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of Men.

MATTHEW 4:19



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish January 22, 2023



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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.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to 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

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Saturday, January 21st
Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: A special intention of thanksgiving requested
by the Nicosia & Statz family

Sunday, January 22nd
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Carmelle Murch
For all parishioners

10:30AM: Brian McKenna req by Karen & Bob Correia

Monday, January 23rd
Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tina Tylock req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, January 24th
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jeff Photiades req by Tom & Elaine Lamb

Wednesday, January 25th
The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: John J. Clark

Thursday, January 26th
Saint Timothy & Titus, Bishops

No Mass

Friday, January 27th
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carmelle Murch

Saturday, January 28th
Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Dolores Uysase & Joseph Radomski
requested by Kent & Kathy Johnson

Sunday, January 29th
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Vicky KillKelley requested by her family

10:30AM: Michael Perrault, 2nd anniversary,
requested by his family
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
January 21st - 27th in memory of
Andrew Boucher.



A Prayer for Life



Father and maker of all,
You adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in Your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of Your hands,
and renew among Your people
a readiness to nurture and sustain
Your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen!

-from USCCB.org

Readings for the Week: January 22, 2023

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the
Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,
2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,
7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Life Teen:** Sunday, January 29 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Edge:** Sunday, January 22 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Grades 1-5 Wednesdays:** Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30pm OR 5:45pm, in the parish office building
- Confirmation & First Communication Prep:** Parent/child session: Saturday, March 25 at 9:30am, church hall; preparation books are due at class
- Adult Faith Formation:** Save the date! We will host a **Lenten evening** with Fr. Pignato Saturday, March 4 after the 4:30 Mass. More info to come.

Peace and All Good

Are you seeking to increase your faith and grow closer to the Lord? Come and see our Secular Franciscan Order (formerly known as the Third Order) composed of the laity, men and women around the world, seeking to follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

We meet the second Sunday of the month from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Nashua. We cordially invite you to come and see if the Lord is calling you to follow St. Francis in your daily life as a single or married man or woman.

For more info, kindly call Betty Antocci (603-262-9213) or MaryAnn DiStasio (603-595-7837). We close with the beautiful greeting St. Francis gave to all, "May the Lord give you His peace."

Diocese of Manchester

The Diocese of Manchester Code of Conduct, known as ***Serving Christ, Serving Others***, requires all Church personnel (priests, deacons, religious men and women, and laypeople who work or volunteer at diocesan parishes, schools, and camps) to exhibit the highest ethical standards and personal integrity. The Code includes, among other things, standards for appropriate conduct and boundaries when working with minors. The Code of Conduct is available at www.catholicnh.org/code.

Jesus Begins His Ministry and Calls His First Disciples

Matthew 4:12-23

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus's public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus's public ministry begins after His baptism by John the Baptist and after His retreat to the desert where He was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, He hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus's ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin His ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to His ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.



When Jesus called His first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything immediately. Yet this

Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know Him? Had they heard Him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with His work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus's ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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Reminder: Simon Ministry this Tuesday

The Simon Ministry (Sanctuary Course) will examine session 3 during the next meeting on **Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm** in the Church Hall.

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: sponsored by our Knights after the Masses on Sunday, January 22, church hall

Edge: Sunday, January 22 at 6:15pm, church hall

Prayer Group: Monday, January 23 from 4:00-5:30pm, church; all welcome

Simon Ministry: Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30 to 8:00pm, church hall

Grades 1-5 Faith Formation classes: Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30pm OR 5:45, parish office building

Foot Clinic: Thursday, January 26 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, January 26 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office building

Coffee & Donuts: sponsored by our Knights after the Masses on Sunday, January 29, church hall

RCIA: Sunday, January 29 at 11:30am, parish office building

Life Teen: Sunday, January 29 at 6:15pm, church hall

OLM Clothing Shed 2022 Stats

♥68,140 pounds of clothing were donated

♥An estimated 12,552 people were clothed from these donations

♥Clothing donations provided \$2,725.58 back to OLM from St. Pauly Textile, the operator of the Clothing Shed donation program

Thank you for your continued donations to the Clothing Shed in the OLM parking lot!

Parish Stewardship

Weekend: January 14 & 15: \$4,428

Thank you for your generosity!

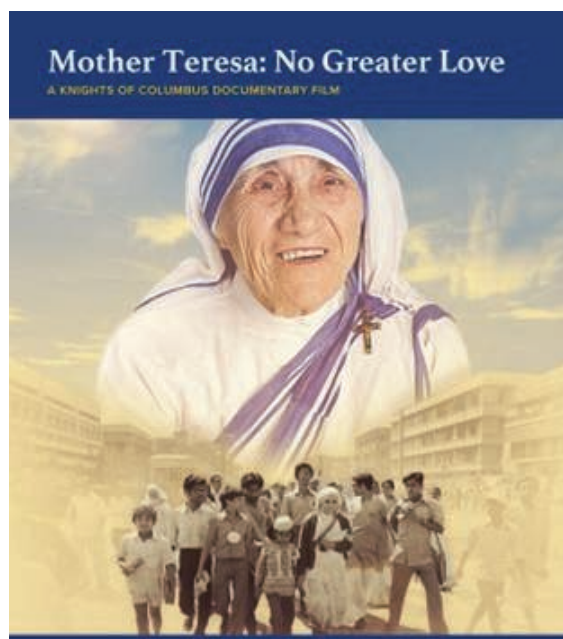
Winter Weather Mass Cancellations

Daily morning Mass may be canceled due to winter storms. If Merrimack schools are delayed or closed due to weather, then daily Mass is canceled. Cancellations will also be posted on our website at www.olmnh.org and in the WMUR scrolling announcements.



Weekend Masses will follow the normal schedule. Please use caution when deciding to travel in inclement weather.

Knights to Host Mother Teresa Movie



Commemorating the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing, ***Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*** premiered across the nation in October of 2022.

Our Knights of Columbus will host a showing of this film on Sunday, **February 5 at 11:45am** in the hall.

This is free of charge and all are welcome!

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP at the sign-ups located at all church entrances to help us know numbers for set up. Thank you and hope to see you there!



Mac-n-Cheese Cookoff

Our Knights are calling all top chefs who want to show off their best mac-n-cheese skills: Bing your mac-n-cheese ready to eat in a half size aluminum chaffing dish (120 oz).

Get your taste buds ready! We need tasters too! Come be part of the fun!

Join us Saturday, **February 18 at 5:30pm** in the church hall.

All cooks should register on the sign-up sheets located at all church entrances or by email to mjredding7@gmail.com.



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