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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 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

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rosary Devotion

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

7:55 am

Weekly Readings

Saturday-Sunday:

Sir 27:30-28:7 • Rom 14:7-9 • Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

Nm 21:4b-9 • Phil 2:6-11 • Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday:

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a • Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday:

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 • Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Cor 15:1-11 • Lk 7:36-50

Friday:

1 Cor 15:12-20 • Lk 8:1-3

Saturday-Sunday:

Is 55:6-9 • Phil 1:20c-24, 27a • Mt 20:1-16a

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 9/12 • 5:00 pm - Anna Pagliano †

Sunday, 9/13 • 10:00 am - OLP Parishioners

Monday, 9/14 • 9:00 am - OLP Parishioners

Tuesday, 9/15 • 8:15 am - Michael Leenay †

Wednesday, 9/16 • 8:15 am - Peg Erickson †

Friday, 9/18 • 8:15 am - Don Welbes †



Reflections on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiveness and Mercy

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:21-22

Adults: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Kids: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

From Father Ellis

Musings: Showing charity and compassion in tumultuous times

Recently, I've been reading a book entitled *The Twins Platoon*. It follows the story of a group of young men who all enlisted in the Marine Corps at the same time in the 1960s. They were sworn in on the field at a Twins game at the old Met Stadium (hence the name of the book), watched the first part of the game, and then set out for boot camp. The author traces the story of as many of these individuals as he can, from their first days at boot camp, through their time on the front lines in the Vietnam War, to their days back at home—for those who survived and made it home. Gritty and at times grisly as well, it is not a light read. It shows war for what it is. What caught my attention even more, however, was the description of the veteran's struggles back at home. At the time when most of them arrived back in the U.S., the anti-war riots and protests were in full swing. At best, their parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and girlfriends didn't know what to say to them or viewed them with suspicion; at worst, they were hostile to them. In other words, because of the polarization of opinions, these men became isolated and their struggles and trauma intensified.

Many of you know what I am talking about from experience; to be fair, I do not. I'm basing this description on the experience of those Marines, including the author himself, who pulls back the curtain and gives us a chance to see inside their minds and hearts. But I can't help but wonder if there are parallels in our own time. There can be a deep divide on a whole range of matters: the best way to address the COVID pandemic, how to root out racism, which politicians our country needs. And the fact of the matter is that we are

all wounded in some way—by fear, if nothing else. I wonder how many times our deeply held beliefs keep us from seeing the pain others carry, and worse, if it contributes to it and their isolation.



I'm not saying the solution is to be indifferent about the important issues of our time. But I do think there are important things to be learned from times in history with similarities and parallel to our own. First, it shows us that we will get through this, just as past generations and ages did. It also allows us to learn what to do in our present situation. It teaches us that we must try to see the person behind the beliefs that may differ from our own. That we would allow each other to explain the reasons behind our beliefs and to express how the situation makes us feel. That can be difficult and even painful. But if the experience of those Vietnam vets' is any indication, far worse is the isolation that leads to thinking that others don't care or understand.

This isn't just meant to be advice about psychology or relationships. It also is at the core of our faith. We are reminded of that with the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross this Monday. Jesus suffered and died for our salvation, and in so doing opened His Heart to us. At the same time, He invites us to open our hearts to Him; we can bring Him our pain, sorrow, and suffering, knowing that He is no stranger to those things. He often challenges us to see things differently, but from a place of understanding and concern, not as if from an opposing trench. May we seek to imitate Him, showing that same compassion. For it more evident than usual that we all face various battles, and so the need for charity and compassion is as great as ever.

OLP School News

OLP Featured on MPR

Our school was recently the primary focus of a story on Minnesota Public Radio!

The article discusses how Catholic schools, and specifically OLP, have adapted to the challenging responsibility of educating the young people from our community in person during a pandemic.

"Bringing students back into the classroom as safely as possible prompted many changes at Our Lady of Peace. A committee of faculty, staff, parents and pastors within the school community came up with new protocols to minimize the chances of spreading the coronavirus at school."

Visit bit.ly/OLPonMPR to read the whole article.

