

# Our Lady OF THE Presentation

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Vision Statement:

Our Lady of the Presentation is a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community offering all Catholics participation in sacraments, social action and Christian education.

## Mission Statement:

To share our gifts by providing opportunities for spiritual growth in worship, service, education and community activities.

## Mass Schedule

Weekday (M-F): 8:15am

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Livestreamed - Parish YouTube Channel

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm,  
2pm (Spanish)

## Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:15pm

Sundays, 1:15-1:45pm

Or by appointment.

## Adoration:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
9am to 8pm, St. Ann Chapel

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:15am to 4:45pm

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I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.  
John 15:11

## The Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2024

# Epiphany Blessing of the Home

This year we celebrate Epiphany on January 7. On the feast of the Epiphany, it is traditional to bless homes, including passageways and doorways.

Often related to these blessings is a ritual of "chalking" the doors of the home with the numbers of the year separated by the initials, CMB. The letters traditionally refer to the legendary names of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Another tradition refers to it as the abbreviation of the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, translated as "May Christ bless this house."

To bless your home, use chalk and mark 20+C+M+B+24 on the lintel of your door saying: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became human 2024 years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.





# RESOLVE to serve those in need this New Year!



## ONE CITY CAFÉ

AT BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER  
3936 Troost Kansas City, MO

Volunteers are needed to help our Parish serve the homeless and working poor on 1st Thursdays & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.





Sign up online to serve!  
<http://tiny.cc/OLP-OneCityCafe>  
Or contact Janice Drake, 816-251-1103  
[yassistant@olpls.org](mailto:yassistant@olpls.org)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
KANSAS CITY ST. JOSEPH  
TO SERVE & TO LIFT

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS


*Food Pantry*


S Kansas City Food Pantry Distribution Center

8001 Longview Road Monday - Thursday  
Kansas City, MO 64134 Flexible times between  
[volunteers@ccharities.com](mailto:volunteers@ccharities.com) 8:30 am - 5:30 pm



Volunteers are needed to help Uplift serve the homeless on the 2nd Mondays of each month.





Get more details and sign up online at:  
<http://tiny.cc/OLP-UPLIFT>  
or contact Janice Drake, 816-251-1103  
[yassistant@olpls.org](mailto:yassistant@olpls.org)

**uplift.org**

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## MEAL OUTREACH



Do you like to cook?

We invite YOU to be part of a team of volunteers who prepare a casserole each month to feed Kansas City's homeless served by Uplift.

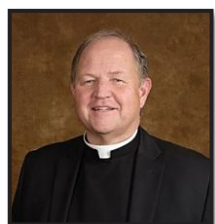
On Second Mondays, the Meal Outreach volunteers will drop off a prepared casserole (13x9) at the Parish before 2pm. Casserole recipe is provided.

"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK..."  
MATTHEW 25:31

Please scan the QR Code to volunteer. The recipe and drop off instructions provided at [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org).



Contact: Julie Ungashick - [julieungashick@gmail.com](mailto:julieungashick@gmail.com) - 816.809.6045



# Thoughts from Fr. Tom

**Blessings of the New Year!** As we finish this first week of 2024, we continue our celebration of the Christmas season with the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. This feast has been described as the brightness of Christmas shining on us as Jesus is revealed to all nations. The familiar scripture story of the star in the night leading the magi to a simple stable reminds us of the power of God at work in the most common of places. The magi represent people of all nations, including foreigners and strangers, and as we hear in the story: ***the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*** May this new year of 2024 bring many opportunities to be overjoyed at seeing Christ, the true Light, shining brightly in our lives as we seek to share the treasure of our faith each day.

The Feast of the Epiphany is the traditional time for the **blessing of homes**. The home is where much of the activity of our lives happens, so it seems fitting to bless the doorway of our home to remind us of Christ's presence as we come and go. The simple blessing for your home can be found in the bulletin. If you have blessed chalk from past years, you may use it again. There is additional blessed chalk in the Gathering Space. The marking you make with the chalk is the first initial for each of the traditional names of the three magi or wise men – *Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar* – and the numbers for the year. This year you would mark the upper lintel of the main door you use with **20 + C + M + B + 24**. This is a great conversation piece among family and friends and a daily reminder that God is with us on our journey.

The Christmas season comes to a close with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, this Monday, January 8. As we celebrate Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, we are also reminded that we have been baptized in Christ and are called to be his presence in the world. We keep the wonder and power of Christmas alive by living out our baptismal call.

