

November 14, 2021: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT WHO?

You may have noticed that over the last few weeks we have begun to display different color pictures on the cover of the printed version of the Weekly Bulletin. Last week, many of you had no problems recognizing on our cover picture one of the two "young" saints surrounding Sister Rosario at the end of the All-Saints Mass: Mother Teresa is so easily recognized with the blue/white colors of her sari. The other Saint was the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest of all the saints. Looking at all the children "Saints" before they processed in the church, I had to ask some of them: SAINT WHO?

You may be familiar with the daily page titled "SAINT WHO?" in the monthly publication "MAGNIFICAT", a "daily SPIRITUAL GUIDE to help you develop your prayer life..., participate in the HOLY MASS with greater fervor...and WALK ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS, through the daily reading of the INSPIRATIONAL LIFE OF A SAINT, PROVIDING A MODEL FOR DAILY LIVING". (Quote from MAGNIFICAT website). Every day the "SAINT WHO?" page can surprise with the story of Saints you have never heard of.

Today I have chosen to introduce Saint PETER JULIAN EYMARD. I am confident that most of you have never heard about him and may ask: SAINT WHO? There are many reasons to do this introduction today:

1. If you have begun the 33-day Consecration to Saint Joseph last Friday, you will have already noticed several quotes from St Peter Julian (1811-1868). By the end of the 33 days on December 8 (last day of the Year of St Joseph), you will find out that St Peter Julian is the most quoted of all the Saints. He had a great devotion to Mary and JOSEPH (devotion to St Joseph was rare in the mid-19th century). If you have not yet begun this 33-day Consecration, I invite you to watch the daily recordings by Fr. Ben and myself on our OLHOC YouTube Channel (done as we began our celebration of the Year of St Joseph last Fall) or read the Book "Consecration to St Joseph by Father Donald Calloway, MIC".

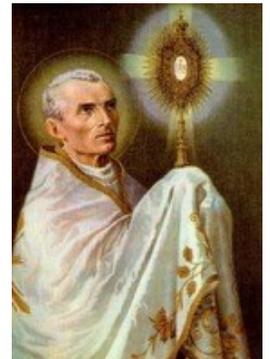
2. We have already embarked on our Year of EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL at OLHOC. I would like to suggest that we choose the example of St Peter Julian to guide our journey. He is often referred to as "THE PRIEST OF THE EUCHARIST". Let me quote from the "Saint of the Day" book: "After being a young priest for the Diocese of Grenoble (1834), he joined the Marists (1839) then he founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (1856) ...As a Marist priest,

then provincial leader, he deepened his EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION, especially through his preaching of FORTY HOURS ADORATION in many parishes. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament began working with children in Paris to prepare them to receive their First Communion. It also reached out to non-practicing Catholics, inviting them to repent and receiving HOLY COMMUNION again. He was a tireless proponent of frequent Holy Communion, an idea given authoritative backing by Pope Pius X in 1905."

3. Many of you remember Father Pittman of the Body of Christ Farm in Waldorf. He used to help us out at daily Masses. He is now recovering from a stroke. He was the first ordained priest out of St Peter's parish (it took 250 years...). He was ordained a religious priest of the CONGREGATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. The chapel at the Body of Christ Farm is named after "St Pete Julian Eymard" and has his statue very similar to the picture below: standing up and holding the Blessed Sacrament. I celebrate the Mass in this chapel every first Thursday at 7:30 am followed by one hour of Adoration and Benediction. You are all invited to join and discover the statue of St Peter Julian Eymard ...and much more (including links with Father Martin Society).

4. I have just received a gift from one of our parishioners: "THE REAL PRESENCE by St Peter Julian Eymard". It is a collection of SERMONS that deal almost exclusively with the wonders operated by Our Lord's love in the EUCHARIST. I have glanced through some of these sermons, and we may use some of them for our own reflections during the four weeks of the ADVENT Season (starting November 28), as our ADVENT THEME this year is going to center on RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST and ADORATION. Stay tuned!

May we pray through the intercession of St Julian Peter Eymard that the HOLY SPIRIT will guide all of us at OLHOC as we walk together in this YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC RENEWAL!



One in Christ,

Fr. Alain

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***We are asked to pray for:**

Carmella Douglas
Dorian Webster
Derrick Webster
Gram Baldwin

Branyah Mack
Briehanna Mack
Ernest Mac
David Mesler
Josephina Knapp

Names will be removed after 3 months.



