

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

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The Celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 p.m. – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. (No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., *afternoon by appointments only*

Parish email: Administration@olmct.org Parish website: www.olmct.org

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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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, March 23rd **Lent**

8:00 a.m. James & Theresa Bagliore
requested by Son and Family

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. **Vigil for Palm Sunday**

Richard LaRose requested
by Andrew D'Appollonio

Sunday, March 24th **Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Mass for the Benefactors of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Monday, March 25th **Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. For the deceased of Our Parish
who didn't receive a funeral

Tuesday, March 26th **Holy Week**

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Persecuted of the Church

Wednesday, March 27th **NO MASS**

Thursday, March 28th **Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Mass: The Lord's Supper

Mass for Priests, Bishops
and Seminarians

Friday, March 29th **Good Friday**

No Morning Mass

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Mass

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30th **Easter Vigil**

No Mass and No Confessions

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Mass for all those who God
is calling to enter the Church

Sunday, March 31st **Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of
Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

Our Limited Human

Our limited human reasoning sees suffering as something to be avoided at all costs. Yet, our Lord makes the fact suffering can have great value abundantly clear. To be engaged in the welfare of another is a good and meritorious thing to do. Yet, to be willing suffer to lighten the cross of another, is to some extent, Christlike. A mother going through the pains of birth, is a Christlike act, not only in its creative fecundity (fruitfulness) but in that she endures great adversity in the process. A loved one who is a caregiver for someone with a disability or infirmity, is often uncomfortable and awkward, but one chooses to be of service as did our Lord. In choosing to ungrudgingly endure difficulty for the betterment of another is Christlike.

To accept suffering and tell the Lord, "I accept this cross and unite it to your Cross (for whatever intention)" and we are called to that. We are called to say no to pleasures so that we will be less slaves of our bodily desires and egos; thereby becoming more free to act in accord with the will of God in all things. We choose to engage with something sacrificial, with as little attention or fanfare as possible, because then it can become a potential gift to the Almighty.

"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness"
— Pope Benedict XVI

Praise be Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

The Tabernacle Lamp:

is lit for the Greater Glory of God and in Recognition of the Real Presence of Christ.

This week the candle is flickering in Memory of: **Robert W. Anderson**

Requested by the Family



March 17, 2024



Weekly Offertory:

\$7,278.95

Please put your **Donations** in the **Offertory Baskets** during the Mass. **Thank You** for Your Continuous, Generous Support & May God Bless You!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

March 23rd, 4:00 p.m.: Bernice Wright, Deb Hardy

March 24th, 8:30 a.m.: Leona Bisson, Francine Walko

March 24th, 10:30 a.m.: Jessica Murzyn, Debra Boyle

Lectors: See Lenten Schedule



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, March 23rd

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back Basics, Rm103

Sunday, March 24th

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. K of C Breakfast

10:30 a.m.- 12 Noon, AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

Monday, March 25th

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, Room 102

NO Scripture Study

7:00 p.m. OLM Bldg. & Grounds, Conf Rm 101

Tuesday, March 26th

NO Scripture Study

Wednesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m. K of C "Into the Breach", Tim 102

Thursday, March 28th**No Activities****Friday March, 29th Office Closed****Saturday, March 30th**

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back Basics, Rm 103

Sunday, March 31st

10:30 a.m.- 12 Noon, AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Parish Office will be closed on Good
Friday, March 29th & Monday April 1st.**

Collection of Non-Perishable Food:

Please bring some non-perishable food items to the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on **Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., March 28, 2024**. All items will be distributed to those in need through the Plainville Food Pantry.

**Weekend Masses**

**All weekend Masses for 2024
are completely Booked.**

St. Joseph Cemetery:

All Cemetery winter decorations were removed on **March 20th**. You may place your Palm Crosses and Easter Flowers there now. Rules and regulations on website.

**Holy Thursday -Washing of the Feet:**

Washing of the Feet will take place during the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** at **7 p.m.** If you would like to participate by have one foot washed, please contact Fr. Dawson.