**Have you made any resolutions for the new year?** The new year marks a new beginning and so is filled with hope and excitement as we focus on new possibilities for the coming year. And this should include resolutions concerning our

## Events This Week

Monday, January 8		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
4pm	Uplift Volunteers	Offsite
6pm	Hispanic Marian Group	Church
6:30pm	BeFriender Meeting	Log House
7pm	Hispanic Holy Hour	Church
7pm	Life & Justice Meeting	Scheer/Stayton
Tuesday, January 9		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am	Holy Donuts	Mulligan
6:30pm	First Reconciliation Service	Church
6:30pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Etue
6:30pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Cooper
Wednesday, January 10		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
9am	Discipleship Group	Mary's Room
5:30pm	CFF Classes	Classrooms
6pm	High School Youth Group	Yellow House
6pm	Middle School Youth Group	Scheer/Stayton
6:30pm	Parish Community Committee Meeting	Cooper
Thursday, January 11		
8:15am	Mass	Church
6:30pm	BeFriender Information Night	Etue
6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
6:30pm	Men's Faith Sharing	Cooper
6:30pm	Young Adult City On A Hill	Log House
Friday, January 12		
8:15am	Mass	Church
9am-8pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Ann Chapel
Saturday, January 13		
7:30am	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby	Auditorium
4:30pm	Mass	Church
Sunday, January 14		
8am	Mass	Church
8am & 10am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mulligan
8am	RCIA	Etue
10am	Mass	Church
10am	Sunday School	Classrooms
10am	Youth Ministry Back to School Mass	Yellow House
10am	Young Adult Brunch After Mass (BAM)	Offsite
11am	Baptism Class	Etue
11:30am	Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Meeting	Mulligan
12pm	Mass	Church
2pm	Mass in Spanish	Church
2pm	Hispanic Children's Liturgy of the Word	Mulligan
6pm	Adult Volleyball	Gym

faith life. I encourage you to take advantage of opportunities we offer in the parish to grow in your faith or get involved.

May 2024 be filled with **many blessings!**





## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 8

8:15am, Dean Heimes by the Heimes Family

### Tuesday, January 9

8:15am, Abby Kornis by the Kornis Family;

Robert Keil by Bernadine Keil

### Wednesday, January 10

8:15am, Robert Biehler by the Fahlstrom Family

### Thursday, January 11

8:15am, George Stoppelman by Anonymous

### Friday, January 12

8:15am, Kathy Kraft by Betty Randol & Edward Jones

### Saturday, January 13

4:30pm, Rose Holder by the Holder Family

### Sunday, January 14

8:00am, Virginia Gant by the Henry Family

10:00am, Phil LePage by Mary Ann & Mike Swisher

12:00pm, Richard Bateman by the Pagnani Family

2:00pm (Spanish), People of Presentation

## Liturgical Ministers: January 13-14, 2024

Mass Times	4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am	12:00pm
<b>Lector</b>	Diana Morasch Doris Frede	Mike Chamberlain Roberta Fields	Amy Matlock Theresa Sonderman	Jen Burns Nick Smock
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Liz Frey Regina Hogan Jim Hogan Carol Jones Cheryl Kiesov Chad Morehead Sherri Staub	Terry Downs Kathy Gladden Sue Jacobi Jack Morasch Ron Smith Lynn Stegall	Rick Brown Chris Jochems Mike Kirse Arlene Owens Dolores Suenram Beth Turner Margi Whitworth	Frances Alfaro Anna Marie Brown Pam Jameson Karen Johnston Deb Shepphard Erin Van Dom
<b>Mass Coordinator</b>	Frank Bolton	Debbie Ripper Richard Ripper	Steve Marsh Randy Rotert	Jason Rush Mike Sanchez
<b>Server</b>	Truxton M. Owen H. Ava T.	Maggie T. Cade H. Paul W.	Owen B. Rosie C. Mia S.	Lyla V. Kate G. Alex H.
<b>Greeter</b>	Judy Brennaman Judy Krabbe Janet Lumby	Dan Culross Bridget Rebori Kathy Smith	Lavon Kimminau Mary Jane Muehlebach Cecilia Ojeifo	Machelle Seiler Stacie Ventimiglia Laura Vernon
<b>Usher</b>	Lloyd German Larry Munsterman Mary Roach	Tim Clifford Jennifer Fleschute Dave Rebori	Steve Jochems Katie Murdock Bryan Woolworth	Liz Hartenstein Stacie Ventimiglia

## Scripture Readings For the Week of January 7



### The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### Monday: Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

### Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday: Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



## Prayer Requests

To add or remove a name from the bulletin prayer list, contact the Pastoral Care Office, 816-251-1102.

