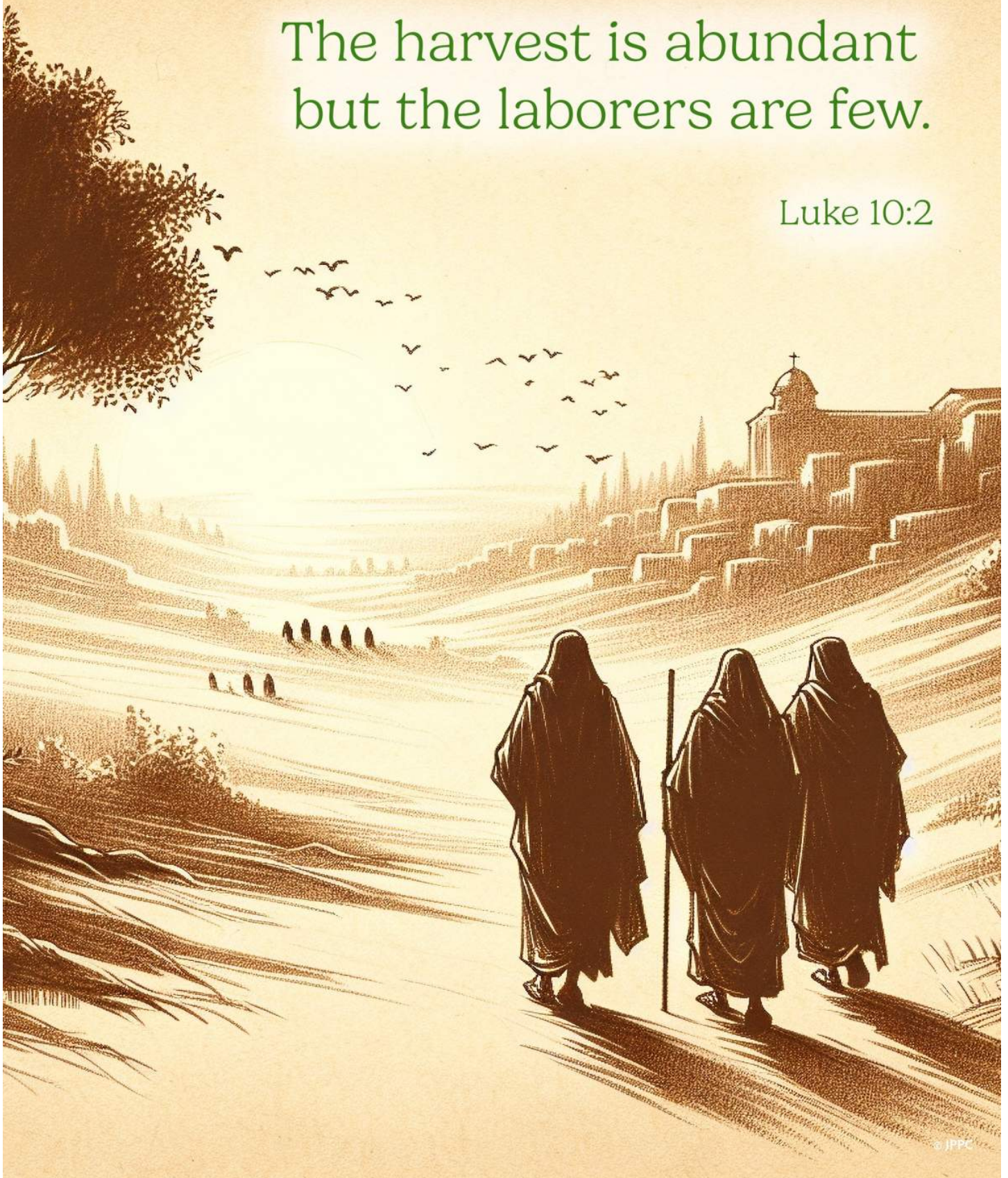


The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few.

Luke 10:2



Our Lady of Mercy Parish July 6, 2025



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

Church Hours

The church is locked for safety during the day, but you are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! 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 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 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass;

Saturday following the first Friday at 3:00pm; Sunday following the first Friday after the 10:30am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM

By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Call the office for preparation and scheduling.

Marriage

Contact the office to schedule marriage preparation.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA)

OCIA 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 contact 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 5th

Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

3:00PM: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

4:30PM: Michael Tsatsa requested by the family

Sunday, July 6th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Garrett Gregoire

10:30AM: Robert Gilbert requested by Agnese Gilbert
& family
For all parishioners

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, July 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael Walsh requested by Tom &
Maureen Blanchard

Tuesday, July 8th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Karen Gregory requested by Bob Bergin &
Silvia White

Wednesday, July 9th

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Alice Leonard req by Barbara Lantiegne

Thursday, July 10th

No Mass

Friday, July 11th

Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Nicolo requested by
their children

Saturday, July 12th

Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary Time

4:30PM: Patricia Purcell requested by her family
For all parishioners

Sunday, July 13th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Paul Vachon, 5th anniversary, requested by
his family

10:30AM: Louis Bourgoïn requested by Claire &
Michael Bourgoïn

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns from
July 5th to 11th
in loving memory of
George Benoit.



We Welcome our Newly Baptized!

