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

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2 Pre –Grade 3

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Early Childhood Program for 2-year-olds;
Pre-K Programs for 3- & 4-year-olds

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13, 2025

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This week's Gospel is like a song you recognize from the first note. It is so well-known that even people who have never opened a Bible use the phrase "Good Samaritan" as shorthand for someone who helps a stranger in need.

But make no mistake: when Jesus first told this story, it wasn't a heartwarming tale. It was a shocking challenge. And it still is.

In telling this story, Jesus gave the world a new moral standard. He gave birth to an idea that would become the foundation of Catholic social teaching, the beginning of the hospital system, and a model for any society that wants to be judged not by its wealth, but by how it treats the most vulnerable.

A man is attacked on the road and left for dead. Two religious leaders pass him by, likely with legitimate reasons not to stop, but in the end, they saw the man and did nothing.

Suddenly, a Samaritan comes by. A hated outsider. A person considered theologically wrong and culturally inferior. And yet, he stops, binds the man's wounds, and carries him to an inn, paying for his recovery and promises to return. Jesus ends the story not with a warm moral, but with a command: "Go and do likewise."

In that command, Jesus shatters tribal thinking and introduces a new vision of humanity, where everyone is your neighbor. Compassion must override convenience. Mercy must override identity. This is the seed of Catholic social teaching. It begins with the understanding that the dignity of every person matters more than their background, beliefs, or relationships.

One detail that often gets overlooked is that helping the wounded man costs the Samaritan something: He risks danger by stopping on a road where bandits are known to attack. He gives up his ride by putting the man on his own animal and spends the night caring for a stranger. He pays two days' wages at the inn. And then he promises to come back and cover any extra cost.

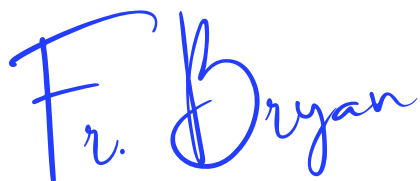
Helping others is beautiful—but it's not easy. It costs time, comfort, energy, and money. And that's the point. Jesus is not just inviting us to be nice people. He is calling us to sacrificial love. He is asking us to interrupt our schedules, loosen our grip on our wallets, and take personal responsibility for the suffering of the world. In short, to love as He loved us.

You probably know someone who's been beaten down by life. Maybe they're in your family, or live in your building. Stop. Speak. Help. Spend something of yourself and expect nothing in return. And when you do, know you are meeting Jesus. It might be inconvenient. But in the mystery of grace, every bandage, every coin, every act of mercy counts for eternity.

This is the kind of faith that changes the world. It's the kind of love that built hospitals, cared for orphans, defended dignity, and stood up for justice. It's the faith of the saints and it starts with us.

"Go and do likewise."

God bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Bryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 12 - JULY 20

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
TUESDAY JULY 15	12:30 PM BRYAN SUAREZ FROM ANA DIAZ
WEDNESDAY JULY 16	12:30 PM CORAZON NGUI FROM IRIS, BLASE, & MARC
THURSDAY JULY 17	12:30 PM CORNELIA LACSON FROM TERESA
FRIDAY JULY 18	12:30 PM AUDREY DANTZLERWARD FROM ANA DIAZ
SATURDAY JULY 19	5 PM. JOSEPH PRZYBLINSKI FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI
SUNDAY JULY 20	10 AM 12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday Scripture

July 13

Deut. 30:10-14

Col. 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

July 20

Gn. 18:1-10a

Col. 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF
JULY 5 AND 6, 379 PEOPLE ATTENDED
MASS WITH
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$34.31.

