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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

Mass Times

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

10:00 am

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

8:15 am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday (Drive-up Confession)

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Rosary Devotion

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

7:55 am

Weekly Readings

Saturday-Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 • Rom 8:28-30 • Mt 13:44-52

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11 • Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22 • Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21 • Jn 11:19-27

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6 • Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9 • Mt 13:54-58

Saturday-Sunday:

Is 55:1-3 • Rom 8:35, 37-39 • Mt 14:13-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 7/25 • 5:00 pm - Catherine Martinson †

Sunday, 7/26 • 10:00 am - OLP Parishioners

Monday, 7/27 • 8:15 am - Mary Lee

Tuesday, 7/28 • 8:15 am - Maurice Leenay †

Wednesday, 7/29 • 8:15 am - OLP Parishioners

Friday, 7/31 • 8:15 am - Loretta Komoroski



Reflections on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commitment

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44

Adults: What would you be willing to “sell,” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Kids: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

From Father Ellis

Community Members and Their Achievements

I want to take a few moments this week to call attention to the achievements of a couple of our community members. Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Suzanne García, was recently featured in an article in *The Catholic Spirit*, our Archdiocesan newspaper. She was interviewed along with other leaders who serve communities of minority Catholics, specifically those whose training was made possible by a fund set up by Fr. Sledz. While you may know her as our Spanish teacher, you may not know that she has been engaged in Latino ministry for over 20 years with her husband, Deacon Ramón García Degollado. In that time, they have taught faith formation and prepared many, many children and adults for sacraments.

In addition, I recently learned that parishioner and school dad Andrew Frenz has published a children's book called *The Adventures of Glitterstar: The Real-Life Unicorn from Space*. Written for children aged 6-10, it can be purchased on Amazon.

Nice work, Mrs. García and Andrew! The OLP Community and Eagle Nation is proud of you!

Natural Family Planning

The past week has been Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Grounded firmly in scientific study and research, Natural Family Planning (or NFP) seeks to understand human fertility, and to accept it—and children themselves—as a gift from God. As Catholics, we believe that through prayer and discussion, married couples can indeed discern spacing the births of their children—whether or not at a given time they should seek to have a child. At the same time, we believe that it matters how they go about that. The church teaches that

the various methods of contraception are immoral means for doing so. This is because a husband and wife are called to make their love an image of God's love, which is both unitive and fruitful. Not only do contraceptives seek to disable the fruitfulness of their love, but it also subtly drives a wedge in their unity. Consider a few words we use to describe it: protection, barriers. Love is about giving oneself completely to the other, not holding things back, or blocking out the other, as those terms imply.

By contrast, NFP not only respects but also fosters the unity of couples. In addition, it sees fertility as a gift to be respected and understood. It does require sacrifice and is definitely counter-cultural. However, it is completely geared toward the health of the couple. Because it requires couples to pray and discern together, those who practice it consistently have much better relationships and a significantly lower divorce rate. There are physical health benefits as well. The significant health risks of contraceptives are well established though not well known (the pill and other hormonal contraceptives, for instance, are listed as type 1 carcinogens by IARC). On the other hand, because NFP's focus is on how human fertility works, as a side bonus some methods can actually reveal the presence of cancers and other pathologies earlier than typical tests and scans, allowing for more effective treatment.

If you want to learn more about NFP, I encourage you to head over to archspm.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/. They have lots of resources, links, videos, and so on, as well as overviews of the various methods.



High School Students

Help us to know what sorts of activities and gatherings you would be interested in doing this year by taking a short survey!

The survey can be found at bit.ly/olphighschool

Please contact Michaela Swarouth if you have any additional thoughts or questions.

Faith and Perseverance

Saints Anne & Joachim

Each year the Church venerates the memory of Saints Anne & Joachim on July 26th.

An ancient story dating to the first centuries of the Church's life recalls how Saints Anne & Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah, were scorned by their neighbors because they had no children.

Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray.

Saint Anne, remaining at home, dressed in mourning clothes and wept because she had no child of her own.

Seeing her mistress distressed, a servant girl reminded Anne to put her trust in God.

Saint Anne washed her face, put on her bridal clothes and went to a garden to plead with God for a child.

Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world.

The new parents ran to meet one another at Jerusalem's Golden Gate, and with a kiss rejoiced in the new life which God had promised would be theirs.

Saints Anne & Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant mothers and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have grown old.

Saints Anne & Joachim Novena

Good parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
grandparents of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

When life seems barren,
help us to trust in God's mercy.

When we are confused,
help us to find the way to God.

When we are lost in the desert,
lead us to those whom God has called us to love.

When our marriage seems lifeless,
show us the eternal youth of the Lord.

When we are selfish,
teach us to cling only to that which lasts.

When we are afraid,
help us to trust in God.

When we are ashamed,
remind us that we are God's children.

When we sin,
lead us to do God's will.

You who know God's will for husband and wife,
help us to live chastely.

You who know God's will for the family,
keep all families close to you.

You who suffered without children,
intercede for all infertile couples.

You who trusted in God's will,
help us to respect God's gift of fertility.

You who gave birth to the Blessed Mother,
inspire couples to be co-creators with God.

You who taught the Mother of God,
teach us to nurture children in holy instruction.

You whose hearts trusted in God,
hear our prayers for ... (*mention your requests here*)

Pray with us for the ministry of Catholic family life.

Pray with us for the ministry of Natural Family
Planning.

Pray with us for all who give their time,
talent and treasure to this good work.

Hail Mary... Our Father... Glory to the Father...

God of our fathers,
you gave Saints Anne and Joachim
the privilege of being the parents of Mary,
the mother of your incarnate Son.

May their prayers help us to attain
the salvation you have promised to your people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.¹

Amen.

1. Collect from the Roman Missal.



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Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call the parish office at 612-824-3455 or visit olpmn.org/prayer.

Prayers remain on prayer line for 30 days.

Stewardship

Giving for June

	YTD	YTD	Previous
	Giving	Budget	YTD
Sunday &			
Electronic Giving	36,609	459,244	500,000
Plate Offering	<u>1,137</u>	<u>16,965</u>	<u>22,000</u>
TOTALS	37,746	476,209	522,000
			506,300

This Week at OLP

Sunday, July 26 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

2:00 pm Private Baptism - C

Monday, July 27

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Tuesday, July 28

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Wednesday, July 29 - St. Martha

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Thursday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Saturday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

1:30 pm Drive-up Confession - O

5:00 pm Mass - C

Sunday, August 2 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

C - Church • CR - Childcare Room • G - Gym
LR - Leo Room • O - Outside • OC - Off Campus
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WR - Whalen Room

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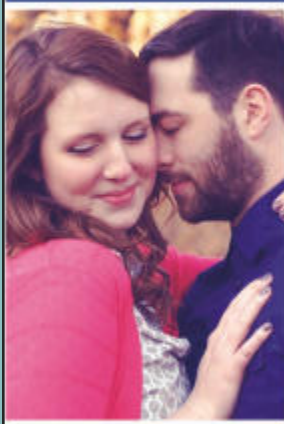



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