

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)
150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 6:00pm Confessions followed by Devotions & Mass

First Saturday: 8:00am Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00 Noon Mass

OLV Adoration Schedule

* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from after the 12 noon Mass until 3PM

* Every Thursday Holy hour 7-8PM

* Every Friday Adoration 12:30PM until 3PM

* First Friday Adoration 12:30PM (after 12 Noon Mass),

6PM confessions, 6:30PM devotions, concludes with 7PM Mass

* First Saturday Adoration 12:30PM until 1PM

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.

First Friday at 6:00pm - 6:50pm

Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm -3:40pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism,
call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious
Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Today the Church celebrates **World Marriage Day**. I want to commend our sacramentally married couples in a special way for their great witness to the entire world that it is possible to be married even for many years and be full of joy. There are many couples like that in our parish. Unfortunately, 99.9% percent of jokes about marriage are **MOCKING** married life. Thank you to all those married who **SHOW** that married life can be beautiful and worthwhile. We cannot forget of course all those who struggle in their marriages or who suffered a divorce or are now widows or widowers. I commend all those who, even though in irregular situations (maybe only civilly married), strive to get their married life regularized in order to be fully admitted to the Church's Sacraments. I commend all the young couples who are not afraid to risk (that is where true love is shown) and decide to start their first seconds, minutes, and first day of their married life - to **START** before and with God, with the Lord, not with the world. It is so beautiful and meaningful when the groom can kiss the bride and it is truly their **FIRST** kiss. I know couples like that. I commend all those who wait until their wedding day to live together (love is patient says St. Paul), to donate their bodies to each other, who are open to God's will to welcome (if it is His will) new life of a child, not as a right, but as a gift as the rite of marriage says. So many of you saw my mom; she could not have children. Who would I be if she had not adopted me?! I commend those who have their priorities in order starting married life as an adventure, trusting in God to provide a house, etc. - not the other way around, house first ... and marriage later.

Last week we had with us so many grandparents; it was beautiful to see many elderly who are so faithful to the Lord and their married life and pass *the baton of faith* now to their grands. Let us treasure our elderly in our homes. That is Pro-Life. Thank you to our Holy Name Society for their help in hosting the reception for the grandparents.

At 10:45 Mass we all congratulated our consecrated **Sister Elizabeth** for her **70 years** of dedication to the Lord and His Church and for so many years to OLV Family. **THANK YOU, SISTER! Sister made a beautiful remark - NO REGRETS - about serving the Lord. WOW!**

Let us remember Jesus calls us today **SALT**. He does not say be salt, nor you should become. He already considers us - **You are the salt!** He encourages us to do everything not to lose taste.

Let us REMAIN TASTY... CATHOLICS.

CCD Corner

It was wonderful to see so many grandparents and special persons visiting our CCD classes this past Sunday! It was easy to see the special connection that they have with their grandchildren. Thanks to our teachers for hosting the classroom visitors and to the Holy Name Society for your help.

As we are all aware families today are driven by schedules and the vast array of commitments outside of the home, not to mention the constant distraction of technology. Unfortunately, Sunday is no longer a day of worship, rest and family; it too is often taken up by a to-do list. We are grateful for grandparents and other special persons who help parents to pass the faith along to their families. It was a great blessing to see so many families at the 10:45 Mass and the great number of children who attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thank you for all who joined us at Mass and the reception that followed!

Lent is coming! It is not too early to be thinking of little sacrifices the children and families can make to grow closer to God.

Just a reminder there is Mass next Sunday and Liturgy of the Word, but there are no CCD classes February 16th and 17th.

**Are you part of the Inn crowd
or are you one of the Stable few?
The World needs a Stable Influence**

2020 Annual Appeal Shining the Light of Christ

Your gift supports ministries and programs including *Proclaiming the Gospel* (Family Life Office, Women's and Men's Commissions, international Missions), *Passing on the Faith* (Catechetical Office, Youth and Young Adult Ministry), *Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable* (Catholic Charities, hospital and Prison Chaplaincy, Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, Respect Life Office), *Forming Future Priests and supporting retired clergy* (seminarian education, priest health care, continuing education and formation for priests). Our 2020 parish goal is \$58,285.

