

October 3, 2021: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

COME AND CELEBRATE THIS
SUNDAY AFTERNOON!!!

This is a follow-up to last week's column announcing the OCTOBER 3rd CELEBRATION. Yes, YOU ARE ALL INVITED: COME AT 5 PM this Sunday! COME and CELEBRATE with Bishop Dorsonville. Our Lord Jesus is inviting you! You can't reject HIS invitation!

There is much to celebrate: 10 Years of Hispanic Ministry, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (anticipation of October 7), Dedication of our renovated Chapel to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patron Saint of the Americas, Protectress of the Unborn, and Queen of Evangelization), Blessing of the new, inspirational painting of Divine Mercy (last painting by Orlando Lagman), Outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying for Unity in the EUCHARIST (Paschal Mystery and Holy Communion), unveiling of the EUCHARISTIC DISPLAY to be one of the focus of our YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL, and FIESTA in the Father Martin Hall (food and music).

Come and dress in your best attire, including traditional attire from your country of origin. If you cannot stay for the entire program, come to the 6 pm Eucharistic Procession followed by 7 pm Mass.

For easy reference, below is the entire OCTOBER 3rd program as already announced last week:

5 pm: Welcoming and meeting the Bishop in the Narthex

5:30 pm: Living ROSARY in the main church

6 pm: Outdoor EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

6:30 pm: BISHOP blesses the renovated, daily Mass Chapel and DEDICATES it to OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7 pm: Bi-lingual MASS including the blessing of the new, inspirational DIVINE MERCY painting and the UNVEILING of the EUCHARISTIC display near the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (closely associated to the devotion to the Eucharist and the Rosary)

8:15 pm: Reception and Celebration in the FATHER MARTIN HALL: FELLOWSHIP, FOOD and MUSIC.

We are putting together a site to cover all key information concerning our "little" Eucharistic Miracle of April 23, 2021. This site is still under construction:

www.olhoc.com/little-eucharistic-miracle). It will help facilitate our Year of Eucharistic Renewal. It will be largely based on the various columns I wrote since last April, including:

1. Eucharistic Miracle at OLHOC (May 2 weekly Bulletin)
2. United in Eucharistic Miracle (May 9 weekly Bulletin)
3. Year of Eucharistic Miracle (June 13 weekly Bulletin)
4. The Eucharistic Miracle: John Chapter Six (July 25)
5. "Eucharist, Priesthood, Unity" (August 8)
6. Believing in the Eucharist (August 22)

God has poured many blessings upon the first 41 years of our parish. There are many many more to come. May this Year of Eucharistic Renewal help all of us to feel the PRESENCE OF THE LORD at every MASS and be truly UNITED IN THE EUCHARIST! Let us recite the ANIMA CHRISTI PRAYER in the silence of our hearts as we receive THE EUCHARIST:

SOUL OF CHRIST, Sanctify me!

BODY OF CHRIST, Save me!

BLOOD OF CHRIST, Inebriate me!

WATER FROM THE SIDE OF CHRIST, Wash me!

PASSION OF CHRIST, Strengthen me!

O GOOD JESUS, Hear me!

WITHIN YOUR WOUNDS, Hide me!

SEPARATED FROM YOU, let me never be!

FROM THE EVIL ONE, Protect me!

AT THE HOUR OF MY DEATH, Call me!

AND CLOSE TO YOU, Bid me

THAT WITH YOUR SAINTS, I may be praising you

FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN!!!

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain

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***We are asked to pray for:**
Dr. Michael St. Thomas
Bessie Davis
Brandon Mack
Dionne Gause
Jack Lyons
Margaret Clark
Joan Johnson
Tess Franch

Francesc Franch
Shirley Ehman
Carmella Douglas
Dorian Webster
Derrick Webster

Branyah Mack
Breihanna Mack
Ernest Mack

**Names will be removed after 3 months unless you notify the office*



MASS INTENTIONS Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, October 2,
9:00AM: Pat Polczynski (+)
5:00 PM: Knights of Columbus
Sunday, October 3,
8:30 AM: Victor Cordero
10:00AM: OLHOC parishioners
11:30 AM: Monica Moore
1:00 PM: Estrella Parker
7:00 PM: Ruben Cielo & family
Monday, October 4,
7:00 AM: Andrea de Paz (+)
9:00AM: Abigail & Charles Strawberry

Tuesday, October 5,
9:00AM: Myra B. Clark (+)
Wednesday, October 6,
9:00 AM: Kathy Wachsmuth
7:00 PM: Francisca Diaz
Thursday, October 7
9:00 AM: Martine Etamane
Friday, October 8,
7:00 AM: Fr. Alain Colliou
9:00 AM: Charles Mayo (+)

Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory

COME BACK TO CHURCH- SAFELY

The dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted. The reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass at church began at the end of June. Please consult with Father Alain if you have questions regarding your obligation to attend Mass.