**Holy Thursday Procession:**

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will end with a **Procession** with the **Holy Eucharist** to the Altar of Reservation which will be set up in the Gathering Space. All the Faithful present at the Mass are invited to walk in the Procession. The **Church** will remain **open until 10 p.m.** For private prayer before the **Blessed Sacrament.**

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

The **Easter Vigil** will begin with the blessing of the **Easter Fire** and the lighting of the **Paschal Candle** outside the main entrance of the Church. The Faithful are invited to gather there and proceed into the darkened Church to spread the Light of Christ. Tapers will be provided for everyone participating.



Palm Sunday

From ancient times the palm tree, because of its height and graceful trunk, was considered a princely tree. Its branches became a symbol of victory and were also used for decoration. Victorious Roman soldiers carried palm branches when parading in Rome, and the palm was given as a victory emblem at public games.

All four Gospels describe a “grand entrance” of Jesus into Jerusalem on his final visit there. Only John has the detail about the palm branches—the symbol from which this Sunday has received its popular name.

As far back as the fourth century, Christians in Jerusalem reenacted this event in the place where it actually happened. They gathered on the Mount of Olives in the late afternoon and, carrying palm branches, they went in procession through the gates of the city to the Church of the Resurrection. The custom of reenacting Christ’s entry into Jerusalem gradually spread to churches around the world. The palm branches were blessed and carried home by the faithful as a reminder of Christ’s presence in the place where they lived.

Praying the Mass: The Concluding Rite

When a movie ends, the people simply get up and walk out of the theater. But the Mass is a communal ritual, and needs a ritual ending. So, we are ritually blessed, then sent: “Go in peace.” When the liturgy was celebrated in Latin, the priest said, *Ite missa est*. The Latin word “missa” means being “sent missioned.” Literally, the Latin phrase meant, “Go it is the sending.” Since the fourth century, the whole celebration became known by that word, *missa*: The Mass.

The Eucharist

The **Eucharist** is not something we celebrate once, and then are finished. We do it over and over again because it is always “live.” We also do it because the Lord said, “Do this in memory of me.” We often need a healthy sense of “obligation” to prod us to do what we really ought to do, like traveling to a family gathering even though it’s inconvenient. The “obligation” nudges us to go and afterward we’re glad we did.

“Going to Mass” is not a decision we should have to make from ground zero every weekend. It’s something we simply make part of our lives every week.

Picture Mary and the other disciples in those days after the Ascension. They came together for prayer and mutual support on Sundays.

We should picture ourselves as part of those early disciples gathered every Sunday. It’s not hard to get the feeling: **This is Where I belong!**

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The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center:

Presents an exhibit: True Presence: The Eucharist in History and Art. March 23-September 8, 2024.

The McGivney Center is at 1 State Street in New Haven and open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 AM—4 PM. Admission and onsite parking are free. More information: 203-865-0400 or michaelmcgivneycenter.org

Easter Flowers:

There is no designated collection to help with the cost of Easter Flowers. Please use the Easter Flower envelope to make a donation and place it in the offertory basket when it is passed around at Mass on any weekend before Easter. If you do not use the offertory envelopes, you may use a plain envelope and label it Easter Flower Donation. If the Easter flowers are in Memory of a loved one please write their names on the envelope. A listing in whose Memory Easter Flowers have been given and will be printed in the Bulletin after Easter.

Easter decorating in the Church will be on Saturday March 30th starting at 9:00 a.m.

**Easter Blessing of Food**

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

**OUR LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE**

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**Lenten Schedule:**

Ash Wednesday Mass: Feb. 14th
8 a.m.; 12 p.m.; & 6 p.m.

Confessions: Feb. 19th- Mar. 18th
Every Monday During Lent: 6 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Adoration at 6 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent:
Stations of the Cross
Feb. 16th- Mar. 29th at 7 p.m.

The Passion of the LORD**Easter Mass Schedules:**

Mar. 23rd: Vigil for Palm Sunday at 4 p.m.

Mar. 24th: Palm Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Mar. 28th: Holy Thursday:

The Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

Mar. 29th: Good Friday at 3 p.m.

The Resurrection of the LORD!

Mar. 30th: Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.

Mar. 31st: Easter Sunday:
at 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.



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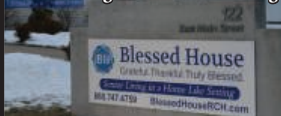


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