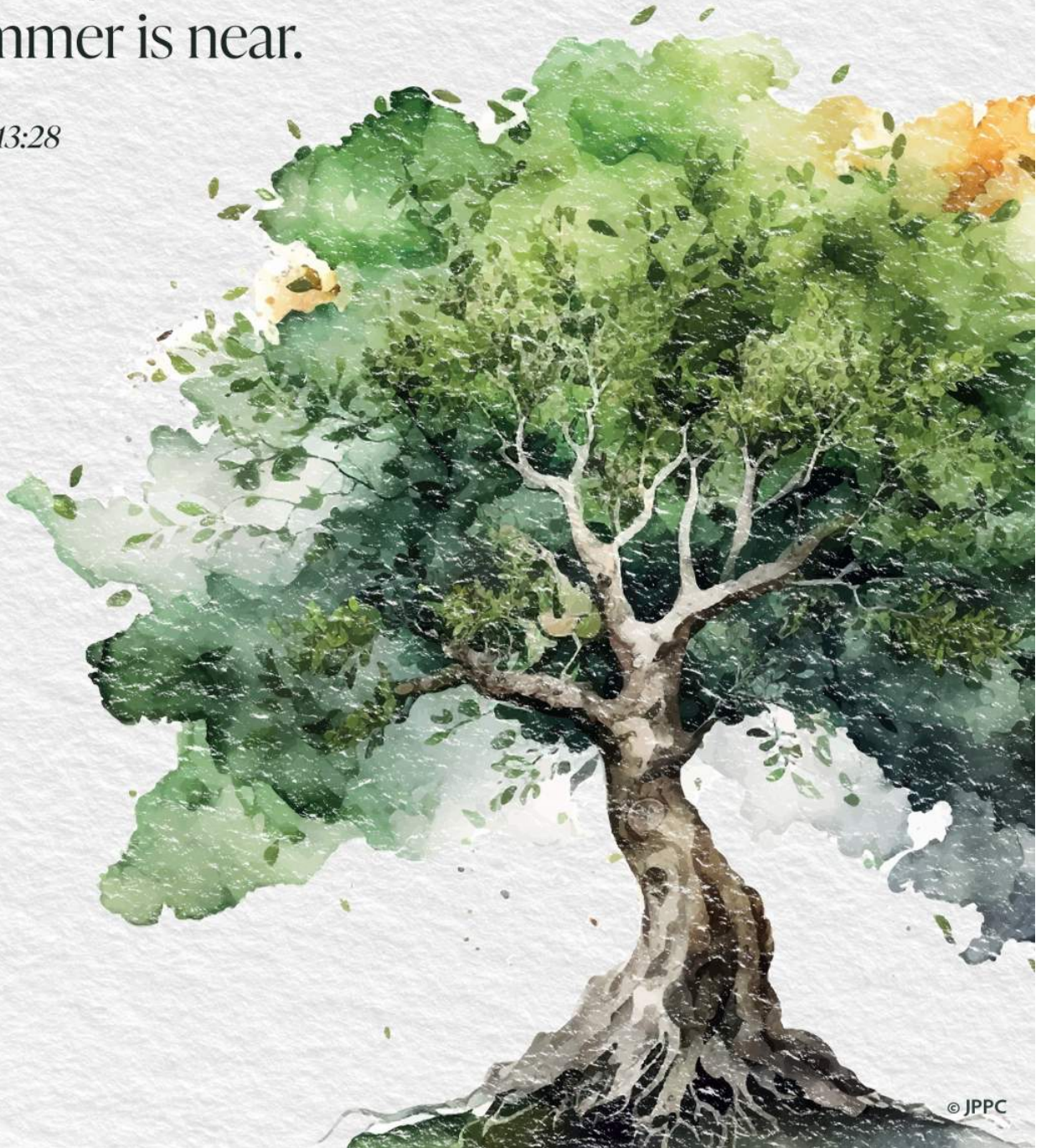


Learn a lesson from the fig
tree. When its branch
becomes tender and sprouts
leaves, you know that
summer is near.

Mark 13:28



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish November 17, 2024



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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. 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 prayer time in church 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, November 16th

Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Chris Howren & Patricia Mazur requested
by Anna Hanlon

Sunday, November 17th

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Louis & Gloria Corsetti req by Ron & Katie

10:30AM: Jane Coelho requested by Rachel Watkins
For all parishioners

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 18th

The Dedication of the Basilicas of

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles;

Saint Rose Philippe Duchesne, Virgin

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carol Poligni req by Bruce & Janet Angus

Tuesday, November 19th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jennie Breton requested by Marie Carbone

Wednesday, November 20th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Jason Edes requested by a friend

Thursday, November 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Mass

Friday, November 22nd

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Dureen Caron requested by the family

Saturday, November 23rd

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30PM: Joyce Foulks requested by her family
For all parishioners

Sunday, November 24th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30AM: Jennifer Polce

10:30AM: Bob Gilbert requested by Sue Gilbert

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from

November 16th - 22nd

in memory of

Raymond Dow.



November: Month of Remembrance

Every November the Church especially remembers those who have gone to their eternal rest. **You are invited to bring photos of loved ones who have died**, to place on tables in the back of the church during this special month of remembrance.

Month of Remembrance Prayer for Eternal Rest

In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life You embraced them
with Your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy with
Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.
Amen!

