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(No morning Mass on Mondays & Wednesdays)

*The Sacrament of* **RECONCILIATION (Confession)**

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**Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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Parish email: [Administration@olmct.org](mailto:Administration@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

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**“Do whatever He tells you.”**

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



## Mass Schedule for This Week

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Cecilia, Virgin**

8:00 a.m. Gary M. Boukus, Sr. requested  
by Friends

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Mieczyslaw Nowicki requested  
by Wife & Sons

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

8:30 a.m. Halina & John Wroczynski and  
Mark Skrzypek requested by Family

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

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew Dung-Lac**

6:00 p.m. **Our Lady of Mercy Praesidium  
of The Legion of Mary**

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Georgianna Hoffman requested  
by Son

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Plourde requested by Eric

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Plourde requested by Friends

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mercedes Alonso requested  
Brenda Tella

2:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. James & Lena Parente requested  
by MaryAnn & Peter Giola

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

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

10:30 a.m. Alice Brousseau requested by Family

## Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Thurs., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.:**  
**Francine Walko**

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**  
Judy & Bob Anderson

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Francine Walko, Sophia Winiarski

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Charlene Smith Brian Roche

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Bob Anderson



### Lectors

**Thurs., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.:**

**Carol Haddad**

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**

Carolyn Martin

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Bonnie Miller

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Nicolas Violette

**Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Francine Walko



## The Bulletin Board

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, *Rm. 102***

**6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102***

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102***

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> No Activities**

**Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Ofc. closed - Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m. K of C Poinsettia Sale after Mass  
in The Gathering Space**

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

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**K of C Poinsettia Sale after all Masses today  
in The Gathering Space**

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



**November 16, 2025  
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Please place your Donations in the offertory  
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**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. *Psalms 9:1***

## A few notes to clarify misconceptions about End Times

### Do Catholics Believe in the Rapture?

The short answer: No, at least not as the doctrine is commonly understood in many Protestant circles. The idea that believers will be suddenly taken or “raptured” away from the earth—whether before, during, or after a time of tribulation—is [not supported by Sacred Scripture](#). This doctrine arose only in the nineteenth-century among some Protestant Christians, and it is based particularly on the teachings of [John Nelson Darby](#) and [the Scofield Reference Bible](#).

Catholics affirm what St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians,

“And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.” (1 Thess. 4:16-18)

However, the Church understands this event as part of the general resurrection and Final Judgment (or Last Judgment), including because the dead will rise first ([CCC 1001](#)), [not a secret or early removal of believers](#).

### Dispensationalism and the Rapture

The idea of a secret “rapture” before a time of tribulation comes from a 19th century Protestant theology called dispensationalism. Popularized by John Nelson Darby and the Scofield Reference Bible in the early 20th century, dispensationalism divides history into eras or “dispensations” and teaches that God has separate plans for Israel and the Church. In this view, believers will be raptured before—or during, or after—a seven-year tribulation and Christ’s final return.

The Catholic Church rejects this interpretation. There is no biblical or historical support for a two-stage coming of Christ. Catholics believe that Christ will return once, in glory, to raise the dead and judge the living and the dead. The “rapture” described in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 refers to this final, public event, not a secret escape from suffering.

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/end-of-the-world-catholic-view-on-the-rapture>



### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Space beginning Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. By setting up the tree now, it gives you time to purchase your gift. Please take a tag, purchase a gift and place it under the tree. The tag will state not wrapped if the gift is not to be wrapped. Otherwise, please wrap the gift.

The gift collection will run from Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and gifts are due back no later than Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> so they can be distributed to the organizations prior to Christmas. This year, we are again giving to the Catholic Worker, Apple Rehab, St. Mary’s Church, Birthright, Veterans Home, St. Vincent de Paul and the Plainville Senior Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### The Tabernacle Lamp:

is lit for the Greater Glory of God in Recognition of the Real Presence of Christ  
This week the candle is flickering for the in memory of: **Tadeusz Wojtowicz**  
Requested by: **Family**



### Recently Deceased

Please remember the recently Deceased members of our Parish in your prayers.

**Robert O’Dea and Shane Hartunian**  
*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, ”Lord.”*



2026 Mass Book is now open to schedule Masses from January thru June. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office with your information at 860-747-6825.

I love you Lord, my strength. *Psalms 18:1*

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