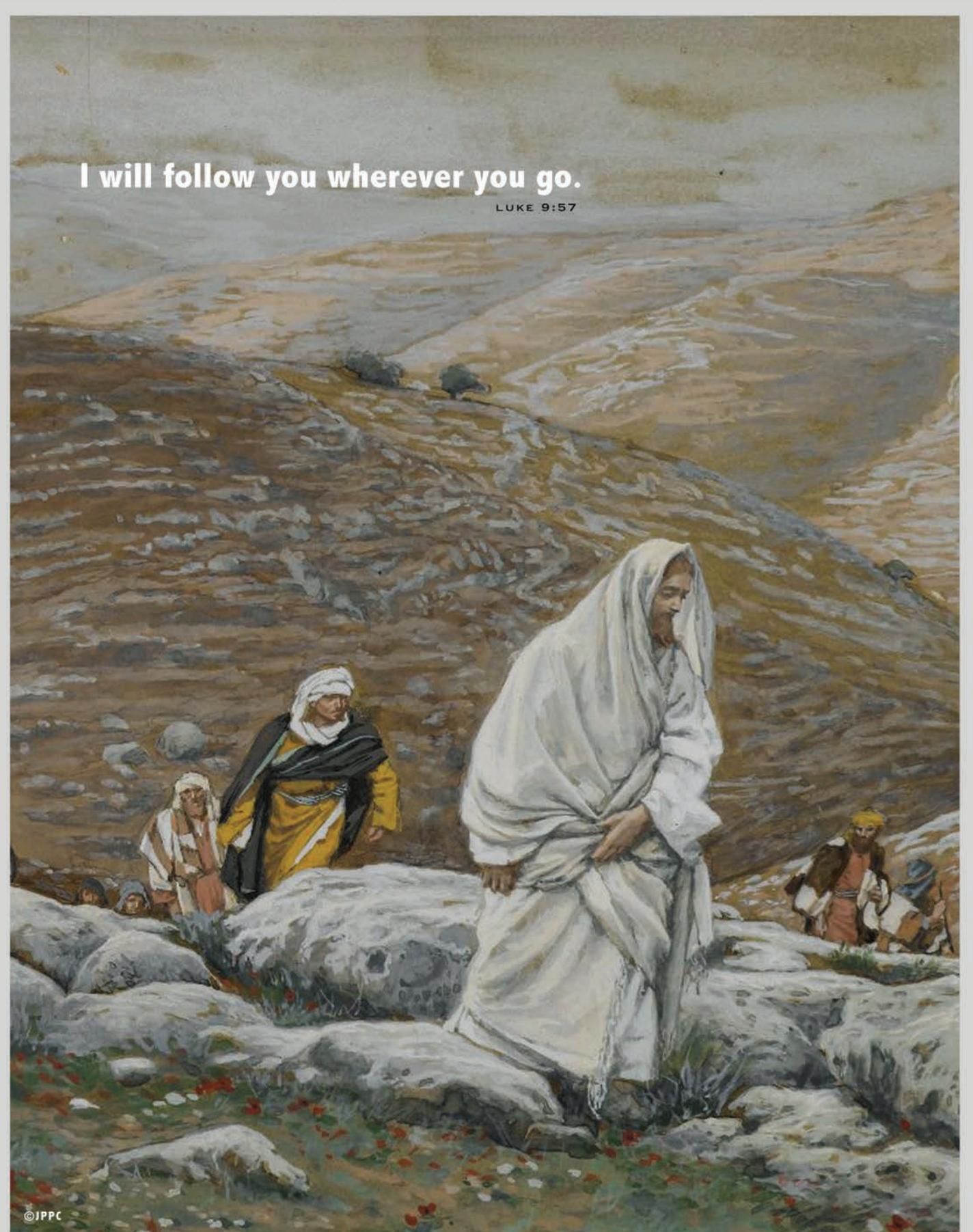


I will follow you wherever you go.

LUKE 9:57



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish June 26, 2022



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Livestreaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30 vigil Mass is live streamed each week to be watched live or at a later time and available on the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

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Saturday, June 25th

Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: The intentions of Gordon MacRae requested by Deacon John
For all parishioners

Sunday, June 26th

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Carol M. Gugino req by the Corsetti family

10:30AM: Donald Carman req by Elizabeth Corsetti

2:00PM: Leo & Yvette Bouchard

Monday, June 27th

Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael John Perrault requested by his wife

Tuesday, June 28th

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Lucille Bouchard

Wednesday, June 29th

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Maureen Foss requested by the OLM staff

Thursday, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

No Mass

Friday, July 1st

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Paul Stammen requested by Regina & Michael Bowser

Saturday, July 2nd

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Bouchard

Sunday, July 3rd

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Don & Arlene Olson req by the family
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Frank & Durean Caron req by the family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns
June 25th - July 1st in memory of
Maura Scollin.



