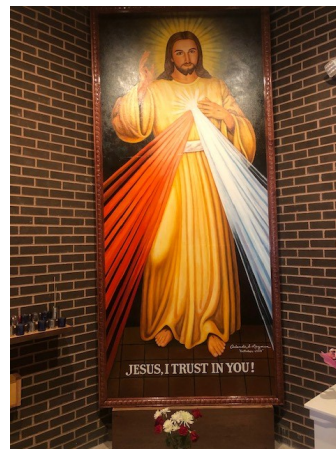
How many times in our lives do we ignore those in need and think only about ourselves?

I invite all of you to open your Bible and read this parable again and again SLOWLY (Luke 10:25-37) asking yourself: WHERE AM I? WHICH OF THE MANY CHARACTERS I REPRESENT? WHERE IS JESUS in my life? Who is my "neighbor in need" that I am ignoring? Who is my enemy that I should love? Am I too proud to ask for help when I am in need? Do I trust that Jesus will answer my prayer and send me "angels"?

I also invite you to look at the various faces of Jesus. Look at the face of Jesus suffering on the Cross. Look at the face of Jesus Divine Mercy. Look at the face of Jesus as seen on the Shroud of Turin. See how much Jesus Loves you. Trust in Him!

One in. Christ,

Fr. Alain



Jesus,
I trust in you



...Seek my face..
2 Chronicles 7:14

*We are asked to pray for:

Loretta McKenzie
Josephina Knapp
Johnné Webster
Dévaugh Webster

David Mesler
Demico Theodore Hall
Jeanne Berry
Lorrin Green

Tiffany Brianna Chase
Wendell Thomas
Derrick Webster
Theresa Ambol

Barbara Bowser

Names will be removed after 3 months.



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, July 16,

9:00 AM: Tomasky Family

5:00 PM: Rafael Guerrero

Sunday, July 17,

8:30 AM: SoonHee Hwang
(Angela)

10:00AM: OLHOC Parishioners

11:30 AM: The Wachsmuth
family

7:00PM: Gonsalo Guardado

Monday, July 18,

7:00AM: Barbara Tolaski (+)

9:00 AM: Arcelita Auze

Tuesday, July 19,

9:00AM: Lucca Jackson

Wednesday, July 20,

9:00 AM: Jan Starski

7:00PM: Alexis Earnshaw

Thursday, July 21,

9:00 AM: SoonHee Hwang
(Angela)

Friday, July 22,

7:00 AM: William Kwenkeu

9:00 AM: Rick Quiroz

Holy Hour of Adoration for Priests

Thursdays at 8 pm

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration

Schedule: Evening Prayer

Silence

Litany of Prayers for Priests

Benediction

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email to office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for July 24, 2022

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***First Reading**
Genesis 18:20-32

***Second Reading**
Colossians 2:12-14

***Gospel**

Luke 11:1-13

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

POST COVID, “NEW NORMAL”, AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Dear brothers and sisters, as we are ending the year of our Eucharistic Renewal **we focus on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in the Church that is His body.** He makes Himself present in our midst when we gather and invoke His name. The Church is a sacramental reality, and the Sacraments are His visible and tangible presence among us. Therefore, watching Mass online does not in any way come close to celebrating it, let alone participating in it. **Hence, in this post COVID “new normal”, beginning July 4th, we will no longer livestream our masses, and we will rebuild our homebound ministry,** in order to be able to be truly present to those who for reasons of age or health (or other serious reasons) are unable to attend Mass. Hence, we ask that anyone who is unable to attend Mass in person please contact the office. We have a team of Eucharistic ministers who visit parishioners weekly. If you would like to see a priest, please let us know and we will come.

In this post COVID “new normal”, we will no longer have the 1 pm Mass, the last one will be July 3rd and afterwards invite you to attend the Saturday 5 pm, or the 8:30 am Sunday, which are less crowded than 10 or 11:30 am Masses.

RCIA & CATHOLICISM FOR ADULTS

Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)? Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better? The rite of Christian initiation is designed for adults who seek to know about God and desire to enter the Christian faith. Please see Deacon Rich after Mass, or call the office.

CCD

Registration is now open (www.olhoc.com/re) for the 2022/2023 Religious Education. The program encourages the children to learn Catholic doctrines, prayers, scripture stories, traditions, and practices in order to become disciples of Jesus Christ. The program strives to connect the teachings of Christ and the Church with the students' life experience in living out the Christian life.



CCD Share your love of GOD with our children!

Who: kids ages 4 to 11 years old

Where: Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church

When: August 8 – 12, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Cost: \$ 35.00/child

To Register:

<https://www.olhoc.com/vbs22reg>

**WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP! PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE**

Please consider being a Catechist for our CCD program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Requirements include being in full communion with the teachings of the Catholic faith, passing a background check, and Virtus compliant. Please speak to Sister Rosario or Father Alain if interested.

May God continue to bless our CCD program!



33 Day Preparation for the Total Consecration of Jesus through Mary

July 13– August 15 (The Assumption of Mary)

It's not too late! Pray with us 33 days

To give your life totally
To Christ through Mary

"True devotion to Mary leads us closer to JESUS"

St Louis de Montfort

Audio:

<https://totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com/schedule/>

PDF:

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/content/total-consecration-jesus-through-mary.cfm>

Healing Mass

Sunday, July 17th (today). Healing following the 7 pm Mass at OLHOC

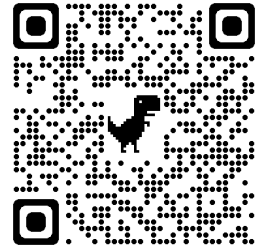
Come, feel the power of the Holy Spirit!

Quo Vadis Camp 2022 July 31-August 3

Young Men in the Archdiocese considering the Priesthood

Taking place at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD, Quo Vadis Camp is open to young men in high school (including graduating seniors and rising 9th graders). If you feel you are being called to become a Priest, come for a week of activities including Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, games, food and a time to relax with other young men discerning God's will in their life.

For more information, please open the QR code:



Outreach News

The next Shepherds Table will be August 18, 2022 and the next Outreach meeting will be September 14, 2022. See you in the fall!