Arrivederci OLV, Ciao Roma

Interested in our parish pilgrimage/trip to Italy this October? More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks!

2020 Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will celebrate five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in 2020. Couples deserving of such recognition are urged to participate. These liturgies will be celebrated at 3:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark:

Sunday, April 19 - 5 & 25 years / Sunday, May 3 - 50 years
Please call the OLV Rectory to register at 201-768-1706.

Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, February 29, 8AM-4PM, Cost: \$30, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Man of God...I am my brother's keeper". Speakers for the English track: *Bishop John Flesey*, retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and *Paul Kim*, dynamic speaker who appeals to all ages. Spanish track speakers: *Fr. Jeivi Hercules* and *Andres Arango*, director of evangelization of Diocese of Camden. Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate Mass at 4PM. Visit www.rcan.org/mens-commission.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7, 8AM-4PM, Cost: \$30, Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ". Speakers for the English track: *Sr. Bethany Madonna*, *Sisters of Life*; Colleen Kelly Rayner, a Catholic Lay Evangelist; Dianne M. Traflet, Assoc. Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration. Speakers for the Spanish track: *Kathia Arango* director of the Office for Hispanic Catholics, Archdiocese of Philadelphia; *Yamilka Genao* Assoc. Director of Hispanic Family Pastoral, Archdiocese of Newark. Featured is *Kelvin Joel* Ministry, Catholic singer-songwriter whose music carries a positive, hopeful message. Visit www.rcan.org/alive-in-christ-2020.

St. Valentine's Day Gift

Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign-up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at www.wvme.org. For more info contact Mike and Janet Turco: 973-427-7016 or mikeandjanetwvme@gmail.com.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

First-Century Christians began making the Sign of the Cross as a reminder and renewal of what happened to them when they were baptized. It still works the same way for us. When we Sign ourselves, we are declaring that in Baptism we died sacramentally with Christ on the Cross and rose to a new life with Him (*see Rom. 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20*). We are asking the Lord to renew in us those baptismal graces. We are also acknowledging that Baptism joined us to the Body of Christ and equipped us for our role of collaborating with the Lord in His work of rescuing all people from sin and death.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"The love of men toward God takes its being, progress and perfection from the eternal love of God toward men."
St. Francis de Sales, Treatise on the Love of God toward Men.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Lance Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafra
Corporal Joseph Levine

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
OS2 Daniel T. LoVecchio

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Please *Pray* in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby Jonathan, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Carolanne Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Isabelle DeLeonibus, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Mary Foley, Rich Goldfarb, Leslie Handler, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, John Peterson Jr, Marie Piazza, Terry Pommert, Canice Prince, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Mike Tobia, Eric Unger, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Fiona, Jennifer, Joann, Lisa, Liz, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon.

HOMEBOUND

If you or anyone you know is homebound – even for a short duration of time - please contact the rectory so I or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can be scheduled to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. **Let us not wait until the death of someone to look for a priest.**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are constantly under attack and tempted by the forces of EVIL. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:15PM members of OLV parish meet and pray the Marian Novena which focuses on this daily battle. All are welcome. Join us.

CONSECRATE your time adoring the Lord

Thursday Holy Hour at 7PM & Friday 12:30PM-3PM.

When great masterpieces of art are restored, layers and layers of the overlay are removed before the real painting is found. So it is with our sins. We ask God to take off one coat after another of sin and pretense until his real image is visible again. - **Mother Mary Francis from *A Time of Renewal***

THINK ABOUT IT

When something happens to you, good or bad, consider what it means. There's a purpose to life's events, to teach you how to laugh more or not to cry too hard. You can't make someone love you; all you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to the person to realize your worth.