Bereavement Support

Catholic Charities NH will be hosting an online support group for those coping with the recent loss of a loved one. "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" is a weekly program (six sessions) held online (Zoom), beginning Wednesday, July 13. Participants will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. **To register call Elaine Frenette at 603-752-1325 or go to www.cc-nh.org/events/bereavement-support-group.**

There is no cost to attend.

Newly Ordained to the Priesthood

Bishop Libasci ordained three men to the priesthood on Saturday, June 4. The Reverend Daniel Mikolajewski, the Reverend Cuong Van Nguyen, and the Reverend Roarke (Rory) Traynor are the Diocese of Manchester's newest priests. Please pray for them and continued vocations to the priesthood!

Readings for the Week: June 26, 2022

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Lk 2:41-51

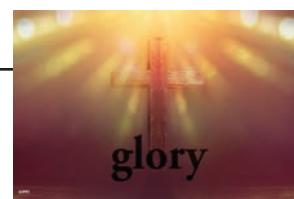
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62



FAITH FORMATION

Jesus Journeys to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51-62



Today's Gospel begins a section unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus begins His journey to Jerusalem, which will end with His ministry there. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus's ministry begins in Galilee and then is a long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem Jesus will meet His death but also enter into His glory. Only in Luke does Jesus spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing His disciples. It is in Jerusalem that His disciples wait after His Ascension for the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive Him because He is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerizim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as He began His ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And He will be rejected for the last time when He reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that He must undergo violence Himself before He can enter His glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the volunteers that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and His followers; that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence; and that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but He asks of His disciples what He asks of Himself. Jesus's unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand His life. He knows this, but the disciples do not yet understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship. The demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and His mission central in life, and then go forward without looking back.

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High School Students: Do You Know Where Your Life is Going?

High school men and women (ages 14-18) are invited to attend summer vocations camps to look at the Lord's call in your life while having fun.

These overnight camps are held at Magdalen College in Warner, NH and led by Diocese of Manchester priests, sisters, and seminarians. The camps include hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and each other.

The cost is \$50 and financial aid is available. **For more information or to register**, please visit liveinblackandwhite.com or contact Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or email at rvinson@rcbm.org.

Catholic Middle School in Nashua

Families looking for a Catholic middle school education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values are invited to apply to Saint Christopher Academy for the Fall of 2022!

Saint Christopher's upper campus serves students in grades 6 to 8 within a caring, joy-filled community. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support student development.

Students leave from Saint Christopher's ready to embrace the rigor of high school and beyond. To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310.

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Fr. Paul 50th Jubilee Celebration: Sunday, June 26 at 2:00pm Jubilee Mass; reception to follow from 3:00-5:00pm, church hall

Hot DogZ for ALZ: Thursday, June 30 at 11:00am-7:00pm, church parking lot rain or shine

Faith Formation: Registration is open for the upcoming 2022-23 program year; register online at www.olmnh.org or in the office

Parish Stewardship

June 18 & 19: \$4,005

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Group Schedule

Prayer Group will not be meeting during the summer months, but will resume on Mondays after Labor Day beginning September 12. Know that the group continues to pray for intentions requested during the summer. Have a blessed, safe, and happy summer!



Fr. Paul to Celebrate Golden Jubilee!

Golden Jubilee: July 1, 1972 - July 1, 2022

July 1 will mark 50 years since Fr. Paul's ordination! That's 18,250 days of priesthood. Imagine the number of Masses he's celebrated, homilies he's prepared, baptisms he's performed, confessions he's heard, weddings he's officiated, funerals he's celebrated, people he's anointed. His life has been devoted to bringing people closer to God the Father through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to you, Fr. Paul, for answering God's call. You are our priest, our shepherd, and our friend. You are a true blessing to the priesthood and to all those whose lives you've touched. May God bless you and your ministry today and every day!

CONGRATULATIONS

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7th annual Hot DogZ Sale
Thursday, June 30
11:00am-7:00pm
Rain or shine

Let's put our passion to good work on The Longest Day, a national event honoring those who face Alzheimer's Disease with strength, heart, and endurance. We will do what we love to do in order to raise funds and awareness.

\$5.00 for 2 DogZ, chips and a drink.

All proceeds from team NH Hot DogZ go to the MA/NH Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Questions may be directed to team co-captain Bob Bergin at 603-494-9835 or oldbergin@gmail.com.

120 Club Winners

John Gorski
Dick Debelleis

Congratulations!
Thank you for your continued support!

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. At this time, we are especially grateful for Fr. Paul on his Golden Jubilee.

Through Your priests,
we experience Your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for Your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of Your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of Your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

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