



IF YOU LOVE ME,
you will keep my commandments,

JOHN 14:15

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish May 14, 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

Saturday, May 13th **Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:30PM: Teresa Fleming requested by the family

Sunday, May 14th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:30AM: Alice Grady

10:30AM: Durean & Frank Caron and Michael
Perrault requested by the family
For all parishioners

Monday, May 15th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Stephen V. Duffy

Tuesday, May 16th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Tom Collins requested by the Lyons family

Wednesday, May 17th **Vigil: Ascension of the Lord**

7:00PM: Kathleen & Henry McCaffrey

Thursday, May 18th **Ascension of the Lord**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Stephen Vollmer

Friday, May 19th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Joshua Danforth req by the Lyons family

Saturday, May 20th **Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

4:30PM: Daniel Vachon, 16th anniversary, requested
by the family
For all parishioners

Sunday, May 21st **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30AM: Ernest Chapdelaine

10:30AM: Charlie & Marylou Kemp requested by the
Hauver family

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
May 13th – 19th in memory of
Francis Clossick.



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Thank you on behalf of all who will know the love of Christ and our Church through your generosity.

Prayer for Mothers

Dear Lord,

On this Mother's Day we pray for all mothers here on earth and those who have gone before us.

We are grateful for those who have stepped in to act in a motherly way when a mother couldn't be present.

We pray for those who struggled to become mothers and for those who have suffered the loss of child.

We pray for mothers who lovingly gave children for adoption and those who adopted with open arms.

Thank you for the gift of all our mothers, steadfast and true.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!



Readings for the Week: May 14, 2023

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Life Teen:** Sunday, May 21 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Edge:** Sunday, May 21 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall; friends welcome!
- Confirmation & First Communion:** The bishop set the date for May 15 at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Why do Catholics Pray to Mary?

People ask why Catholics pray to Mary instead of going straight to Jesus. Isn't Christ the one mediator? Christ is the one mediator in terms of the one Sacrifice that He offered for our sins. But this does not preclude the concept of intercessory prayer. Christians often ask for one another's prayers, and we oblige out of love and charity. We intercede for one another.



Similarly, we ask Our Lady and the saints to pray for us. Our Lady's prayers are powerful due to her sinlessness. St. Gabriel hailed her as "full of grace" and "blessed among women." As the Blessed Mother, she is the closest to Christ of any human being.

Our Lord made it clear at the end of His life the role He desired His Mother to play in our salvation. As He hung on the Cross, He said to her, "Woman, behold your son," and to St. John Jesus said, "Behold your Mother." The Gospel tells us that from that hour, St. John took the Blessed Mother into his home as his own Mother. At the very moment of salvation, the very moment when Christ gave His life for our sins, He brought His Mother before us and introduced her into our lives. Our devotion to Mary is supported not just by our experience of praying for one another, but also the command and example of Christ Himself.

Love your Mother - it's what Christ did. What a magnificent, divinely-given gift is this Mother, who certainly loves her children, the precious souls that her Son came to earth to save. She loves us and desires to make us holy; to bring us into the kingdom of her Son.

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Jesus Promises to Send an Advocate

John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to His disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to His disciples, who will soon see Him crucified. He reassures them that even though He will leave them, He will not abandon them. Instead He will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that He will send "another Advocate." Jesus Himself is the first advocate, interceding for His disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts His impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).



Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal Himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, May 14 after the Sunday Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Confirmation & First Communion: Monday, May 15 at 6:00pm; all are welcome

Ascension Thursday: Office closed: May 18

Women at the Well: Saturday, May 20 at 9:30am, parish office building

Meatball Subs: available after the Masses Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, church hall

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, May 21 after the Sunday Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Life Matters: Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am, church hall

Life Teen & Edge: Sunday, May 21 from 6:15-7:45pm, church hall



Change is Good! St. Chris Academy

As the school year draws to a close, are you thinking of a change for your middle school student for the Fall? Saint Christopher Academy in North Nashua would love to warmly welcome your grade 6 to 8 child into its upper campus community! As a Catholic school, Saint Chris provides a focused middle school environment that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for success driven students. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support your child's growth into a well-rounded learner and leader who is ready to embrace the rigor of high school and beyond. Financial aid is available! For more information, please visit SaintChrisAcademy.org.

120 Club Winners

Week 11
Tom Lamb
Anna Hanlon

Congratulations and thank you for your support!

Office Closed

Please note: the office will be closed for the Holy Day, Ascension Thursday, May 18.

Rosary for Life Calendar Intentions for May



May 14 - Loving Mother, encourage those who are dating to be patient and chaste.

May 15 - Queen of the Angels, guide those who work for a "culture of life" to do so with love & compassion.

May 16 - Queen of Peace, protect our troops and bring peace of mind to their families.

May 17 - Our Lady of Grace, console weary caretakers.

May 18 - Our Lady of Charity, help us dedicate ourselves to the service of the poor.

May 19 - Madonna of Tears, pray for teenagers who face peer pressures.

May 20 - Holy Mary, inspire our youth with a deep love of their Catholic faith.

Parish Stewardship

April 29 & 30: \$5,749

April online: \$23,622

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- Catholic schools & summer camps
- Prayer groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic publishers
- And more!

WHERE: St. Andre Bessette Parish
291 Union Avenue in Laconia

WHEN: Saturday, May 20 from 9:00am-2:00pm

There will also be children's activities, food and items for purchase, and the Eucharistic Miracle exhibit by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Join Bishop Libasci as he leads the Holy Hour from 2:00-3:00pm. He will celebrate Mass at 4:00pm.

For questions: 603-923-8229 or email: EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org.

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