MASS INTENTIONS
Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, November 13,
9:00AM: Jo Ann Cook (+)

5:00 PM: Bill Mcroy (+)

Sunday, November 14,

8:30 AM: Jack Lyons

10:00AM: Candida Pena & Jose Costas (+)

11:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners

1:00 PM: Ruthie & Albert Knapp (+)

4:00 PM: OLHOC Youth

7:00 PM: Jimmy Vasquez Rivera (+)

Monday, November 15,

7:00 AM: Souls in Purgatory

9:00AM: Sandrine Abeng

Tuesday, November 16,

9:00AM: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 17,

9:00 AM: Daniel Medved (+)

7:00 PM: Leonor Maldonado (+)

Thursday, November 18,

9:00 AM: Frances Hunt (+)

Friday, November 19,

7:00 AM: The Thomas Family

9:00 AM: Souls in Purgatory

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 November 21, 2021

Christ the King

***First Reading**
Daniel 7:13-14

***Second Reading**
Revelation 1:5-8

***Gospel**

John 18:33b-37

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Speak Lord, I'm listening!

The Way Retreat

As we continue the important work of ministering to survivors of all forms of abuse across our archdiocese, we recognize that their healing is the responsibility of the entire Church. I write today to share with you that The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has scheduled two The Way retreats for survivors of abuse, at no cost to attendees. The men's retreat is November 19-21, 2021 and the women's retreat is February 18-20, 2022.

In support of your ministry, we are pleased to share this information with you, in order to promote this opportunity in your parish and personally invite any survivors who could benefit. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. There will be opportunities for professional one-on-one counseling, and spiritual direction. For additional information and details about these retreats, please visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/> <<https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=79081736&msgid=1230519&act=FD3A&c=686612&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fadw.org%2Fthe-way-retreat%2F&cf=17356&v=e2c1d1daa2dc09790eaa9b2011>>

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

Our Lady's Little Christians Early Learning Center is hosting a Book Fair!

Now through November 21

Our school's Book Fair has gone online! Discover new books sure to keep kids reading. Every purchase supports our school. Shop now! <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/olhc>

If you would like to contribute a book/books to the classroom you can set up eWallet so that the teachers, Kendra Hunt or Cindy Torres, can purchase the books that will be relevant to the student units and the children's interest. Thank you for your participation.



Help Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets Sunday, November 21 after Masses

Our Lady Help of Christians provides Thanksgiving food bags to those in need. Food will be ready for delivery on Sunday, **November 21** after Masses. Please come after Mass to the Father Martin Hall, and take a bag to someone who is in need.

Many thanks to the Outreach Committee for organizing this!

Christmas food bags can be asked for by someone in need by calling the office on Wednesday, December 1 after 8 am.

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.

Preparation for Total Consecration

Begin Friday, November 5th and finish on Wednesday, December 8th
(The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)



33 Days

To Give Your Life Totally
To Christ Through Mary

“True devotion to MARY
leads us closer

to JESUS.” St Louis de Montfort

www.olhoc.org/33day-consecration

Black Catholics Mass

Join us on **Sunday, November 21** at the **11:30 am** Mass. **Bishop Roy Campbell** will be the presider for the Mass, which will be filled with the history of Black Catholics. A reception will follow the Mass.

1st Communion and Confirmation Workshops

The next workshops for those receiving the Sacraments will be on **Sunday, November 21**. 1st Communion parents will be at from **10:15-11:15 am**, Confirmation parents will begin at **2:30 pm**, with Mass to follow. Attendance is mandatory for parents.

“Walk with Mary” on December 11

All are invited to join in our annual archdiocesan celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Each year, we honor Our Lady through a pilgrimage through the streets of Washington, D.C. Our pilgrimage begins at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart and concludes at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where together we pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass. For more information, please go to <https://adw.org/media-events/walk-with-mary/>



Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation will continue on Sunday, November 21st. This is the parish sacramental preparation for Confirmation for students (who are in catholic school, public school or homeschooled), parent(s), and mentors, (sponsors are always welcome). The workshop will begin at 2:30 pm followed by 4 pm Mass and All Youth Night activities from 5pm-6:30 pm. For more details and questions, visit www.olhoc.com/confirmation-1 or contact Gracie Lopez youth@olhoc.org

All Youth Night is Back! Join us on November 21st for Mass at 4 pm followed by Youth Ministry for youth in EDGE (middle school) and Life Teen (high school) from 5-6:30 pm. Invite some friends to join you for some faith, fun and fellowship. Unfortunately at this time, we will not be offering FIAT (elementary) after Mass, we will keep you posted when FIAT will resume. Please visit www.olhoc.org/ymevents for more details.

Life Teen (High School) Youth Ministry meets in-person on most Sunday's from 1pm - 2:30 pm. Please visit our website to stay informed of our upcoming dates and for other youth events.

Youth Core Team If you are interested in joining our Youth Core team, be a Confirmation Mentor, or learn more about ways to volunteer with the youth, please visit www.olhoc.org/yteam or talk to Gracie Lopez youth@olhoc.org