We're supposed to have character, not be one.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 10 - St. Scholastica - Virgin

8:00 Joan Peterson R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 Mary Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

Tuesday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Rev. Zachary H. Monet, O.Carm. R/b Pat Consoli
12:00 Estelita Nitting

Wednesday, February 12 - St. Saturninus & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 Filipa Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Jean Searfoss R/b Rae Rinaldi

Thursday, February 13 - St. Catherine De Ricci, Virgin-Italy

8:00 Edgar Seitz R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico
12:00 Diane Melchiorre R/b George and Claire Meyer

Friday, February 14 - St. Valentine, Priest and Martyr

8:00 Roman Vonthron R/b the Vonthron Family
12:00 Robert C. Kaiser R/b Rob and Dianne Kaiser

Saturday, February 15 - St. Claude De La Colombiere, Priest

8:00 Josef Senicar R/b Monika Senicar
12:00 Violet Carlson R/b Peter and Linda Wayne
4:00 Dennis McLarnon R/b the McLarnon Family
5:00 Susan Antos R/b Tony and Laura Scott

Sunday, February 16 - St. Onesimus, Martyr

7:30 Antonietta Mazza R/b Karen Accavallo
8:15 Intentions of John and Carole Deignan R/b Joe and Johanna Healy
9:30 Rolando Locsin R/b the Vonthron Family
10:45 People of the Parish
12:00 Edward J. Cushing R/b Walter and Joy Flaherty
1:00 Intentions of Rafael and Margoth Giron R/b Mary Corrigan
6:00 James Meyers R/b the Bongiovanni Family
7:00 Mary Elizabeth Falkenstern

Sanctuary Memorials

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the souls of Rose and Domenico Bandiera**, r/b Anita and Sonny Garzino.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for a **special intention**, r/b Julia Dalton

The Altar Flowers have been donated in memory of **William and Muriel McGinnis**, r/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch.

Sanctuary Offerings

The Bread and Wine, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and Sanctuary Lamp in Church may be dedicated on a weekly basis. And the Altar Flowers may be memorialized. For information call the rectory 201-768-1706.

VOCATIONS

Mary and Joseph raised their child in a family of love and faith. They directed Jesus to follow God's will for His life. Each of us must assist and allow our children to follow God's will in their lives. This is true even if God calls your child to serve Him as a Priest, or Religious Sister or Brother. For information see Fr. Wojciech or call the Vocations office at 973-497-4365.

FR. SAM's call for VOCATIONS

If we have 10 people study to be doctors, that's probably too many. I want to have a doctor when I am sick, but I want to have a priest when I die. Consider a call to the priesthood! **Msgr. Sam Sacus**

New to the area? If you are, why not join our ever-growing Parish family. Stop by the Rectory any weekday and meet Maria and register to become a member of the OLV family.

PLEASE, if you change your address or phone number, please let us know!

**World Marriage Day
BEAUTY OF CATHOLIC MARRIED LIFE
IN THE EYES OF THE CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHRIST BEGUN AT THE WEDDING:**

CCC#1613 On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.

MARRIAGE STARTS AT BAPTISM:

1617-The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.

MARRIAGE OF TWO CATHOLICS, A EUCHARISTIC VOCATION:

It is so beautiful for a Catholic couple to start their first steps as married couple not in court but in Church, with God, 1621 their wedding in Church has a connection with all of the sacraments and with the Paschal mystery of Christ. In the Eucharist the memorial of the New Covenant is realized, the New Covenant in which Christ has united himself for ever to the Church, his beloved bride for whom he gave himself up. It is therefore fitting that the spouses should **seal their consent** to give themselves to each other through the offering of their own lives **by uniting it to the offering of Christ for His Church made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice**, and by receiving the Eucharist so that, communicating in the same Body and the same Blood of Christ, they may form but "one body" in Christ.

BONDING:

1638-"From a valid marriage arises a bond between the spouses which by its very nature is perpetual and exclusive; furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are strengthened and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and the dignity of their state by a special sacrament."

CHILDREN:

1652-"By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory."

HOLY FAMILIES in the WORLD:

1655-Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. The Church is nothing other than "the family of God." From the beginning, the core of the Church was often constituted by those who had become believers "together with all [their] household." When they were converted, they desired that "their whole household" should also be saved. These families who became believers were islands of Christian life in an unbelieving world.

DOMESTIC CHURCH:

1666-The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.