- We implemented and have regularly adjusted a conservative COVID protocol for OLHOC constantly referencing guidance from CDC, MD state government, Charles County, and Archdiocese of Washington.*
- Masks are required inside our church and building for everyone over the age of five. This applies if you are vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- Maintain 3' social distance between household families.
- Wash hands frequently and use sanitizer when coming to Church.
- Stay home if you feel ill or vulnerable to Covid transmission.

*These may change as situation dictates

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email to office@alhoc.org.

Mass Readings for October 10, 2021

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- *First Reading**
Wisdom 7:7-11
- *Second Reading**
Hebrews 4:12-13
- *Gospel**

Mark 10:17-30

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Speak Lord, I'm listening!

Domestic Violence

You don't deserve to be abused. Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year many families suffered more abuse as unemployment increased, alcohol and drug use worsened and the world shrunk to the confines of the home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

Catholic families deserve to be safe and loved at home. Yet one out of 4 women, 1 out of 7 men have experienced severe physical violence in an intimate relationship: being kicked, beaten, choked, burned, having a weapon used against them. Families suffering abuse can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1 (800) 799-7233.

RCIA

Interested in joining and learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation)? For more information, please contact Deacon Rich at deacon@olhoc.org or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com

Catechesis

If you are looking for a change in your life, this Catechesis is for you. Join Father Jan, two couples, and two Seminarians to learn how to do this through your faith.

Classes are Monday and Thursday, starting October 4th at 7 pm in the Fr. Martin Hall. The classes are geared for those 13 years old and above.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

We have an Adoration Chapel at OLHOC that provides a place for people to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The chapel is open Monday– Friday from 10 am– noon. Please sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44a4a723a2fa7-adoration40> Adoration is on Thursdays from 9 pm-10 pm in the church. Please come!

Our Lady of the Rosary– October 7th



The story of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary focuses on the intercessory power of Mary. It shows that when Christians are in danger, they can go to Mary. And when an individual is in pain, discouraged, or having trouble accepting God's will, he or she can also go to Mary. She will pray to her Son for anyone who calls on her.

Anyone who prays to Mary no longer feels alone because she prays with them and for them. Mary encouraged praying the Rosary in her apparitions. At Lourdes when she appeared to Saint Bernadette, Mary had a Rosary. As Bernadette prayed it, Mary joined in on the Glory Be prayers. At Fatima Mary exhorted the three children who saw her to pray the Rosary for peace.

The Rosary is a deep prayer because as we recite the Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glory Bes, we meditate on the mysteries in the lives of Jesus and Mary. No wonder it pleases Our Lady when we pray the Rosary. *From Loyola Press*

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HAND
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LIFE

Pregnant? Help is Available

Call 1-800-712-4357, text HELPLINE to 313131, or visit optionline.org to find the nearest pregnancy resources near you.



Baby Bottles will be distributed the weekend of October 9/10. Please take one and put your coins/bills in it. Bring the bottles back to church through November 6/7. All monies collected in the bottles will be donated to the Catherine Foundation, a pregnancy resource center.



Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

The disastrous 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, thrust abortion-on-demand upon the nation, resulting in the deaths of millions of preborn babies every year. But that isn't enough for pro-abortionists. They also force taxpayers to pay for it.

Whether it is spending taxpayer money to fund abortion through private insurance mandates, Medicaid, health plans for federal employees, military personnel, women in abroad, there seems to be no end to the abortion industry's thirst for tax dollars.

Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood continue to receive hundreds of millions of tax dollars every year under Title X, which subsidizes their overhead for promoting abortion, as they divert more and more resources towards abortion.

In 2012, Planned Parenthood reported a total income of \$1.14 billion. Taxpayers shelled out \$542 million to pad the abortion provider's bottom line through federal and state grants and contracts (*or 45% of its entire income*).

All the while, Planned Parenthood reduced non-abortion related programs like breast cancer screening and infertility treatment, and demanded that all its affiliate centers offer surgical abortion.

If we want to reduce the number of deaths induced by Planned Parenthood and other abortionists, we need to end their life line: taxpayer funding. *Pro-Life Articles*

Community Outreach

Cooler temperatures are coming and we need to prepare. OLHOC Outreach is collecting new and "gently used" coats, hats, gloves, etc. for those in need. A collection box is now set up in the Fr. Martin Hall. Thank you, in advance, for caring! All donations go to the Children's Aid Society Of Waldorf.

Collections for "Sharing Sunday" remain in the Fr. Martin Hall. All nonperishable foods go to the Women's Shelter and Food Bank of Southern Maryland. Thank you all!

The Holiday House is now in the Narthex for those who wish to contribute to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

The next Outreach meeting is Oct. 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Fr. Martin Hall. The next Shepherd's Table is Oct. 21, 2021.