Justin Andrews  
Michelle Arreguin

Mary Beretta

Jackie Biondo

Louis Bosso

Marilyn Bosso

Margie Buckman

Pat Burke

Bridgena Cahill

Patrick Cahill

Teresa Calia

Greg Campbell

John Condra

Ron Cotter

Barry Degges

Frank Emma

May Emma

Benjamin Gibson

Leo Gusman

Diana Kennedy

Michael Klein

Carrie Landtiser

Elizabeth Langley

Joan Lankford

Nichole Reynolds Lawson

Jill Long

Kent Long

Lori Long

Todd Long

Thomas Lukowski

Karen Massop

Sharon Maude

Wanda McCartney

Thommy Moore

David Mothersbaugh

Mary O'Connor

Richard Parish

Jennifer Pepple

Mike Peterson

Beth Quinlan

Judy Roberts

Anthony Romano

Mario Salinas

Chad Shaffer

Kathy Smith

Joella Sommerhauser

Bridget Cahill Stoppelman

Ann Terry

Danny Tucker

## Stewardship



The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior? - *Stewardship by the Book*

### Stewardship Giving:

12/11-12/17/23

Envelopes:	\$18,280
Online Giving:	\$18,542
Plate:	\$ 1,486
IRA Contributions:	\$12,245
Donor Advised Contributions:	\$ 200
Future Projects Fund:	\$ 6,290
Special Gifts:	\$21,675
Year End Giving:	\$20,025

We encourage you to use:  
Online Giving - Scan QR code  
Or Text To Give:



text OLPLS & amount you want to give to 5777



WWW.DCDIOCESE.ORG

*We remember the  
three wise men*

*The gifts we bring – our time and service and what we  
earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.*



### Widow Group Christmas Luncheon

The luncheon opened with prayer and anointing by Fr. Tom and Fr. Angel, followed by lunch while OLP First Graders sang Christmas songs and ended with a gift exchange!







## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

### CALENDAR

**January 7**  
**Sunday School Resumes**

**January 9**  
**First Reconciliation Service**

**January 10**  
**CFF Classes Resume**

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

### PARENT & CHILD GATHERING

**Thurs. Feb 8 at 6:00 pm**  
**OR**

**Sat. Feb 10 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**In the Church**

**Please reserve a spot**  
**with Sign-Up Genius**



We have 102 children in our parish receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers. Their pictures are posted on a bulletin board in the hallway adjacent to the church.

## Youth Ministry News

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER EVENTS

**JUNE 2024** **CAMP SAVIO** **JUNE 3-8**  
CONCEPTION, MO

**SERVICE OPPS**

**JULY 26** **SERVICE OPPS**

**FUN ACTIVITIES**

Interested in more information on summer activities? Go to the website or scan the QR Code to sign up for updates.



<https://olpls.org/middle-school-youth-ministry>

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER OFFERINGS 2024

INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES? SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR UPDATES.



**JUNE 17-20** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION

**CAMP BOSCO** **JUNE 25-29**  
BISHOP LEBLOND HS

**JULY 5-7** **STEBENVILLE**  
SPRINGFIELD, MO

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP** **JULY 14-20**  
Marshalltown, IA or Cincinnati, OH

**JULY 23-27** **CAMP BLESSING** **CAMP BLESSING TEXAS**  
Brenham, Texas

**YOU ARE HERE**

### INCYC STOCK-HOLDERS CELEBRATION

YOUR STOCK SUPPORT WAS AMAZING. NOW COME HEAR WHAT THE YOUTH EXPERIENCED AT INCYC.