WEDDING WILL BE OUR DESTINY:

1602-Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb."

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. 116 years. 2. Ecuador. 3. Sheep and Horses. 4. November.
- 5. Squirrel fur. 6. Dogs. 7. Albert. 8. Crimson.
- 9. New Zealand. 10. Orange.

WHAT IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY? World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

HISTORY - The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and was adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.

SYMBOL - Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

THEME - Our Theme for WMD has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another". This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision, simple but challenging.

CHASTITY=TOTAL FREEDOM

Chastity includes an *apprenticeship in self-mastery* which is a training in human freedom. The alternative is clear: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy.

CATECHISM of the Catholic Church #2339

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Maybe you've heard this one before: "The Catholic Church is anti-science! They want to ban stem cell research!" How can we best address this false notion? First, let's make something abundantly clear. The Church is not against stem cell research. As a matter of fact, the Church encourages many kinds of stem cell research. So why the "anti-science" claim? Perhaps it's because the Church is vehemently opposed to EMBRYONIC stem cell research.

You see, the Catholic Church teaches that a person is a person from the moment of conception. In the eyes of God, embryos are persons, and entitled to the inherent dignity given to any child of God. Therefore, embryonic stem cell research is nothing short of medical experimentation on human beings in their earliest form. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2274 puts it like this: "Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being." Truth be told, all the real advances in stem cell research are coming from adult and pluripotent stem cell research, both of which the Church is all for. For further study CCC 2274-2275.

DID YOU KNOW?

Marriage helps to overcome self-absorption, egoism, pursuit of one's own pleasure, and to open oneself to the other, to mutual aid and to self-giving.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1609

In the Latin Church, it is ordinarily understood that the spouses, as ministers of Christ's grace, mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their consent before the Church. In the Eastern liturgies the minister of this sacrament (which is called "Crowning") is the priest or bishop who, after receiving the mutual consent of the spouses, successively crowns the bridegroom and the bride as a sign of the marriage covenant.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1623

The Card That Shamed

Over a hundred years ago a university student found himself seated in a train by the side of a person who seemed to be a well-to-do peasant. He was praying the Rosary and moving the beads in his fingers. "Sir, do you still believe in such outdated things?" asked the student to the old man. "Yes, I do. Do you not?" asked the man. The student burst out into laughter and said, "I do not believe in such silly things. Take my advice. Throw the Rosary out through this window, and learn what science has to say about it." "Science? I do not understand science. Perhaps you can explain it to me," the man said humbly with tears in his eyes. The student saw that the man was deeply moved. So to avoid further hurting the feelings of this man, he said: "Please give me your address, and I will send you some literature to help you with the matter." The man fumbled in the inside pocket of his coat and gave the boy his visiting card. On glancing at the card, the student bowed his head in shame and became silent. On the card he read: "Louis Pasteur. Director of the Institute of Scientific Research, Paris."

OLV Holy Name Society - Join us Sunday, February 9. We are a small Catholic community of men who attend the 9:30AM Mass together once a month, recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet right after Mass and then gather downstairs for about an hour for refreshments and discussion. This month's topic: "**Reverence & Gratitude.**" New members are welcome.

Baby Items Collection February 15/16 & 22/23

Sponsored by OLV Social Concerns & Rosary Society, the annual Mother/Child collection benefits New Hope Pregnancy Center. New Hope helps first-time single mothers financially, physically, emotionally, and educationally. Items most needed: Newborn diapers size 3 diapers, 4, 5, and 6; Girls one-piece outfit with feet in sizes 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months; Boys one-piece outfit with feet in sizes 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months; Girls long-sleeve shirt and pants in sizes 24 months, 3T, 4T; A&D ointment, baby wash and shampoo and Shop-Rite gift cards in amounts of \$10, \$15, and \$20.

CLOTHING BINS

What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? As the cold days of winter chill us to the bones, there are many homeless who don't even have a single blanket. Catholic Charities provides a warm haven (along with heavy blankets) in our 7 shelters. Please help us continue this mission by donating to the bins on the church grounds. We need all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books.

