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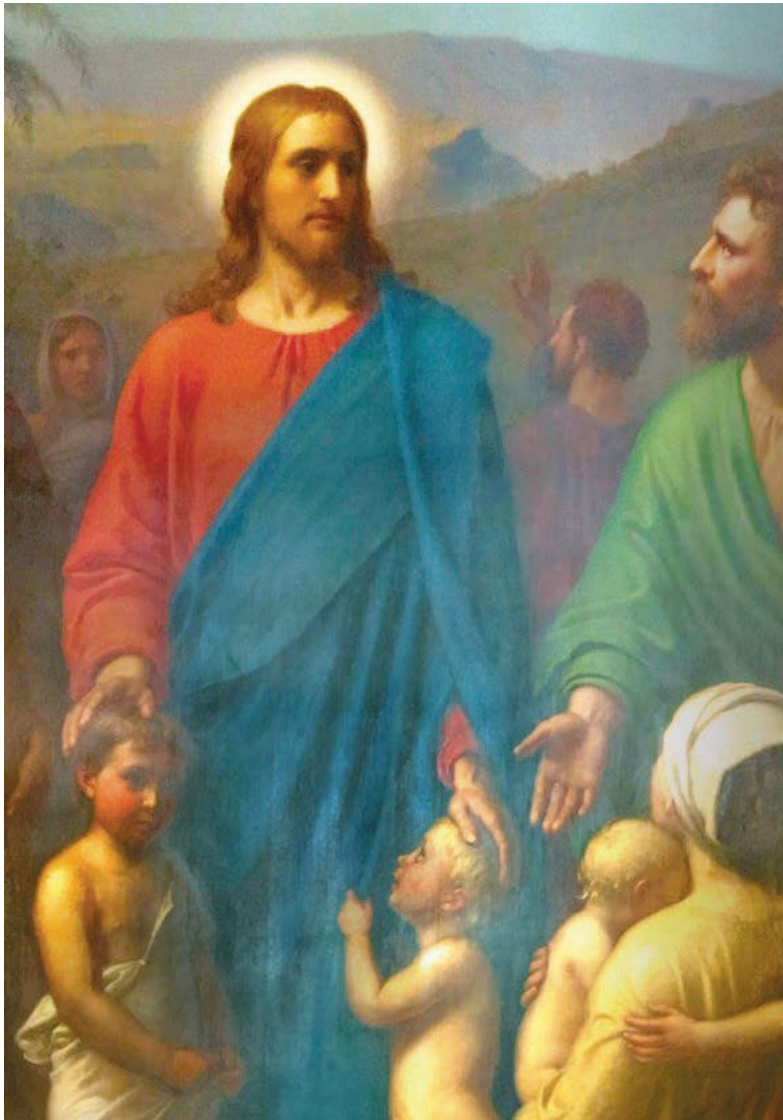
Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 8AM, 10:30AM and 6PM

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday at 8AM



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays - 8:30AM-6PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4PM
and by appointment anytime.

**To schedule a Baptism or a Wedding,
please call the parish office.**

A Message from Fr. Ken

Dear Friends,

Recently, at a Sunday mass, we sang “All Are Welcome” for the opening hymn. While we were singing, it occurred to me again that this is a kind of theme song for us here at Our Lady of the Lake. When I arrived here as pastor in July 2023, I saw “All Are Welcome” on the old sign in front of the church, and we made sure that it was on the new sign as well. I read the item we run in the bulletin which begins with “All Are Welcome.” Indeed, before I even got here, the parish’s reputation for being a warm and welcoming community preceded it, and you certainly welcomed me warmly. My family and friends who have come here to visit have commented on how warmly we welcomed them.

I wonder how many people have noticed the sentence I added at the end of the “All Are Welcome” bulletin item some time ago because no one has ever mentioned it to me. It says, “Let us go forward together in, with, and toward Jesus.” We are a very warm, welcoming, and vibrant faith community, and that is a wonderful blessing. We do want everyone to feel that Jesus is welcoming them to be part of our parish. Jesus’ message in the Gospels is certainly, “Come as you are,” but it is never, “Stay exactly as you are.” The whole point of being called and invited is to grow in holiness and strive to be the best version of ourselves by helping each other with the grace of God, hence the addition of the sentence, “Let us go forward together in, with, and toward Jesus.”

