



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

July 4, 2021



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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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA 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 connect with 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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend time in the church for prayer during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 3rd

Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Becky Centrella req by Kent & Milly Heider
For all parishioners

Sunday, July 4th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Virginia L'Heureux requested by the OLM
Ladies Guild

Monday, July 5th

**Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**

No Mass—office closed for July 4th holiday

Tuesday, July 6th

Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Andrew Boucher req by his Godparents

Wednesday, July 7th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For the intentions of Fr. Paul in recognition of his 12th anniversary with OLM

Thursday, July 8th

No Mass

Friday, July 9th

**Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs**

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Michael Walsh req by his brother & sister

Saturday, July 10th

Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM: Arlene Olson requested by the family

Sunday, June 11th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM: Lori-Ellen Camerand req by her mother

10:30AM: Marcy McCall requested by Kathleen &
Chris Ortega
For all parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns the week of
July 3rd - 9th in memory of
Lorraine Vachon.

We Welcome our Newly Baptized!



**Baptized in June:
Maddison Hare
Giovanni Ponti**

“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 4, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Registration for the 2021-22 Program Year is Open for Grades 1 - 12!

Growing in our faith is a lifelong journey. One way to support our children's faith journey is through continuing their grade level Faith Formation. Enrollment for the new year beginning this fall is open! Children did not have to be registered last year to participate in the 2021-22 program.

Grade Level Faith Formation....

Grades 1-5 uses Sadlier's *We Believe* book in either:

- At Home program
- OR-
- Wednesday after school program

Middle & High School Faith Formation....

Grades 6-8

The Edge program combines these grade levels for a Sunday evening meeting about twice a month to include prayer, fun, faith topics, games, and more!

Grades 9-12

The Life Teen program combines these grade levels for a Sunday evening meeting (different from the Edge meeting days) about twice a month to include prayer, fun, faith topics, games, and more!

See olmnh.org for more program info, registration forms, and/or online registration.

Grades 1-12 Sacramental Preparation....

Sacramental preparation is in addition to grade level Faith Formation. Part of the preparation usually includes a parent meeting, a book to be completed at home, and a parent/child one-time class.

- First Reconciliation** (usually in 2nd grade)
- Confirmation & First Communion** (usually in 3rd grade)

Programs always have room for students who are beyond the traditional grade levels to participate. Their preparation would be age appropriate and based on their prior faith formation experience. Please contact the office to be enrolled in the sacramental programs (separate from regular classes) if your child is beyond the grades listed.

Parents of children registered for Faith Formation programs and in 2nd and 3rd grades will be contacted by the office regarding sacramental preparation.

Jesus is Rejected in his Hometown *Mark 6:1-6*

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus's ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In His hometown of Nazareth, people are amazed by what they hear, but also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and His early life. Jesus's kinfolk know Him to be a carpenter; an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is unusual since adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some suggest that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words "brother" and "sister" were often used to refer to other types of relatives including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. Here we find a description of the very human side of Jesus. This passage unfolds a theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus's rejection by His people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

Thank you Marie Dancy!

As Marie retires from her role as pastoral associate for the parish, we want her to know she is loved and appreciated! Marie has served OLM in faith and with love. As she makes time to travel and visit family, know that Marie will continue to be an active member of OLM and serve in many volunteer roles. Thank you Marie for all that you have done and for all that you continue to do! May God bless you always, friend!

Parish Stewardship

June 26 & 27 Weekend Masses: \$7121

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June Online Contributions: \$19,027

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Vocation Event

St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus's call. If you are a young man considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would like some help hearing the Lord's call in your life, join us for a St. Andrew dinner on Sunday, July 11 from 4:00-6:00PM at St. Joseph Church at Saints Joseph and Mary Parish, Salem. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Fr. Charles Pawlowski, Assistant Director of Vocations at 603-448-1262 or cpawlowski@rcbm.org.

Upcoming meetings

The Sanctuary Course: Tuesday, July 6 at 6:00PM in the church hall

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God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen!



120 Club Winners

June 20

Ginny Anderson
Jackie Bessette

June 27

Roberta Letour
Diane Monahan

The Messy Family Project Video Series: God Wants Your Marriage & Family to Thrive!

Begins July 14

Mike & Alicia Hernon of The Messy Family Project are dedicated to strengthening Catholic marriage and family life. They recently shared their wisdom with a group of New Hampshire couples, and great news: they've repurposed the talks so that even more people can benefit. So, **ready to enrich your family?**

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