

## October 10, 2021: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE!

We can all give THANKS TO GOD for CELEBRATING THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE with Bishop Dorsonville last Sunday! OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST had invited all of us to COME AND CELEBRATE on a beautiful, sunny and long Sunday afternoon going into a refreshing evening. Many of us responded to the invitation with much enthusiasm. One could sense the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT and of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST in our church and throughout the outdoor PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

We can all give THANKS TO GOD for the GIFT of the large number of VOLUNTEERS who made this Celebration, this FIESTA a REALITY. It was truly an effort of the entire parish, including: the Hispanic Community, the Youth Group, the Music Ministry, the Marian Group, the Ushers/Greeters, the Altar Guild, the Altar Servers, the Knights of Columbus, the Men's Group, the Couples for Christ, our entire staff and clergy.

Everything that had been planned did take place with much solemnity and reverence. Bishop Dorsonville first blessed our renovated daily Mass Chapel dedicating it to Our Lady of Guadalupe. He then blessed the new, large Divine Mercy painting in the presence of the family of Orlando Lagman, who had also created for us the beautiful representation of Our Lady Help of Christians in our Sanctuary and the portrait of Father Narcisse Martin in our meeting Hall.

Then the focus turned entirely to THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE, the REAL PRESENCE OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST:

FIRST, the Bishop exposed the BLESSED SACRAMENT in the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe, then processed into the main church and exposed the BLESSED SACRAMENT on the ALTAR.

SECOND, then began the ADORATION of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It continued through the powerful prayer of the LIVING ROSARY: young and less young parishioners representing each bead of a living Rosary and praying one after another in their own language (English, Spanish, Tagalo). At that very moment, our parish was truly united in Prayer and Adoration as a family of families.

THIRD, at the end of the Rosary, Bishop Dorsonville gave us a beautiful CATECHESIS on the Miracle of the Eucharist happening at EVERY MASS. This Eucharistic miracle is at the center of our Christian life. His CATECHESIS helped put into context what happened next: the UNVEILING of the new EUCHARISTIC DISPLAY near the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima closely associated to the DEVOTION TO THE

EUCHARIST AND THE ROSARY (October 7 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary).

If you were not present last Sunday afternoon, we invite you to come and look at the display of the picture of the consecrated host that had been abandoned at the foot of Our Lady of Fatima for 15 long hours. As mentioned to you earlier, this picture was taken five days after the abandoned, consecrated host had been immersed in water in our sacarium (inside our sacristy). It displays what looks like a heart of blood on the surface of the host. I believe that this is blood. However, as the host dissolved shortly after the picture was taken, we may never know whether it is blood. This is why we refer to this SIGN OF GOD as a "little" miracle, "little" because it leads all of us to focus on the "GREAT" MIRACLE that happens at EVERY MASS when hundreds of hosts are being consecrated and are truly transformed in the REAL PRESENCE OF OUR LORD. Every tiny particle of a consecrated hosts contains the fullness of the BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.

We were blessed with a very large participation. The Outdoor Eucharistic procession was one of the largest one we have had at OLHOC. It was very solemn with continuous incensing of the Blessed Sacrament, and a series of JOYFUL SONGS. The 7 pm bilingual Mass was packed. This was the summit of the whole event, as the total focus was on the Paschal Mystery and the EUCHARIST, which many people came to RECEIVE with utmost REVERENCE. The FIESTA ended with FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC and FOOD in the Father Martin Hall and in outdoor tents.

It is essential that we keep EVANGELIZING and CATECHIZING! We must share our LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST with OTHERS. Let us pray that God will continue blessing the children participating in our RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (about 200), their parents and their teachers. Let us also pray that the CATECHESIS for youth and adults (ages 12+) begun last Monday (7 pm) and continuing on Mondays and Thursdays will bring fruits and that the HOLY SPIRIT will encourage us to invite someone in need to "COME AND LISTEN". May God make us more humble and help us realize that we are all in need of a deeper and more concrete FAITH!

