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Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00pm – Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

Daily Mass: 8:00am (No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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*Born as a Mission of Bristol in 1864 and
Established as a Parish in 1881*

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!

If you are new to the area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. To register or to update your address or phone number, please complete this form and mail it to the Parish Office or place in the collection box. *Thank you.*

☐ New Parishioner ☐ Address/Phone Number Change

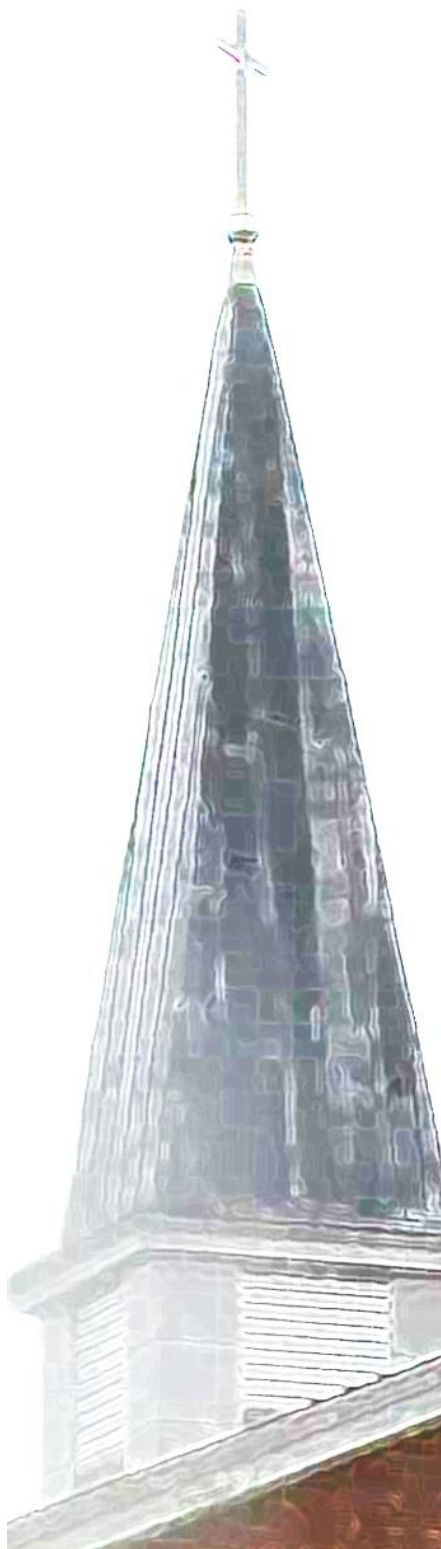
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

– Mary to the disciples of Jesus
(John 2:5)



for your kind wishes, cards, and prayers as I celebrated my 40th Anniversary of Ordination last Sunday. May God reward your kindness. Fr. Ray

Sunday November 13

8:30 – 10:30a Knights of Columbus Breakfast, *Parish Center*

10:30a AA, *Room 103*

11:30a Choir Rehearsal, *Parish Center*

6 – 7:30p Confirmation Class, *Timothy Room*



Monday November 14

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Room 102*

4:30 – 5:45p Religious Ed. Gr. 1 – 5, *Parish Center*

6:15 – 7:30p Edge, *Timothy Room*

6:30 – 8p Scripture Study, *Room 102*

6:30 – 8pm RCIA, *Atrium*

Tuesday November 15

9a Scripture Study, *Timothy Room*

4:30 – 6p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, *Atrium*

4:45 - 6:15p Scouts, *Timothy Room*

7 – 8p An Invitation to Joy, *Parish Center*

Wednesday November 16

1 – 2:30p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, *Atrium*

4 – 8p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

Thursday November 17

4 – 8p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

4:30 – 6p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, *Atrium*

5 – 6p Setting Up Giving Tree, *Gathering Space*

6 – 7p Knights of Columbus, *Room 102*

6:15 – 7:15p RCIC, *Atrium*

Friday November 18

7p An Invitation to Joy, *Gym*

Saturday November 19

5p St. Anthony Holiday Basket Raffle, *Gathering Space*

7p AA, *Room 103*

Sunday November 20

9:30 St. Anthony Holiday Basket Raffle, *Gathering Space*

10:30a AA, *Room 103*

11:30a St. Anthony Holiday Basket Raffle, *Gathering Space*

An Invitation to Joy

Do you want to deepen your faith? Looking for an answer to suffering? He who rose from death wants to reach you, to give purpose and happiness to your life. Come and listen!

A catechesis for Adults & Youth is being offered at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Talks are given on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8pm in the Parish Center, through December 9th. The talks will build upon each other. If you cannot attend both talks, attending one per **week will be fine. You won't get lost in the** program. Even if you can only attend a few of the talks, you will greatly benefit. Come listen so you can experience that God loves you as you are, and you



can announce this good news to those you love. Everyone 13 years and older is invited. For more information, call David Rak at 1.309.232.9175. Free babysitting provided.

TEENS

OUR **NEXT EDGE** PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WILL BE HELD **THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM AND HAVE NOT SIGNED UP YET, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN AT OLMTEENS@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION. IT IS NOT TOO LATE!



Book of Remembrance

You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which has been put out on a stand near the Sanctuary. It will remain displayed throughout the month of November. The souls of the

Faithful Departed will be remembered at Mass through the month of November.



