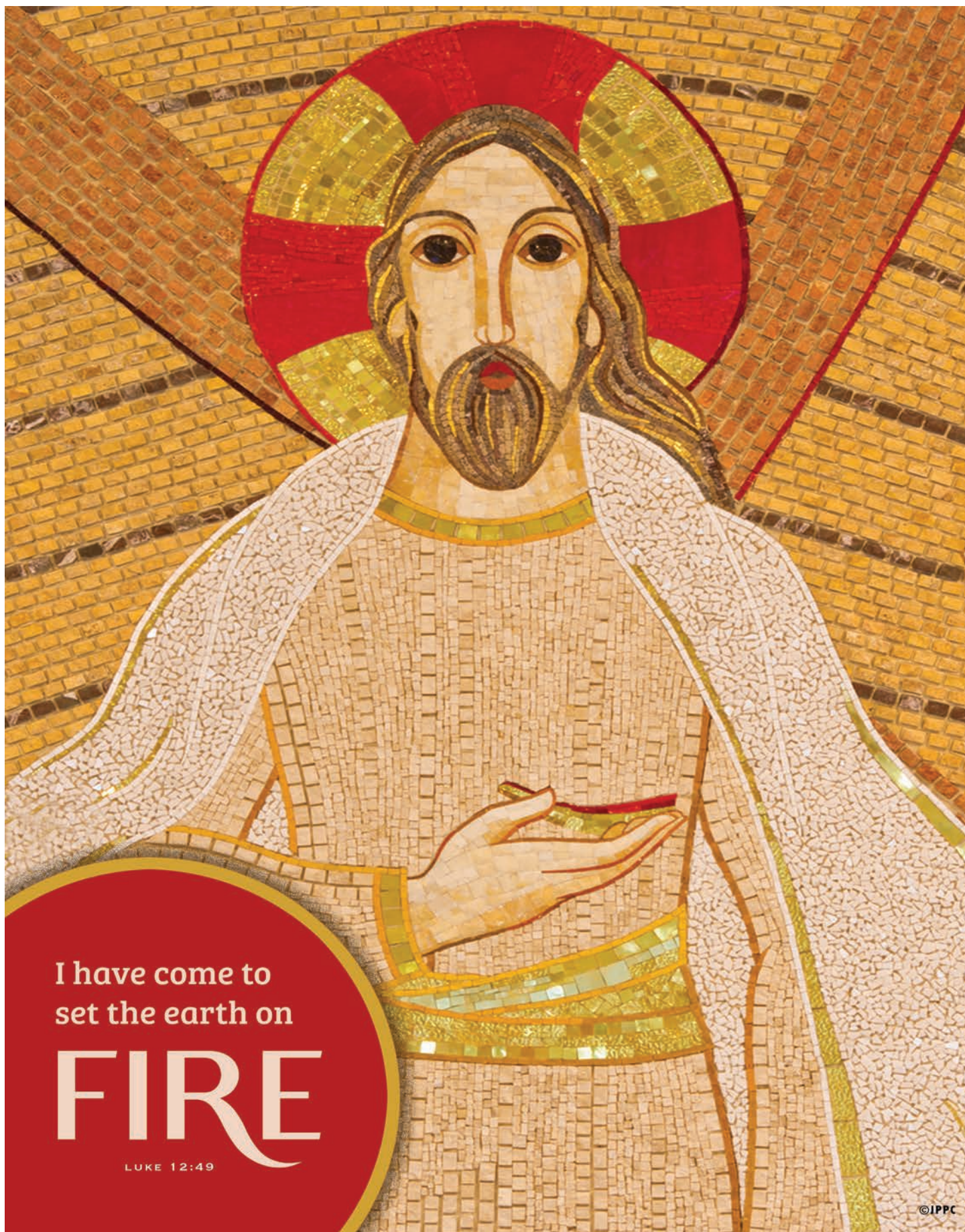




I have come to
set the earth on
FIRE
LUKE 12:49

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish August 14, 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, August 13th

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Vicky KillKelley req by Larry & Pat Miller

Sunday, August 14th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Leo & Yvette Bouchard req by Fr. Paul

10:30AM: Donald Morin requested by Pat Osterlund
For all parishioners

Monday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00PM Leo & Yvette Bouchard

Tuesday, August 16th
Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Fr. Chris Martel
requested by Jane Cosmo

Wednesday, August 17th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Vita Carlos requested
by her family

Thursday, August 18th

No Mass

Friday, August 19th
Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Edmund & Doris Beaupre requested by
their granddaughter

Saturday, August 20th

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Andy Androy req by Bruce & Janet Angus
For all parishioners

Sunday, August 21st

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Jean Cioffi Lantiegne requested by Barbara
Lantiegne

10:30AM: Michael J. Perrault requested by his family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns
August 13th - 19th in memory of
Edmund & Doris Beaupre.