ONE TIME
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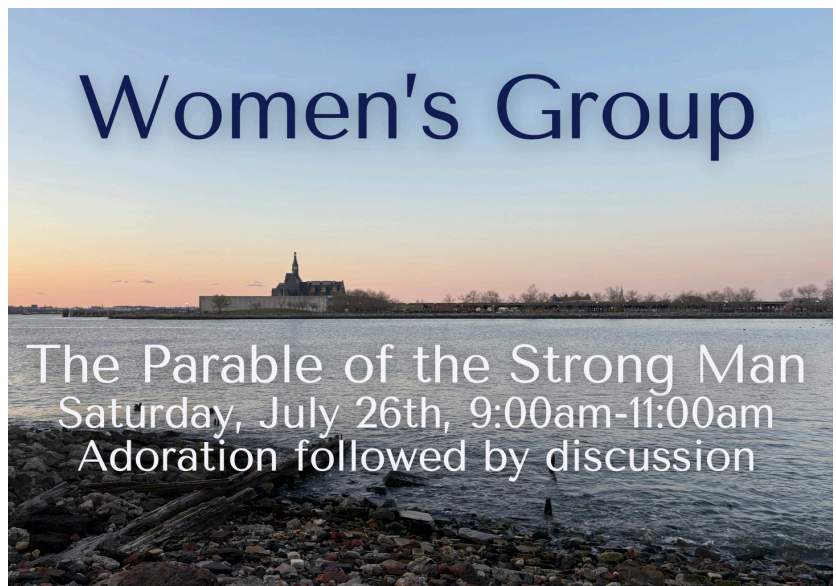
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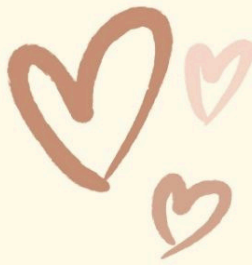


Women's Group

The Parable of the Strong Man
Saturday, July 26th, 9:00am-11:00am
Adoration followed by discussion



The Carmelites



Carmelite Sisters from the Philippines



Carmelite Friar in U.S.

The Catholic Church has many different traditions and communities. For example, Sr. Rini, Sr. Nisha, and Sr. Smija, our sisters here at OLC, belong to the Pallottine community. Each community has their own special 'charism,' or grace from God, to bring to the world. The Pallottines' charism is sharing the good news of Jesus, also known as the Gospels.

Another community is the Carmelites, named after Mount Carmel, a special place where the prophet Elijah showed many people who did not know God that there was one true God. When early Christians began to live in communities dedicated to prayer, a group of them started a church dedicated to Mary and Mount Carmel. The Virgin Mary has many names, like Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We celebrate her this week. The Carmelite charism is contemplative, or praying in connection with the mysteries of God's love and mercy.

Members of the Carmelite Order wear brown. If you speak Spanish, this is easy to remember because brown is sometimes called 'carmelita.' Some famous Carmelite saints include St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux.

Most communities are named after their founders, but the Carmelites are unique in not really having a founder. Their patrons are Saint Elijah and the Virgin Mary.



Did You Know?

There is an image of Saint Francis of Assisi at our church. Can you find it?

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Feast July 16



Other Mid-July Feasts

July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Kateri lived in the 1600s. She was born in the native community of what is today upstate New York, and converted to Catholicism when she was 19. She is the patron saint of the environment.

July 15 Saint Bonaventure

Saint Bonaventure was a Franciscan, part of the community started by Saint Francis of Assisi. He lived in the 1200s and was a professor at the University of Paris. In all he did, whether writing, teaching, or working with his community, he had Jesus at the center of it. There is a university in New York State named after him.

July 18 Saint Camillus de Lellis

Celebrated July 14 outside the U.S., he is patron saint of doctors, nurses, and the sick. Hundreds of years before the American Red Cross existed, in the 1500s, Saint Camillus, a priest, wore a red cross and started a community to treat the sick around Rome.

To Do: Support Mercy House!

Donate Food: pasta, sauce,
canned fish/meats,
cereal, rice, pancake
mix, mac & cheese, milk,
juice, snack bars, corn

Donate Baby items:
diapers, wipes, gently
used clothes &
equipment, toiletries

Donate Household items:
kitchenware,
bedding/linens,
seasonal decorations

Donate Personal items:
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!

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to find out how!



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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