People may ask, “I thought Jesus loves me just the way I am.” This is absolutely true. I smile at my memory of a high school student at St. Peter-Marian Central Junior-Senior High School when I was chaplain there a million years ago. This young man was a bit of a rascal whom we encouraged repeatedly to be a bit more obedient and disciplined. His answer was always, “Jesus loves me just the way I am!” I didn’t have the best answer for him at the time, but I have since heard and memorized it: “Yes, Jesus does love all of us just the way we are, and he loves us too much to leave us that way!”

This brings us to the subject of Lent. While I’ve used that young man as an example for over twenty years, it is a universal temptation to be complacent with our spiritual life. We can rationalize, ignore, or deny our shortcomings and — let’s say it — our sins, and this itself is a sin. It’s called presumption because we presume that Jesus will always understand and forgive us; but for us to be forgiven, we need to ask for forgiveness sincerely. And to do this, we need to truly want to change. Jesus said, “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). We must strive for perfection.

And how do we strive for perfection, particularly during Lent? Every Ash Wednesday, Jesus gives us the answer in the Gospel reading during mass; He says, “When you give alms ... when you pray ... when you fast” — not **if**, but **when**. So we must ask ourselves: how will we give alms (perform acts of kindness), how will we pray, and what will we deny ourselves above and beyond what we do normally so that we can become holier, that is, more like Jesus? Giving alms enlarges our hearts to make more room for Jesus’ love, prayer is time spent with the Master so we can see and imitate Him more closely, and self-denial strengthens us to resist temptation, as Jesus did in the desert. It is imperative for us to become more like Jesus, not only for our own salvation, but for those we hope to attract to our parish.

This brings us back to the “All Are Welcome” message which is so vital to the mission of our parish. For this message to be effective, two things must happen: 1) we must not only welcome people when they walk through the door, **we must also invite them to walk through the door**, and 2) when new people do come, they need to see that our relationship with Jesus is actually changing us for the better.

So let us take advantage of the opportunities our parish and our city are offering us to grow in holiness this Lent. Let us make the time — and invite others to make the time — to come to mass during the week as well as on the weekends; to participate in the city-wide mission “Hope in Action” on Tuesdays; to adore Jesus on Wednesdays in the church between 8:30am and 6:00pm; to come to the adult faith formation/faith-sharing sessions on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room M8 of the Parish Family Center, in which we will be viewing and discussing episodes of *The Chosen*, the landmark TV series about the life of Jesus; to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00pm on Fridays; to have a fruitful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 11:00am and 4:00pm in the Reconciliation Room in the church; and to participate in the great liturgies and other prayer opportunities during Holy Week and Easter when at last they come.

All are welcome to come **and** go forward together in, with, and toward Jesus.



SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

5:00PM *Francis Boivin, 1st Anniversary*
Margaret Little

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM *Adele Bouchard*
10:30AM *Linda Hagedorn, Bday Remembrance*
6:00PM *Mae Haney*

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

Saint Katharine Drexel

8:00AM *Grace Heaney*

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

Saint Casimir

8:00AM *James DiPaola*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

Ash Wednesday

8:00AM *Linda Romano*
12:00PM *For souls in Purgatory*
7:00PM *For the conversion of sinners*

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

5:00PM *Fr. Michael Roy*

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

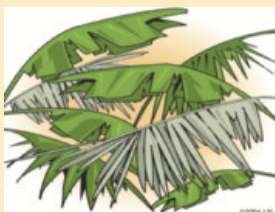
First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM *Rosalee Scott Andre, 3rd Anniversary*
10:30AM *David Reed, 1st Anniversary*
Christopher Gaudet
6:00PM *For the parishioners of OLL*

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025



**Mass and the
Distribution of Ashes
8AM, 12PM & 7PM**




*Palms from last year may
be left in the basket outside
of the parish office. They
will be burned for ashes.
Thank you.*



Please remember in your prayers

Linda M. Wood

*May she rest in peace, and may
her family find comfort from
their faith in Jesus Christ.*



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that all Catholics over the age of 14 must abstain from eating meat, and all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 58 can have only one main meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, but both combined should not equal the main meal, with no snacking between meals. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence when Catholics 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.

