

"Go and do likewise."

LUKE 10:37



Our Lady of Mercy Parish July 10, 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

Saturday, July 9th

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Donald & Arlene Olson req by the family

Sunday, July 10th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Lori-Ellen Camirand, 10th anniversary,
requested by her mother

10:30AM: Alice Leonard req by Barbara Lantiegne
For all parishioners

Monday, July 11th

Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Ginny Simpson req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, July 12th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: In thanksgiving for Ruth Davis on her 84th
birthday

Wednesday, July 13th

Saint Henry

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Chapdelaine

Thursday, July 14th

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

No Mass

Friday, July 15th

**Saint Bonaventure, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Ernest Chapdelaine

Saturday, July 16th

Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Joel Burns requested by the Clark family
For all parishioners

Sunday, July 17th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Paul Vachon, 2nd anniversary, requested by
his family

10:30AM: Frank & Durean "Pepe" & "Meme" Caron
req by their daughter, Brenda, & family

Is There a Doctor in the House?

If that house is the Church, then the answer is yes, but not the medical type. Of all the various kinds of saints—virgins, martyrs, religious—the least understood may be the Doctors of the Church. These saints are best thought of as doctors in the PhD sense of the word. Through their research, study, and writing they have advanced the Church's knowledge of our faith. To be declared a Doctor of the Church does not imply that all their writings are free from error, but rather that the whole body of their work taken together serves to advance the cause of Christ and His Church.

The title was first given in the Middle Ages and originally there were four Doctors of the Church: St. Ambrose, 4th century bishop of Milan; St. Augustine, 5th century bishop of Hippo; St. Gregory the Great, who was pope at the start of the 7th century; and St. Jerome, 5th century biblical scholar and translator. Over the years the church has added about 30 additional saints with the title Doctor of the Church, including St. Bonaventure, whose feast day is upcoming this week on July 15.

Since 1970, four women have been declared Doctors of the Church: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and St. Hildegard of Bingen. Most recently, in February 2015, Pope Francis declared Armenian poet and monk, St. Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Universal Church. All these Doctors of the Church have advanced the knowledge of God through their writing on theology, spirituality, mysticism, or through their defense of the faith in the face of heresy and schism.

—edited from USCCB.org

Readings for the Week: July 10, 2022

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,
14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and
15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14;
Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28;
Lk 10:38-42



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Registration Open for 2022-23!

Grades 1-5

•**In-Person:** class sessions offered Wednesdays at 4:30 OR 5:45 at the parish; grades 1 & 2 are combined together; grade 3 meets as a single grade; grade 4 & 5 are combined

•**At-Home:** after attending an initial parent meeting, parents work through the course book with their child at home throughout the year

In addition to regular lessons, students and families enrolled in the In-Person, At-Home, and Catholic school are invited to participate in four family sessions.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Edge: is offered in-person as a combined group; it meets 1-2 Sunday evenings a month from 6:15-7:45 pm.

All students in grades 6-8 are welcome, even if you were not registered last year!

High School (Grades 9-12)

Life Teen: is offered in-person as a combined group; it meets 1-2 Sunday evenings a month from 6:15-7:45 pm.

All students in grades 9-12 are welcome, even if you were not registered last year!

Please see the website (olmnh.org) under the Faith Formation tab for more information including program calendars. Register online, in the office, or print out a registration form from the website and bring or mail it to the office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

Sacramental programs for children

First Reconciliation: Typically children prepare to receive First Reconciliation in the 2nd grade. Any students who are older than 2nd and have not received First Reconciliation are welcome to participate and should plan to prepare. It is an important step in receiving God's grace and forgiveness and also for preparation for Confirmation and First Communion.

Confirmation & First Communion: Typically children in 3rd grade prepare for and receive these Sacraments of Initiation together. Students older than 3rd grade who have not received these sacraments are invited to prepare to receive them.

Please see the website (olmnh.org) under the Faith Formation tab then Sacramental Formation for more info.

The parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

As Jesus continues to Jerusalem, He is confronted by a law scholar. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here in Luke, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18 on loving neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and said twice a day in Jesus's time. Jesus responds simply, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries again: "Who is my neighbor I must love like myself?" In the society of Jesus's time, with distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with the Good Samaritan parable found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho contained narrow passes and rocky terrain making it easy for bandits to hide. The traveler in this parable is identified as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase often so the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead. A priest comes along, but moves across the road. A Levite who assists in the Temple, reacts the same. The listeners might have expected the third person who comes along to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor.

Jesus demolished all expectations. It is not class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines our neighbor. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved, but that we become people who treat all with compassion. When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can only say, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus's response: "Go and do likewise." We know what is right. The key is to do it.

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Upcoming Mission Appeal: July 23 & 24

Founded in 1980 at the beginning of El Salvador's civil war, the Community of Oscar A. Romero (COAR) is a school, foster care facility, clinic, and other service provider for the impoverished children of El Salvador. COAR will be making an upcoming mission appeal asking for your prayers, awareness, and generosity on the weekend of July 23 and 24. More information is available at www.coarpeacemission.org.



Rite of Blessing and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular

The Discalced Lay Carmelite Community of St. Therese, which meets at St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH, invites anyone who wishes to be clothed and enrolled in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, to join them at the weekday Mass on Saturday, July 16 at 8:30am for the Rite of Blessing and Enrollment in the Scapular. The Mass and Enrollment will be celebrated in the Transept Chapel at St. Kathryn's.

The Brown Scapular is a miniature habit of the Brothers of our Lady of Mount Carmel (the Carmelites) which carries the same privileges Mary gave the Order. It is a tangible symbol and sacramental of the deeper reality of Mary clothing and protecting us with her mantle. It's a sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and that Mary will assure the salvation of those devoted to her. July 16th is the Memorial of our Lady of Mount Carmel, the day she appeared to St. Simon Stock in Aylesford, England in 1251 to present him with the habit of the Carmelite Order, promising:

"Take this Scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."

For questions please contact St. Kathryn's Parish at 603-882-7793.

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July 2 & 3: \$4,536

June online: \$18,229

Thank you for your generosity!

Living Liturgical Seasons at Home

The season of Ordinary Time is an important time of instruction in Christian life. Ordinary Time after Pentecost and before Advent is a period when we honor Christ in the fullness of His mystery. We spend time with Jesus and let Him be with us and in us as we grow closer to Him. The green of Ordinary Time symbolizes this spiritual growth as we come to know the Lord through the scripture stories of His teachings, miracles, and healings.

How can we take the blessings of this season into our homes and make them part of our lives? Dedicate a table or space for a prayerful place. If you don't have an exact space, even the kitchen table at mealtime could reflect a prayerful presence. Use a green cloth or placemat and add seasonal flowers or a bowl of fruit to share. Include a candle, a crucifix, and have a Bible handy for reading the upcoming Sunday Gospel or other scripture passages.

Spend time as a family in prayer. Showing children that prayer is an important and normal part of everyday life is a great example parents can give their children. Bring Ordinary Time into your personal life by your own daily prayer. Our task during Ordinary Time is to walk as a disciple and imitate Jesus in His earthly ministry. The symbols of this season can make us more mindful of that mission.

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