Sacrament of Baptism

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. You may begin preparation even before your child is born. To begin the process, call Sue at 860-747-5451. The date of the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Please note that Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a *Sponsor Certificate* from their own Catholic parish.



Parish Annual Collection

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **"Parish Annual Collection."** If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.



PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19TH AT 8AM.



Coffee & Donuts will be held **NEXT Sunday, November 20th** after the 8:30am Mass. Come and greet new people you have not met yet so that we may build the Community through Christ.

St Joseph Cemetery

The water has been turned off for the season and the lines have been blown out so that water will not freeze in the lines. It will be turned on next May in time for Mother's Day.

Winter decorations are permitted ONLY during the Holiday period between November 15th and March 30th, and are restricted to the ten-inch area in front of the markers. Such decorations may consist of wreaths, artificial flowers or evergreen boughs placed in flower boxes. Weather permitting, the Spring "Clean Up" will be initiated as soon as conditions allow after March 30th. No artificial flowers or plants are permitted from May 1st to November 14th. Decorations will not be retained by the cemetery. If you wish to retain any of the winter decorations, you must remove them prior to March 30th. Artificial flowers must be removed by May 1st before they are disposed of.

We will do our best to clean up the leaves by November 15th, weather permitting. If the leaves have been picked up you may have a cemetery box placed on a flat marker after November 15th.

Did You Notice All of the Trimming of Bushes, etc., Around the Church?

We are grateful to our Buildings and Grounds Committee and in particular to Camille and Brian for sharing their time and talents.

We want to thank all of our Veterans for their service to us and our country. Thank you for all of the sacrifices you made in your lives to defend our country. Freedom is not free.



Thank You!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.



Learn more go to: www.usccb.org/cchd

Military Services Collection

On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thank you to all those who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear. OLM donated \$1,539. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and military chaplaincy.

Holiday Raffle

The St. Anthony Society will hold a Holiday Basket Raffle after all



the Masses **NEXT WEEKEND** - November 19th/20th. Tickets will be \$5 / sheet of 25 chances. Thank you in advance for your support!

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 13th the Knights of Columbus will be holding their Breakfast from 8:30 - 10:30am in the Parish Center. \$5 adult, \$4 seniors, \$1 kids ages 7 - 12, 6 and under are free. Eggs, sausage, hash browns, toast, coffee and juice. Come and enjoy and let the Knights do the dishes!



The “40 Days of Life Campaign” and the “2 Hearts Baby Supply Campaign” are over for this year. The success of the “40 Days for Life Campaign” cannot be measured quantitatively. However, the accumulation of our prayers, fasting, community outreach, and awareness of the perils of abortion can only increase our resolve to one day end abortion. We need to keep praying to help protect innocent children from abortion.

The “2 Hearts Pregnancy Baby Supply Drive” was a great success. Parishioners donated scores of diapers, crib sheets, baby clothes, bathing supplies, knitted infant hats, bibs, pj’s, and other items. Your generosity is overwhelming!

Thank You
Knights of Columbus

A Thought for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, it is very clear, we must speak about the end of the world and about the meaning of these readings that have been given to us for this Sunday. First of all, we should say, the end of the world, most likely, will not happen in my lifetime. For two thousand years, some people have been waiting for the end of the world. In



every age and time, there are people who expect the end of the world to happen very soon, this year, next year, or very soon. So far it has not happened.

Did early Christians believe in a physical end of the world? Surely, they did, and many of them thought it likely to end soon.

Is there a more spiritual teaching about the end of the world? Yes, and we must pay attention to it. The deepest teaching about the end of the world is not about its physical ending, but about how you and I should be living now.

The Prophet Malachi in the first reading reminds us that at some point we must all come before the Lord and answer for our lives. Lots of people today no longer believe this. Other people believe that we must answer for our lives in other ways, such as through reincarnation or being born again. We Christians believe that we have only one life and at the end of it, we shall have to account for this life and how we have used it.

Most of us have not used our lives so very well. Lots of the time we want to use our lives well, but we get distracted. Sometimes we get caught up in desires of the flesh. Other times we get caught up in desires for power. Sometimes we are just concerned about what others think of us. The reasons for being distracted from the inner goal of a strong spiritual life in God are numerous.

Today, the readings want to remind us to trust in the Lord. If we trust in God, then the sun of justice will arise with its healing rays. That is to say, we come to recognize that we cannot lead strong spiritual lives just by our own will power. Rather, we must ask God to change us and to help us.



What does it mean to be prepared? One of things that being prepared means is that I must be able to stand up for my faith. Probably I shall never be called on to give my life for my beliefs, but I should be willing to do that.

What kind of a person am I? This is a question that comes before us on this Sunday. Do I believe in anything? Am I willing to stand up for anything? Do I believe in something strongly enough that I would be willing to die for it?

In the Christian understanding of these passages of Scriptures, the final days of the world are always right in front of us. That means that we must be ready to die now, at this very moment. There is never any time to waste. If we need to repent from some sin, now is the time. If we want to thank God for something, now is the time. If we need to forgive someone, now is the time. The Scriptures tell us that now is the day of salvation. Now is the time when the Lord is with us, bringing compassion and love. Let us celebrate this Sunday as if it is our final Sunday.

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<https://christdesert.org/2004/11/homily-for-33rd-sunday-of-ordinary-time-cycle-c/>



The Giving Tree has been set up in the Gathering Space. Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and return it under the tree before the due date. Most of our gifts are picked up before Christmas. By putting up the Tree now, it gives you time to purchase your gift. Thank you.

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