**WHO:** STOCK-HOLDERS  
**WHAT:** BRUNCH APPETIZERS PROVIDED AND MEET THE PILGRIMS TO HEAR OF THEIR EXPERIENCES!  
**WHERE:** IN THE ETUE ROOM  
**WHEN:** JAN. 21 (11 AM - 12 PM)



SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

Questions? contact Michael Nations at [mnations@olpls.org](mailto:mnations@olpls.org) or 816-251-1107

### FULLY ALIVE

## Confirmation 2024

### Upcoming events for Candidates:

**Anytime:** Work on service hours during the break!

**Jan. 14th:** Sponsor/Candidate meet from 11:30-2 pm

**Jan. 29-30:** Next Small Group Meeting

**PLEASE CHECK EMAILS REGULARLY FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT MICHAEL NATIONS AT [MNATIONS@OLPLS.ORG](mailto:MNATIONS@OLPLS.ORG) OR JANICE DRAKE AT [YMASSISTANT@OLPLS.ORG](mailto:YMASSISTANT@OLPLS.ORG)



# Spreading the Joy of Christmas



## Early Childhood Center

We are excited to begin the new year. We have lots planned for the second half of the school year. It's hard to believe this month we will be starting registration for the 24-25 school year for our current students. Once all of our current students and siblings are registered for the upcoming school year we will begin to pre-register families off of our waiting list. If you have a child on the waiting list you should be hearing from us in February. We are also looking for a full-time teacher aide to work with one of our toddler teachers. If you are interested give us a call at (816) 251-1140 or email Cathy Koob at [ckoob@olpls.org](mailto:ckoob@olpls.org) to find out next steps.





# Adult Faith Formation

## BAPTISM CLASS

New and expecting parents are invited to attend our next Baptism Preparation Class.

Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m. in the Etue Room. Register at [www.olpls.org/baptism](http://www.olpls.org/baptism)



Now at Formed.org  
**The Eucharist in Galilee**

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray in Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

## ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us to discuss our Christmas Book.  
January 25 & February 1  
9:30 -10:30 a.m.  
OR  
7 - 8 p.m.

## LIFE & JUSTICE MEETING

Our Life & Justice Ministry's focus is advocacy and education. Join us Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Etue Room and lend your voice.

## Pastoral Care



*No Widows Group  
gathering this month.  
Stay warm and safe!*

### Mass And Anointing January 10

Mass and Anointing will be offered Wednesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the John Knox Care Center, 600 NW Pryor Rd. All are welcome.

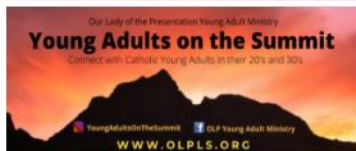


### BeFriender Information Night

"Thank you for listening." This phrase is the best compliment a BeFriender can receive. I ran in to a friend after church and asked, "How's it going for you?" This was not the usual "Hi, how are you?" greeting, so she obviously felt I was expecting more than a "I'm fine" answer. After 10 minutes of hearing about a concern in her life, she said, "Thank you for listening."

BeFrienders experience this often. Whether it's an official BeFriender visit or a friend or family member, we are equipped to know when to keep quiet and when to speak; how to realize that the person I am with needs to talk, when to put on my BeFriender hat and say, "Tell me more." BeFrienders are trained volunteer ministers who provide a caring, listening presence to people in difficult and transitional situations, such as illness, loneliness, or loss of a loved one. Learn more about becoming a BeFriender at one of our Information Nights: Thursday, January 11 or Thursday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. in the Etue room. To RSVP, contact Shelli Lange, 816-251-1102.

## Young Adult Ministry



DON'T MISS ANY  
EVENTS: SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO JOIN OUR  
EMAIL LIST



**BRUNCH  
AFTER  
MASS**

**Save the Date**  
Join us on Jan. 14th for  
Sunday Mass @ 10 am and  
Martin City Brewery to follow.

**LAST  
CALL  
4 THE GOSPEL**

JOIN US ON JAN. 23RD FOR LAST  
CALL 4 THE GOSPEL.  
MORE DETAILS TBA.  
[RECEIVE EMAILS FOR UPDATES.](#)



CONNECT WITH CATHOLIC SINGLES &  
FRIENDS ON 2/17!  
DETAILS WILL BE IN FUTURE BULLETINS.  
[RECEIVE EMAILS FOR UPDATES.](#)



2ND MONDAYS  
OF THE MONTH



*Called  
TO  
SERVE*

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SERVICE PARTNERS



1ST THURSDAY  
3RD TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH



**Guys-Mark your calendars for February 6th  
for the next Guys Night Out! More details will  
come in the new year.  
[Receive emails for Updates.](#)**







## La Manifestación del Señor

A lo largo de las cuatro semanas de adviento nos preparamos para el gran día del nacimiento del Mesías en medio de nosotros, el que se encarnó en la familia humana para salvarnos y librarnos de nuestras cargas que nos acongojan.