Baptized in June:

**Lilly Katherine Huske
Braya Colbie McGrath
Enora Lee McGrath
Dafne Martinez Lopez
Dalary Martinez Lopez
Dulce Martinez Lopez
Edinson Martinez Lopez
Enzo Martinez Lopez
Eloise Margaret Weiland**



"There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

-Ephesians 4:5

*Thank You Lord for making me a living temple
of the Holy Spirit.*

*Thank You for the water of my baptism
through which You have given me
new life in Christ.*

Amen!

Readings for the Week July 6, 2025

Monday Gen 28:10-22a Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab and
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday Gen 32:23-33 Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15
and Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19 and Mt 10:1-7

Thursday Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 and Mt 10:7-15

Friday Gen 46:1-7, 28-30 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40 and Mt 10:16-23

Saturday Gen 49:29-32; 50:15-26a Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
and Mt 10:24-33

Sunday Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Col 1:15-20 and Lk 10:25-37



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates!

- Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Stay tuned for new calendar dates!
- Grades 1-5:** Registration for 2025-26 coming soon!
- Youth Ministry:** Registration 2025-26 coming soon!
- Sacramental Preparation:** Parent meetings will be held this fall. Typically, First Reconciliation is received in second grade and Confirmation and First Holy Communion is received together in third grade. For older students, please contact the office and we are more than happy to include you in upcoming sacramental preparation!

July is Devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus



July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, a devotion that goes back to the early Church.

Let us fix our gaze on the blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is, seeing that it is poured out for Our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.

-Pope St. Clement, 96AD

The first blood sacrifice goes back to the Garden of Eden when God sacrificed an animal for garments to cover the shame of Adam and Eve's sin. The blood sacrifice of animals continued throughout the Old Testament as the Israelites attempted to atone for sin and idolatry, but by themselves, our own efforts could never overcome sin. It took the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to atone for humanity. His blood was poured for ours.

One way to enter in to the devotion to the Precious Blood, is to pray the St. Gertrude prayer.

St. Gertrude's Prayer

Eternal Father,
I offer You the most Precious Blood
of Your Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for all sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
those in my own home and within my family. Amen!

The Coming of the Kingdom

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of Him to every town and place He plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that He is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus's miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the Kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they rejoice because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus's name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage He assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them.

A key theme of today and last Sunday's Gospels is Discipleship: its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it; not just those trained for



ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray for the Lord to send out workers for His harvest, and trust in His plans for us in all of that.

-edited from Loyolapress.com

Mission Appeal Next Weekend

Each year our parish hosts a mission appeal. Parishes around our diocese are called to support the ministry of those who labor among God's neediest people.

Our missionary is the Diocese of Aitape of Papua, New Guinea. Evangelization began in Aitape in 1896. Currently the diocese has 20 priests, a few missionaries and religious, and many lay pastoral workers. It is home to more than 160,000 Catholics in 33 parishes.

Despite many daily struggles, the people are genuinely happy, performing liturgies with song and dance, accompanied by beautiful costumes and drums. The diocese has few resources and little infrastructure. The parishes are poor, in mountainous terrain, and run down facilities. There are health facilities, schools, and the hope of building a high school next year.

We will welcome a missionary next weekend, July 12 and 13. Thank you for your prayers, hospitality, and any financial support you are able to offer!

Adoration Schedule This Weekend

- Saturday, July 5 at 3:00pm
- Sunday, July 6 following 10:30am Mass

You are invited to spend some quiet time in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Sit in silence in the Real Presence of Jesus. Pray a rosary in the Real Presence of Jesus. Read a devotional such as *Word Among Us* in the Real Presence of Jesus. Pray from your heart in the Real Presence of Jesus.



CareNotes are inspirational pamphlets produced by Saint Meinrad Archabbey. They cover topics to help heal mind, body and spirit, including grief, depression, forgiveness, and prayer. *CareNotes* also cover spiritual growth especially.

Find *CareNotes* in a plastic holder on the wall in the entry near the organ. Items change periodically. If you would like to see a subject covered, drop a note into the offering basket with the word *CareNotes* on the envelope. Take one - and take heart. Give one - and give hope.



SJN Day Away Needs Summer Volunteers

St. John Neumann Day Away continues its activities program on Thursdays throughout the year. Several of our volunteers are planning summer travel, vacations, and a few will be taking medical leave.

We are seeking 3 to 4 caring people to serve as 1:1 companions to join our all-volunteer staff within a group setting to provide a safe, loving and stimulating environment for our Day Away participants, who are living with the earlier stages of dementia.

1:1 Participant Companion Volunteers:

- Morning Team: 8:30am – 12:15 pm
- Afternoon Team: 11:30am – 3:15pm
- Lunch is provided

A larger volunteer staff enables a more flexible schedule for those who can assist every other week or once a month.

The best volunteers are friendly listeners, who enjoy being with the elderly and learning about all that's meaningful in their lives. If you wish to learn more about the volunteer roles and orientation training, please contact Kathy Hopkins, RN, M.Ed, Director, St. John Neuman Day Away at 603-880-4689 or email at dayaway@sjnh.org. Thank you!

Attention Homeschool Families

Are you a homeschooling family? Would you like to connect with other homeschool families? A local homeschooling group, Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Co-Op, meets on Wednesdays at the Parish of the Resurrection in Nashua.

Classes in history, science and afternoon enrichment are offered. There is an annual fee and parent participation is required. It's a blessing to round out the homeschooling journey with other families.

To learn more, please email: OLSW2025@proton.me.



NH Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have made pledges to our annual NH Catholic Appeal! Our parish goal is \$54,138 and we are getting close!

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