Readings for the Week November 17, 2024

Monday Rv 1:1-4. 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 and
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 and
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 and
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B
and Lk 19:41-44

Friday Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 and
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10 and Lk 20:27-40

Sunday Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 and
Jn 18:33b-37



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday, November 17 during the 10:30am Mass
- Grades 1-5:** Parent/Child session on Thursday, December 12 at 5:00pm, church
- Youth Ministry:** Sunday, November 17 at 6:00pm, church hall
- First Reconciliation:** Parent/child session on Saturday, January 11 at 9:30am (snow date is January 12 at 11:30am), church hall
- Confirmation & First Communion:** Parent/child session on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30am, church hall

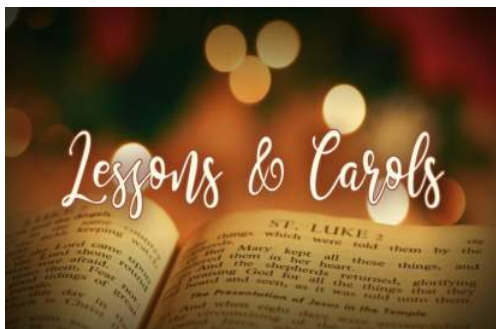
Gathering Together for the Rosary with Our Lady

Be part of our rosary devotion! OLM is sponsoring a traveling table top statue of Our Lady to visit the homes of our parish.



You are invited to keep the statue for 1-2 weeks and to pray the rosary gathered around her with your family and/or friends. Included in the prayer kit along with the statue are rosaries and pamphlets on how to pray the rosary. Allow this special prayer to help you grow closer to Jesus through Our Lady.

This special opportunity is open to all. Call the office to sign up or to learn more.



The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song. Nine Scripture lessons are each followed by a carol or other music that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer. Mark your calendar for the first Sunday of Advent: December 1 at 6:30pm for this wonderful OLM Advent tradition!

The Coming of the Son of Man

Mark 13:24-32

This is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. The Gospel invites us to consider Jesus's teaching about the end of the world. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus's words about this are spoken to His disciples as He prepares them for His Passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus's words, it is important to note that most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 AD). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were really quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus's observation about the contributions made to the temple treasury and the sacrificial giving by the poor widow's offering. If we had read Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, His teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct His disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

Today Jesus continues this teaching by offering His disciples signs that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially those from the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree. The parable teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches however, that no one knows when the end will come - except the Father. In the verses that follow Jesus continues to warn His disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus's words are not spoken to frighten His disciples, nor should they frighten us. They are meant to prepare us. Our consolation and hope is in the lasting nature of Jesus's words and God's never-ending love for us.

-edited from Loyolapress.com

Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, November 17 after the Masses, church hall

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sunday, November 17 during the 10:30 Mass

Baptism Parent Prep Class: Sunday, November 17 at 11:30am, church

Youth Ministry: Sunday, November 17 from 6:00-7:30pm, church hall

Prayer Group with Guided Adoration: Monday, November 18 from 4:00-5:30pm, church

Foot Clinic: Thursday, Nov. 21 from 9:00am-noon, church hall; call 603-689-2899 for an appointment

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, November 21 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, November 24 after the Masses, church hall

Baptism Parent Prep Class: Sunday, November 24 at 11:30am, church

October Baby Bottle Drive - Thank You!

Many thanks to all who participated in the October Baby Bottle Drive. Items along with \$468 in cash donations were equally divided between Pennacook Pregnancy Center in Manchester and Our Place, part of the NH Catholic Charities network. May God bless all families and those who support them!

Craft Fair - Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6725, thanks everyone in the Parish for support of our successful 24th annual Craft Fair. We appreciate all who came to the fair to support our vendors as well as all the people that volunteered at the event to make it a success. We especially thank everyone who donated homemade baked goods for our bake table and homemade food items for our kitchen. The proceeds from the Craft Fair all go to support charities. It was a very successful event because of so many generous people in our faith community!

May God bless the good works of our Knights!

Tech Team Ministry

Interested in helping with technology in our church? Please call or stop by the office.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Start your Thanksgiving Day with Mass celebrated at 9:00am on Thursday, November 28. You are invited to bring the bread and wine that you will be serving during your Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.



Donations of Used Religious Items Accepted Here

Do you have religious items that you no longer use or want to keep? The St. Mary Recycle Mission Group from Lancaster, PA collects religious items that are no longer needed and gives them to other churches, Catholic schools, convents and the like. Items do not have to be in perfect condition.

Examples of items to be collected: crucifixes, statues (no outdoor concrete ones), rosaries, Holy medals, Holy cards, framed religious pictures, prayer books.

No religious books or religious story books, hymnals, pamphlets, DVDs, CDs, Christmas items/decorations or wax candles.

Please bring items to the office over the coming months. St Mary Recycle Mission will make a pick up in the spring. Thank you!

End of Mass Protocol

As a gentle reminder, the time after Holy Communion and concluding rites of the Mass are important parts of the liturgy. Although there may be times when circumstances necessitate the need to leave early, it is best and most appropriate to remain in your pew at least until the celebrant - who represents Christ - has recessed from the sanctuary. Ideally, waiting until the closing hymn is finished is most respectful. Please allow the Greeters to be your guide, as it is their practice to open the interior doors in preparation for dismissal. Thank you!



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