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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven... Ora pro nobis*

This past Friday, as the Church around the world lifted its eyes to heaven, we celebrated one of the most radiant mysteries of our faith. Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Assumption is not only a feast honoring Mary's destiny, but a powerful reminder of our own.

In a world filled with suffering, uncertainty, and fear, the Assumption of Mary reminds us that heaven is real, the body matters, and that nothing given to God is ever lost. Mary knew what it was to walk in darkness, to suffer loss, and trust in God. Because she walked the path of discipleship so perfectly, God did not allow her body to see corruption. Her Assumption is a sign that the promises of Christ are fulfilled.

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "The Assumption reminds us that our bodies are not trivial or disposable, but temples of the Holy Spirit destined for glory." In other words, our bodies, our work, our suffering, matters to God.

In the Nicene Creed, we profess our belief in "the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's not poetry. That's a promise. We are made for communion with God, not just spiritually, but fully.

So how do we live the mystery of the Assumption in our daily lives?

- **We honor the body.** We live with reverence for our own physical dignity and for the dignity of every person. Especially the poor, the sick, the unborn, and the elderly.
- **We embrace hope.** We do not succumb to despair, even when the world seems dark. Mary's Assumption reminds us that heaven is real and that God's promises are true.
- **We say "yes."** Like Mary, we make space for God's will in our lives.
- **We turn to Mary.** We develop a relationship with her through the Rosary, Marian feasts (our parish feast is next Sunday after the 10 Mass), and prayers of trust.

The Feast of the Assumption can renew our hope as we lift our eyes to heaven. Not trying to escape the problems in our world, but in confidence that this life, with all its joys and sorrows, is not the end of the story.

Mary has gone before us. Her body and soul now shine in the presence of the Trinity. And she invites us to walk with her, step by step, and prayer by prayer, towards the glory of God.

God bless,

Fr. Bryan



# MASS INTENTIONS

## AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 24

**SATURDAY** 5 PM BLANCHE PRZYBLINSKI  
**AUGUST 16** FROM BARBARA PRZYBLINSKI

**SUNDAY** 10 AM GOOD HEALTH FOR  
**AUGUST 17** FR. JAMES STRASZ  
FROM DIANE STRASZ  
12:30 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**TUESDAY** 12:30 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS  
**AUGUST 19** MERCEDES TOLENTINO-NACION  
FROM FAMILY

**WEDNESDAY** 12:30 PM LEO TOLENTINO  
**AUGUST 20** FROM GUERRO-GERNSHEINER FAMILY

**THURSDAY** 12:30 PM JOHN CORRIERO  
**AUGUST 21** FROM DIANA RISSETTO

**FRIDAY** 12:30 PM MARIA CRUZ  
**AUGUST 22** FROM ANA CRUZ

**SATURDAY** 5 PM. SPECIAL INTENTION OF  
**AUGUST 23** DR. VIC JOSEPH  
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA

**SUNDAY** 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**AUGUST 24** 12:30 PM JOSEPH KRYNICKI  
& JOAN VICENTE  
FROM: TED & DEANNA JOHNSON

## Sunday Scripture

August 17

Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10

Heb. 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

August 24

Is. 66:18-21

Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

## DONATIONS



OVER THE WEEKEND OF  
AUGUST 9 & 10, 454 PEOPLE ATTENDED  
MASS WITH  
AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$33.38.

ONE TIME  
GIFTS AND  
VISITORS



THANK  
YOU FOR  
ALL OF  
YOUR  
SUPPORT

CONSISTENT  
SUPPORT AND  
PARISHONERS



# JOIN THE DMC

DAILY MASS CLUB

TUESDAY - FRIDAY  
12:30 PM  
22 MINUTE TASTE OF HEAVEN  
AT OLC  
ONCE PER WEEK OR EVERYDAY



# OLC Kids' Bulletin!

## Queenship of Mary

**August 22nd**

One of Mary's many titles (*besides Our Lady of Czestochowa!*) is Queen of Heaven. Pope Pius XII officially declared her so in 1954 because she is Jesus' mother; for being born without sin (the Immaculate Conception); and for her intercessory power – that is, we can pray to her to ask God to grant our prayers.

The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth is the fifth mystery of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

You can pray all the Glorious Mysteries as a family, or the just the fifth mystery, in honor of the Feast and to ask our Blessed Mother to help us get to know Jesus and to care for others as she so cared for Him.



## Saint Rose of Lima

**August 23rd**



Saint Rose was known for her strong faith and for helping people who were poor and sick in her city of Lima, Peru. She is the patron saint of Peru.

She never married, and only allowed herself two hours of sleep every night in order to have more time to pray for others.

Let us pray for some of her energy and excitement for prayer!





## 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!**

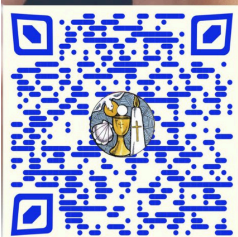
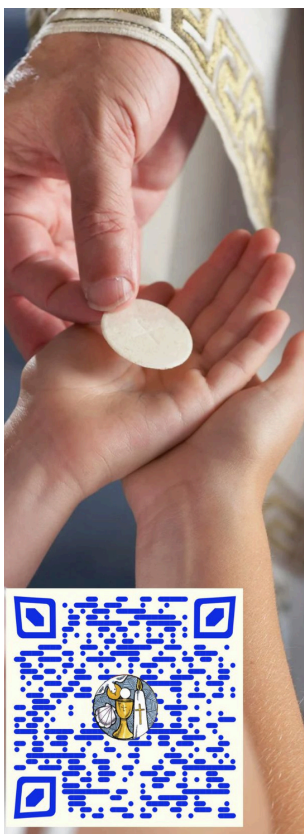


## † **OLC** *First Holy Communion & Confirmation Prep*

2025-26 Registration for  
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& Confirmation

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Students prepare for each  
Sacrament through a two-year  
educational program: Grades 1  
and 2 for Communion and Grades  
7 and 8 for Confirmation. Please  
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and more information.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**EVERY FRIDAY  
7 PM**