**Please pray for our
recently deceased**

Joan Pitman, August 4

Evelyn Cross, August 6

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
All creation rightly gives YOU praise,
for all life and all holiness come from YOU.
In the plan of YOUR wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory
to be with HIM in heaven.
May we follow her example
in reflecting YOUR holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Readings for the Week: August 14, 2022

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30



FAITH FORMATION



Jesus Has Come to Bring Peace but Also Division

Luke 12:49-53

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that He has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending upon the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the Good News of Jesus's Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which He will be immersed as He approaches Jerusalem and His death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus's birth proclaimed peace on earth; and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple said to God, "Master, now You may let Your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think He has come to bring peace; He has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and then acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here He reminds the crowd that those who commit to Him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded that the decision to do what is right, is not always easy nor without conflict. Jesus Himself did not make easy decisions to avoid conflict. Today He reminds His followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

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The Assumption of Mary, the Blessed Mother: August 15

God creates human life. Jesus gave His life on the cross to redeem each of us. By doing this, Jesus said, "Your life is worth my dying to save you." Through His own Resurrection, Jesus showed us the glory of our resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment. The person will be whole for all eternity.

The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

The Church has always believed in Mary's assumption into heaven. But on November 1, 1950 Pope Pius XII focused attention on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever just as Mary is now. This dogma shows the importance of every human life. Pope Plus XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others.

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Holy Days of Obligation

The U.S Church marks six Holy Days of Obligation:

- Mary, Mother of God (January 1)
- The Ascension of the Lord (40 days after Easter)
- The Assumption of Mary into Heaven (August 15)
- All Saints Day (November 1)
- The Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8)
- Christmas (December 25)

These days mark events in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints that are so important that the Church considers them days of moral obligation to attend Mass, just as it does on Sundays. Mass is the source and summit of our faith, where we encounter the Risen Christ in word and sacrament. Holy Days of Obligation give us additional opportunities to participate in that gift.

Some Holy Days are not obligatory if they fall on a Saturday or a Monday. These Holy Days are Mary, Mother of God, the Assumption, and All Saints. The U.S. Bishops made this decision to lighten our responsibility so people would not have to go to church two days in a row, especially for those in rural areas.

This year the Assumption of Mary falls on a Monday, therefore it is not an obligation to go to Mass. However, in an effort to support as many parishioners as possible who want to attend Mass on this Holy Day, at Our Lady of Mercy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm on Monday, August 15, 2022. There will be no 8:30am Mass here that day.

Foot Clinics

From 9:00am to noon on Thursday, August 18 & 25 in the church hall will be a foot clinic sponsored by Home Health & Hospice.

Please call 603-689-2899 to schedule an appointment.

120 Club Winners

Rosalie Neveu
Gloria Giel

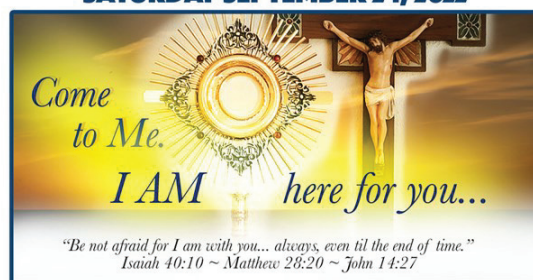
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Thank you Fr. Paul Montminy for being with us while our Fr. Paul was away on vacation. You are a blessing!

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2022



www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org

The **National Eucharistic Revival** was created by the Bishops of the United States to address a reality in the Catholic Church today: that very few Catholics, approximately 30 percent, fully believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is envisioned to be a true Revival to rediscover the source and summit of our Faith through a deep commitment of prayer, pilgrimage, and worship on the part of the entire Church of the United States.

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival

Join us **Saturday, September 24** for the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival. This is an opportunity to honor Jesus Christ and His presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament. The event is hoping to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together in order to worship and honor Jesus in our Diocese.

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022
from 8:00am-2:30pm

Where: Bank of NH Pavilion
72 Meadowbrook Lane
Gilford, NH

This is a free event, but registration and tickets are required.

Sign up at the Diocese of Manchester website at www.Catholicnh.org or at www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org.

Parish Stewardship

August 6 & 7: \$3,326

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation Registration Remains Open

Registration for Grades 1-12 for Faith Formation for the 2022-23 school year remains open. Register online at www.olmnh.org/ff or in person at the office.

Please register as soon as possible to ensure we have the proper number of books and materials needed by the start of classes. Scholarships are available.

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