Contribution Statements

2019 Contribution Statements are available. Please phone Maria at the rectory 201-768-1706 to request your statement.

STEWARDSHIP My Family—My Parish—My Responsibility

Did you ever notice that the price of a movie is now over \$10, milk is almost \$3 a gallon, and there is no longer such a thing as penny candy? The price of everything around us has increased, but has your weekly donation to the Church ever increased? That one dollar donation doesn't buy as much as it once did. As your expenses increase, so do those of the Church, but we rely on your generosity to meet our expenses. Please be generous. Thank you.

A Little Humor...

Q: *What did the whale say to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?*

A: Whale you be mine!

Do you have a date for Valentine's day? Yes, February 14th.

What's the difference between a \$20 steak and a \$55 steak? February 14th.

Q: *What's the perfect thing to say to a coffee-lover on Valentine's Day?*

A: "Words cannot espresso what you mean to me."

Q: *What did one beet say to the other on Valentine's Day?*

A: You make my heart beet faster!

WHAT TO DO FOR MASS

It ought to behoove us, when we are headed out the door to Mass on Sunday, to stop and take a look in the mirror, and see what is going on with our attire rather than to just roll in wearing whatever you have on, wrinkled or stained clothes and all. God's house is neither a beach resort nor a theme park.

There is importance of knowing how to dress appropriately for the occasion, for one's state in life, etc., rather than taking a devil-may-care attitude toward one's appearance.

In his chapter on fashion St. Francis concludes by writing: "For my own part I should like my devout man or woman to be the best dressed person in the company, but the least fine or splendid, and adorned, as St. Peter says, with 'the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.' St. Louis said that the right thing is for every one to dress according to his position, so that good and sensible people should not be able to say they are over-dressed, or younger gayer ones that they are under-dressed. But if these last are not satisfied with what is modest and seemly, they must be content with the approbation of the elders."

The assembly brings gifts to the altar at Mass, in the form of bread, water, and wine, contained in beautiful vessels. However we also give our hearts as gifts, when the priest asks us to "Lift up your hearts," and we reply, "We lift them up to the Lord." While God loves that we offer the gift of our heart to Him, wouldn't it be nice if we could do so with some nice wrapping paper? Not because it makes the gift look better, but because it makes it more pleasing to Him that we took the time to do so.

BEFORE MASS Important Things To Remember

- The Mass is Holy. • Dress Appropriately. • Be On Time: It can be distracting when others arrive late at Mass. If you do arrive late, be thoughtful and considerate, by sitting or standing at the back so as not to disturb the Mass. • Turn Cell Phones Off. Taking phones call in Church is RUDE. • Sit Quietly: Once we have found a seat, we should sit or kneel to quietly pray, reflect or meditate. This is not a time to socialize with those who we know. If we must talk, it should be done very quietly and kept extremely brief. Respect must be shown for Christ, whose Eucharistic presence is amongst us in the tabernacle and for all our fellow parishioners. • Stay Until Mass Is Over: Judas was the first to leave the first Mass at the Last Supper, let us not follow his footsteps. The Mass ends when the priest says, "The Mass has ended, go in peace," after which we reply, "Thanks be to God." It is proper for the congregation to remain in their pews until the completion of the recessional hymn. Respectfully waiting for the celebrant and those accompanying him to leave the Nave, is expected and only then do individuals begin to leave the pews. If an emergency or unforeseen or uncontrollable event should arise, every effort should be made to leave the Mass in a discreet manner, so as to not disrupt the Mass.
- Leaving The Church: As a matter of respect, leaving the Church does not mean the beginning of socialization and chatter. Out of reverence, we must always remember our Savior and Redeemer's true presence, only a few feet away in the tabernacle. Leaving quietly is proper to our respect and reverence. There are those who desire to remain after Mass and continue with personal prayers and as such, the proper respect should be accorded to these individuals with our quiet conduct and considerate departure from the church.

KIDZ KORNER

You only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass.

1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
2. Which country makes Panama hats?
3. From which animal do we get cat gut?
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7. What was King George VI's first name?
8. What color is a purple finch?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Remember, you need only 4 correct answers to pass.

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