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 Mac

*\*Please pray for the ROS of  
Judy Tomasky*



**MASS INTENTIONS  
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**Saturday, October 9,**  
9:00AM: Leonard Ita & family  
5:00 PM: Harvey Ouedraogo  
**Sunday, October 10,**  
8:30 AM: Victor Cordero  
10:00AM: Jose&AnnaMarie  
Gonzales & family  
11:30 AM: Olhoc parishioners  
1:00 PM: John Stacey (+)  
7:00 PM: Elmer Valiente (+)  
**Monday, October 11,**  
7:00 AM: Arit Ita– Idedevbo  
9:00AM:Ricky Hernandez

**Tuesday, October 12,**  
9:00AM: Margaret Simon (+)  
**Wednesday, October 13,**  
9:00 AM: Elizabeth Marcus (+)  
7:00 PM: Gladys Torres & family  
**Thursday, October 14,**  
9:00 AM: John Herron  
**Friday, October 15,**  
7:00 AM: Fr. John Clark (+)  
9:00 AM: Jennie Diliberto (+)

*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](mailto:office@alhoc.org).

**Mass Readings for October 17, 2021**

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**\*First Reading**  
Isaiah 53:10-11

**\*Second Reading**  
Hebrews 4:14-16

**\*Gospel**

Mark 10:35-45

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



**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](http://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](mailto:deacon@olhoc.org) or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at [RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com](mailto:RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com)

## COME AND LISTEN

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 more about your faith.

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

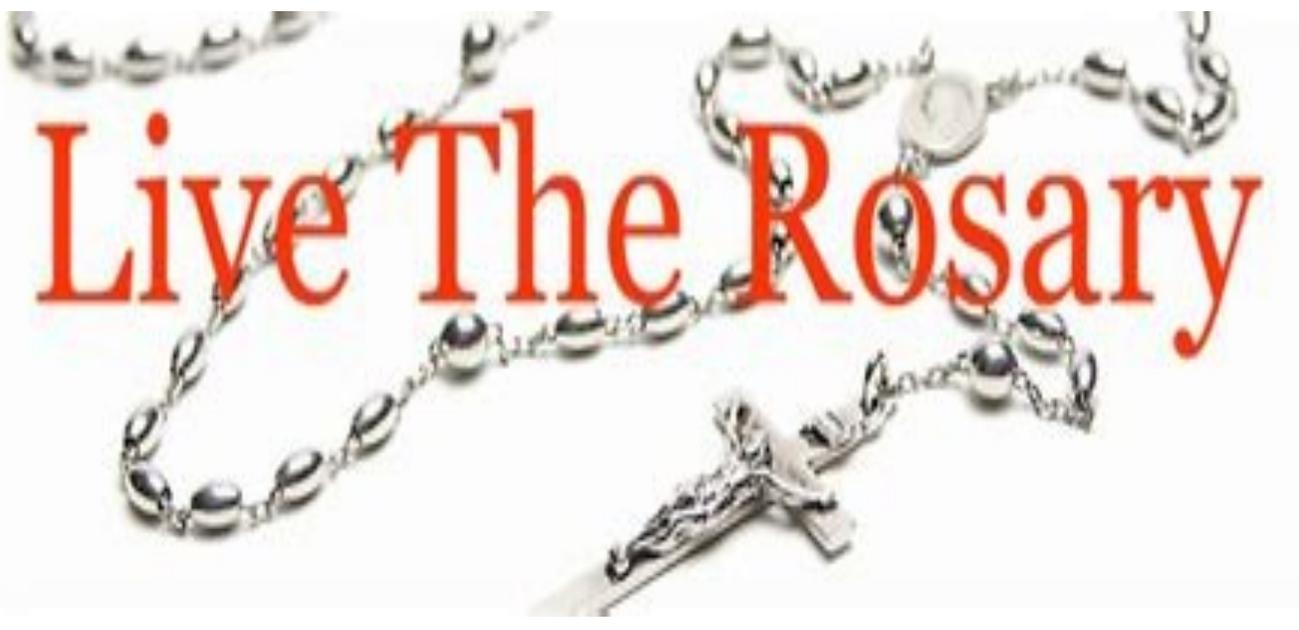
### ***Weekly Eucharistic Adoration***

*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://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44a4a723a2fa7-adoration40)*

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*Adoration is on Thursdays from 9 pm-10 pm in the church. Please come!*



Live The Rosary

take my  
**HAND**  
not my  
**LIFE**

## Pregnant? Help is Available

Call 1-800-712-4357, text HELPLINE to 313131, or visit [optionline.org](http://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 November 3, 2021 at 7 p.m. in Fr. Martin Hall. The next Shepherd's Table is Oct. 21, 2021.