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# Follow Me TO OLC

## SAT 5:00PM, SUN 10AM & 12:30PM

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA SCHOOL

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The relationship between our faith and our nation, between being Catholic and being American, is on full display this week as we celebrate the 4th of July. Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He sends them not with power or weapons, but with peace, vulnerability, and joy. And I wonder—what would it mean for us, as Catholic Americans, to be sent in that same spirit into our country and our world?

First, we need to remember the Fourth of July is more than a holiday with fireworks and cookouts; it is a time to remember our country's founding vision: that all people are created equal, endowed by God with inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These ideals echo truths we hold as Christians. They reflect the God-given dignity of every person, made in His image. They speak of a hope for justice, freedom, and peace, values deeply woven into both our national and religious identities.

At the same time, we know that these ideals have never been fully realized. From the beginning, there have been contradictions and injustices: slavery, discrimination, inequality, division. And yet, the story of America is one of striving, often imperfectly, toward a more perfect union.

Jesus sent His followers out into the world, not into safe or perfect places, but into real towns filled with real people, with all their beauty and brokenness. He says, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” He is asking us to be witnesses in our churches, in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and homes. To be Catholic Americans is not to live in two separate worlds. It is to bring our faith into our daily life, shaping society not by force, but by love. It is to stand for the dignity of life, to care for the poor and the stranger, to forgive enemies, to speak truth, and to sow peace.

The deepest source of our joy and identity is not our success, or status, or even our nation, but rather it is the fact that we belong to God. He has written our names in heaven. That’s what gives us the courage to love, even when it’s hard. That’s what gives us the peace we offer to others. That’s what makes us missionaries of hope in a weary world.

At the end of the day, we pray for our nation. Not only for its leaders and laws, but for its soul. We pray for the poor, for immigrants, for families, for the unborn, for victims of violence, for those who feel forgotten. We pray for reconciliation where there is division, and for healing where there are wounds. It also means, like the seventy-two, we are sent. Not to be perfect, but to be faithful. Not to win arguments, but to bring peace. Not to make everyone like us, but to witness to a love that is stronger than death. We are sent as American Catholics—grateful for our nation, grounded in our faith, and committed to the mission of the Gospel.

Love of country and love of God do not have to be in conflict. In fact, one can purify and strengthen the other. To love America as Catholics is to serve it by living the Gospel. And to live the Gospel in America is to help it become ever more worthy of its highest ideals.

God bless,

Fr. Bryan

# MASS INTENTIONS

## JULY 5 - JULY 13

SATURDAY JULY 5	SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
SUNDAY JULY 6	10 AM ORLO VARGAS FROM ANA DIAZ 12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
TUESDAY JULY 8	12:30 PM GLORIA MARTELL FROM TED & DEANNE JOHNSON
WEDNESDAY JULY 9	12:30 PM BOBBY BALL & HANS SCHMID FROM NANCY SCHMID
THURSDAY JULY 10	12:30 PM SIWIK FAMILY FROM DONNA SIMON
FRIDAY JULY 11	12:30 PM REV. CONSTANTINE FERDYN (1ST PASTOR OF OLC) FROM OLC PARISHIONERS
SATURDAY JULY 12	5 PM FROM
SUNDAY JULY 13	10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF DR. VIC JOSEPH FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

### Sunday Scripture

July 6

Is. 66:10-14c

Gal. 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

July 13

Deut. 30:10-14

Col. 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

## DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF  
JUNE 28 AND 29, 438 PEOPLE  
ATTENDED MASS WITH  
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$31.07.

ONE TIME  
GIFTS AND  
VISITORS



THANK  
YOU FOR  
ALL OF  
YOUR  
SUPPORT

CONSISTENT  
SUPPORT AND  
PARISHIONERS



## Adoration

"Come to me, all  
you who labor and  
are burdened,\* and  
I will give you rest."  
Matt 11:28



7PM  
EVERY FRIDAY

# Ordinary Time in the Sun

Summer is well under way and we are in Ordinary Time. But there are always extraordinary things to pray about! Each month is dedicated to a special aspect of our faith, and July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.



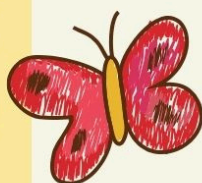
Just as Jesus' blood flowed when He died for us on the Cross, His love flows over us every day. And our love can flow from our hearts to our families, friends, and the people we meet.



## Saint Kateri: a Native American saint

Tekakwitha was born in 1656 in what is now New York. Her name meant "she who bumps into things" because her poor eyesight made her clumsy. Her father was the Mohawk chief and her mother was a Christian Algonquin.

Tekakwitha became Catholic at the age of nineteen, on Easter Sunday, and received the name Catherine, which in Mohawk is Kateri.



Her Mohawk neighbors didn't understand her new devotion to God and were often unkind to her, so she moved to Canada and became a Sister of St. Francis Xavier, where she dedicated her life to praying and helping others. Kateri died at the age of 24.

Nickname:  
Lily  
of the  
Mohawks

Feast  
Day:  
July 14

Patroness of:  
Native  
Americans  
Ecology

## To Do: Support Mercy House!

<b>Donate</b>	<b>Food:</b> pasta, sauce, canned fish/meats, cereal, rice, pancake mix, mac & cheese, milk, juice, snack bars, corn
<b>Donate</b>	<b>Baby items:</b> diapers, wipes, gently used clothes & equipment, toiletries
<b>Donate</b>	<b>Household items:</b> kitchenware, bedding/linens, seasonal decorations
<b>Donate</b>	<b>Personal items:</b> adult & teen clothes, toiletries, fem. hygiene

**Bring to Mass**

**Last Sunday  
of each month**

# DONUT HEROES

*Rule!*

**Bring donuts to share  
after the 10 Mass!  
Email [donuts@olcjc.org](mailto:donuts@olcjc.org)  
to find out how!**



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and more information.



Are you praying for  
something or someone?

Would you like more time with God?  
Come to weekday Mass  
Tuesday-Friday @ 12:30

*The Mass is the most perfect form of  
prayer.*

Pope Paul VI