Season of Creation

Caring for Our Neighborhood

We will have a Neighborhood Cleanup to help honor this year's *Season of Creation*.

Join us next Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 am in the church parking lot on the corner of 54th Street and 12th Avenue as we clean up around our neighborhood.

Gloves and trash/recycling bags will be supplied.

Be sure to wear comfortable clothing, walking shoes, and sunscreen or rain gear as needed and bring your own water or snacks.

No sign-up is required; masks are encouraged while meeting in the parking lot.

Visit olpmn.org/creation for more information.

Minnesota, Our Common Home

Join us for a discussion of *Minnesota, Our Common Home*, a companion piece to Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, published by the Minnesota Catholic Conference on Sunday, September 27th after the 10 am Mass.

To enable social distancing and enjoy a beautiful fall day at the same time, we will meet at the outdoor classroom on 11th Avenue.

For more information including a download of the *Minnesota, Our Common Home* document, visit olpmn.org/creation.

Faith Formation

Catechetical Sunday

This year, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 20th, with the theme, "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be commissioned for their ministry during Masses this weekend.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

All are invited to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Please pray for our catechists and teachers whom we have entrusted to guide our children and adult candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation in the Faith.

Prayer for Catechists

Lord Jesus Christ,
Bless all catechists and Catholic school teachers
and help them to nurture the faith of our children.
Give them the wisdom to pass on
their own knowledge and experience
and show our children your love.
Amen.

Around the Archdiocese

The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

Beginning September 15th hosted online by Saint Thomas More Catholic Community.

Traditionally the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are experienced by going to a retreat center for 30 days.

Our retreats "in daily life" will allow you to experience the Exercises with a spiritual director who will guide you over the course of nine months.

We have small group or one-on-one options.

These retreats are a wonderful way to intentionally grow closer to God, strengthen your prayer life, and enrich your spirit.

www.morecommunity.org/spiritual-exercises-retreat

The Month of the Rosary

Pray the Rosary Outdoors

October is the month of the Rosary and we plan to commemorate this with an evening outdoor rosary as we did last year.

Join us on Monday, October 12th at 7:00 pm to pray the Rosary, led by Father Ellis, at the Outdoor Classroom on 11th Avenue.

In the case of unfortunate weather we will move the prayer into the church where our normal social distancing practices will be in place.

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Food Shelf Collection

On the third Sunday of every month, Our Lady of Peace collects non-perishable food items before and after all Masses for delivery to the Minnehaha Food Shelf.

Please place donations in the bin near Door #2.

Bulletins to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive a bulletin in the mail please contact the parish office at parishadmin@olpmn.org or 612-824-3455.

Stewardship

Giving for August

		YTD Giving	YTD Budget	Previous YTD
Sunday &				
Electronic Giving	35,082	63,122	78,000	69,905
Plate Offering	<u>973</u>	<u>1,493</u>	<u>3,160</u>	<u>2,639</u>
TOTALS	36,055	64,615	81,160	72,544

This Week at OLP

Sunday, September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

Monday, September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

8:40 am Rosary - C

9:00 am Mass - C

Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

9:00 am Bible Study - WR

7:30 pm Finance Council Meeting - TR

Wednesday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

6:15 pm DOF & EDGE Catechist Kickoff Dinner - PH, TR

6:30 pm Bible Study - WR

Thursday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine

Friday, September 18

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Saturday, September 19 - St. Januarius

11:00 am Baptism - C

1:30 pm Drive-up Confession - O

5:00 pm Mass - C

Sunday, September 20 - 25th 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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SPR - Sts. Peter & Paul Rooms • TR - Trinity Room
WR - Whalen Room

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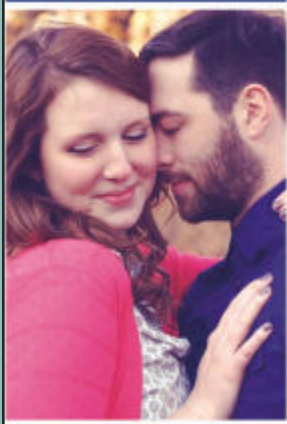



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