LEOMINSTER CATHOLIC MISSION

Every Tuesday at 6:30PM



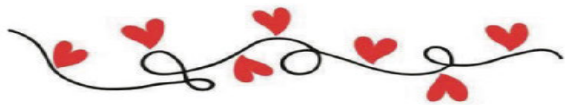
March 11th
Our Lady of the Lake—Evening Prayer
“Embracing Hope”
Msgr. James Moroney

March 18th
St. Anna—Adoration
“Serving the Poor”
Fr. Bill Champlin

March 25th
St. Cecilia—Penance Service
“Hoping in Mercy”
Fr. Julio Granados

April 1st
Holy Family—Prayer Service
“Caring for the Earth”
Fr. Ken Cardinale

April 8th
St. Leo—Closing Mass
“Choosing Love”
Fr. Carlos Ruiz



FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS!

Feb. 18th	Beverly McNamara	\$50.
Feb. 19th	Phil Anzalone	\$100.
Feb. 20th	Harvey Marston	\$75.
Feb. 21st	David Bilotta	\$75.
Feb. 22nd	Sheila Severens	\$100.
Feb. 23rd	Connie Grimley	\$200.
Feb. 24th	Daniel Brackett	\$75.

Final winners will be posted here next week.



OUR ANNUAL CHOWDER FEST IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 21ST 5:00-7:30PM ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

TICKETS ARE: ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN 6-12 \$5. MENU INCLUDES: CLAM, FISH, AND CORN CHOWDER, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CORN BREAD, CRACKERS, BREAD, WATER, SODA, COFFEE & TEA, AND DESSERTS. WE WILL NEED LOTS OF BOILED POTATOES AND BAKED GOODS. IF YOU CAN HELP IN THIS WAY, PLEASE CALL JANE O'HARA AT 978-502-3970, OR EMAIL JANEOHA@GMAIL.COM, OR JOT DOWN YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES. THANK YOU!



Once again, this year, through the generosity of parish tithing, we are pleased to announce the availability of **Christian Service Scholarships** for the young people of our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish community. These one-time scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, will be available February 1st in the Parish Family Center. Deadline for submission is March 17th. Scholarships will be awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass in May.

PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

3:30PM Youth Choir
6:00PM Mardi Gras Fundraiser

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00AM CGS—Gr. 5 Religious Ed Classes

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

6:30PM Gr. 6-8 Religious Ed Classes

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

4:15PM Gr. 1-8 Religious Ed Classes
6:30PM OCIA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

9AM-12PM, 1PM-6PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

9:00AM Dominoes
1:00PM Prayer Shawl Group
6:30PM Scouts Meeting
7:00PM Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

6:30PM Middle School Youth Group
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

3:30PM Youth Choir

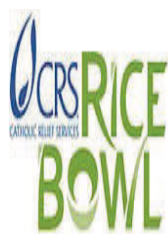
SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00AM CGS—Gr. 5 Religious Ed Classes



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent 7:00 PM
Good Friday, April 18th
Living Stations 3 PM



Please take any of the **CRS Rice Bowls** at the entrances of the church to fill with your coins and bills during the season of Lent. Almsgiving is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Our diocesan policy requires that all parish volunteers take Safe Environment Training. **This applies to all ministers: any volunteers in any capacity.** For those who have not already attended a session, the training is online. To register for the training, email dbronchuk@ourladylake.org. The Office of Healing and Prevention will send you the link for the online training. Once you have completed the training you must send the certificate to Debbie Bronchuk. If you have any questions please call Debbie at the Religious Ed. Office, or send email to dbronchuk@ourladylake.org. Our parish requires that you fill out a CORI form **every five years** (with attached copy of your driver's license) and read the new Code of Ministerial Conduct. These forms can be found on the table outside the Religious Ed Office.



Donations are always welcome to replenish our food pantry and may be left on the carts or in the totes at the entrances to the church or in the Parish Family Center.

This week we are especially in need of canned pasta, soups with meat, cereal, and canned pasta.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, no matter what your own self-image: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Our Lady of the Lake.

If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office to register as a new member of our parish family.

Let us go forward together in, with, and toward Jesus.

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Middle School Youth Group
Friday, March 7th, 6:30-9:00 p.m.




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Fort-Building Activity
All Middle School Youth are welcome!

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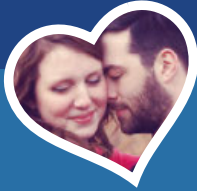
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