Hoy con gozo celebramos esa manifestación, Cristo que se manifiesta de diferentes formas en nuestras vidas. Pero para poder ver la luz que nos guía al Hijo de Dios debemos estar atentos, vigilantes, y preparados, como lo asieron los majos de oriente que vieron la estrella brillar y la siguieron asta Belén. Belén significa, la casa del pan, Y Jesús mas adelante va a decir que Él es el pan que da vida, Él es el pan espiritual que todos necesitamos en nuestro camino de fe y que todos deberíamos de comer.

Los magos de oriente vieron la estrella brillar y la siguieron, pero se desviaron y terminaron en el palacio de Herodes pensando que el niño rey estaba en un palacio. Muchos de nosotros en algún momento hemos visto la estrella brillar, tal vez durante nuestro bautismo, primera comunión, confirmación, boda o algún retiro y hemos iniciado a seguir esa estrella de luz y alegría en nuestro corazón, pero de pronto ya no vemos brillar la estrella; porque llegaron momentos de prueba, momentos difíciles y bajamos la vista y perdimos el horizonte y no vemos la estrella y la buscamos en lugares equivocados.

Los magos de oriente vieron un castillo y olvidaron por un tiempo ver la estrella creyendo que habían llegado y que el niño estaba en el castillo. Pero envés de encontrar al niño encontraron a un rey que quería matar al niño rey. Cuando los

magos salieron del castillo, salieron de la devoción, del pecado, volvieron a ver la estrella que los guiaba. El

mensaje es si en tu vida ves la estrella brillar síguela, pero no le quites los ojos de encima, y si te desvías vuélvela a buscar que ella sigue brillando solo que tu tal vez no la ves. La luz de Cristo nunca deja de brillar.

**Padre Angel Lemus**



### Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del 7 de Enero

#### Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Is 60, 1-6; Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12

#### Lunes: Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 55, 1-11 o Hch 10, 34-38 o 1 Jn 5, 1-9; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Mc 1, 7-11

#### Martes

1 Sm 1, 9-20; 1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd; Mc 1, 21-28

#### Miércoles

1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mc 1, 29-39

#### Jueves

1 Sm 4, 1-11; Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25; Mc 1, 40-45

#### Viernes

1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22; Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19; Mc 2, 1-12

#### Sábado: Memoria de San Hilario, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia

1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19; 10, 1; Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mc 2, 13-17

#### Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

1 Sm 3, 3b-10. 19; Sal 39, 2 y 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 6, 13c-15a. 17-20; Jn 1, 35-42

## News From El Salvador: Meet Emely

Emely is 16 years old and is in her first year of High School. Both of her parents have a 6th grade education. This is Emely's first year as one of our Scholarship and Formation Students. When asked "what impact has the scholarship program had on your life?" she replied:

*"My life would be different if I hadn't had the opportunity to study. I would probably help my mother distribute tortillas or maybe look for a job where minors are allowed until I turned 18 and was able to look for a stable job. For my family, it means a lot that I'm able to continue studying since they didn't have that opportunity. They always wish the best for me and want me to be successful. I'm grateful for all the support of my family and the program. For that, I expect to give my best."*

When asked "what impact has the scholarship program had on your community?" she replied: *Now that there are people in my community studying, illiteracy has been reduced, which allows the community to develop. Now that I'm learning about leadership, I can even motivate the children and youth in my community to fulfill their dreams.*



**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Your donations support our 32 Scholarship and Formation Students  
in San Rafael Cedros, El Salvador.**





# RISE ABOVE

Divorce in Confidence & Love



Women's Divorce Support  
A 10-week program of healing  
and transformation.

Sessions starting January 22  
For Info Contact Shelli Lange



816-251-1102  
slange@olpls.org



## JOY CHOSE YOU.

Joy does not arrive with a fanfare  
on a red carpet strewn with the flowers of a perfect life.

Joy sneaks in as you pour a cup of coffee,  
watching the sun hit your favorite tree just right.  
And you usher joy away because you are not ready for it.

Your house is different than it must be  
for such a distinguished guest.  
But joy cares nothing for your messy home,  
or your bank balance or your waistline, you see.

Joy is supposed to slither through  
the cracks of your imperfect life,  
that's how joy works.

You cannot invite joy;  
you can only be ready when joy appears.  
And hug joy with meaning  
because, at this very moment, joy chose you.

By Donna Ashworth

## Our Lady of the Presentation Parish Staff

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