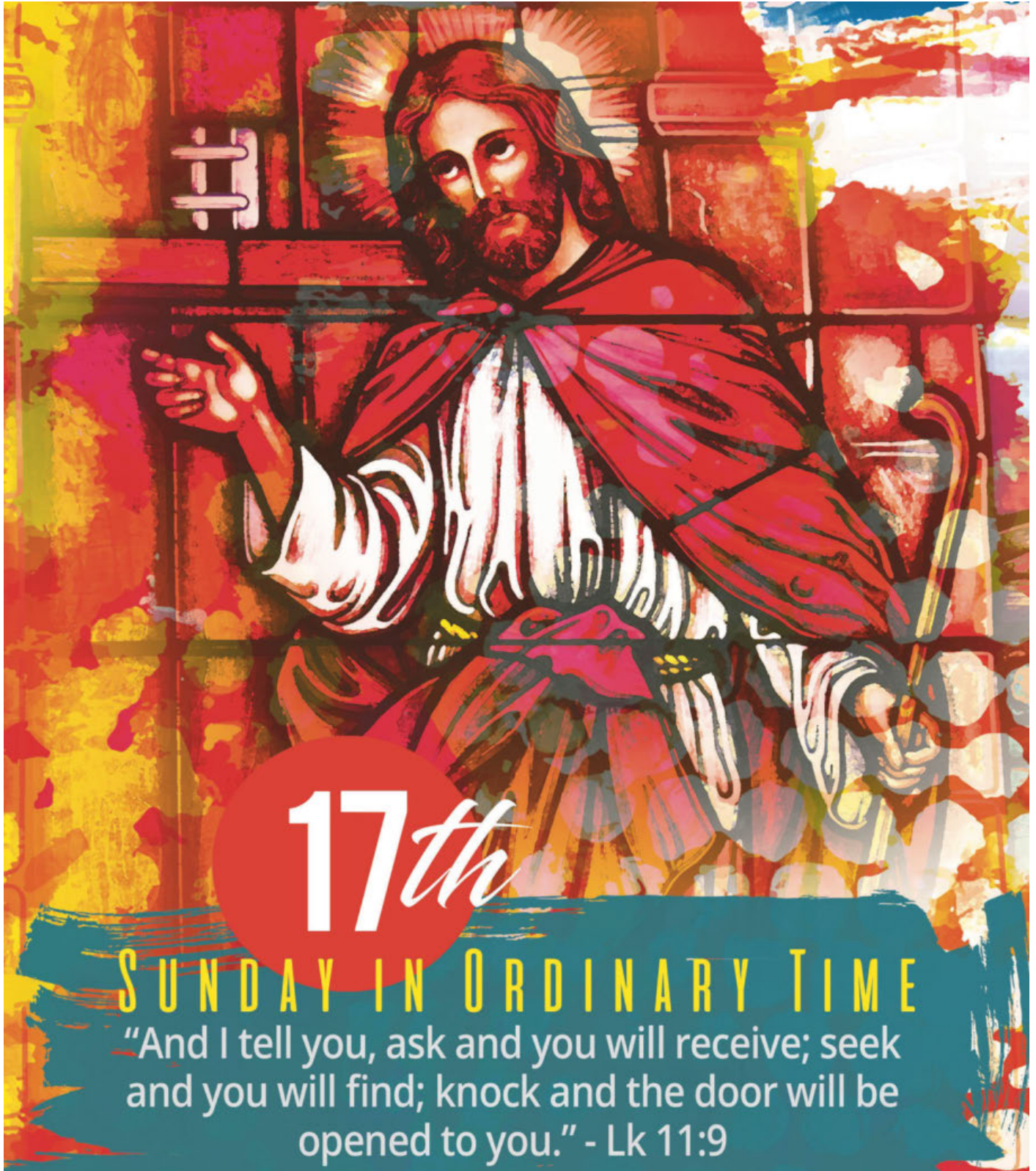


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Sunday, July 24, 2022



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

I hope this finds you well and safe!

In Sunday's gospel reading, there is one important lesson that Jesus wants to teach us about prayer. He wants us to learn to be persistent in prayer. We are to persevere in prayer even when it seems like God is not listening to us, even when we do not see any results from our prayers.

I think it is important to realize that God is always going to do what is best for us, even if we do not understand why God does not answer our prayers as we would hope. We need to keep praying. We especially need to be persistent in lifting up the needs of our brothers and sisters in prayer. By praying for them, we become more aware of their needs, and we draw closer to them.

Even when there is nothing that we can do about a particular need or issue, we need to pray, because that is how we put those things into God's hands. There is a lot that goes on in our lives over which we have no control. If we try to take responsibility and shoulder all the grief and trouble we see, we cannot bear it. We need to be persistent and put those things into God's hands, because what is impossible for us is never too much for God. When we put those things in God's hands and learn to resign ourselves to God's will, then we can bear the weight of those burdens so much better, but that all depends on prayer.



As I write this column, I am in Austria on a pilgrimage that included a trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. I am with Father Butchie and a group from our parish and a few folks from other parishes as well.

There were lots of persistent prayers prior to this trip. We prayed that it was really going to happen because it was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid19 pandemic. There were prayers for a safe journey, for good health and healing for the sick, prayers for the souls of those who had died, and prayers requested for special intentions and for our spiritual growth. Really God is so good. The Lord answered our prayers, most of them were granted.

The main event of this journey was to watch the Passion Play that takes place every ten years. This event is another example of being persistent in prayer.

In the seventeenth century, the small village of Oberammergau, Germany was struck by a plague brought into the village by a man named Kaspar Schisler. In their sorrow over the suffering this terrible disease had brought to the community, the leaders of the town came together and vowed to hold a Passion Play every ten years. From that time on, not a single person died of the plague.

As I reflected on this event and most especially as I watched the play, it reminded me of the pandemic we have just gone through since the beginning of the year 2020. I prayed that through this year's play, which reminds us of how Christ came into the world, suffered, died and rose again, the whole world might be healed through our persistent prayer.

Our gospel this weekend is a reminder for us all to pray without ceasing for healing, peace throughout the world, and for our salvation.

God bless you all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names of the sick are published for four weeks. Contact the office to add a name or request that it be continued.

Week One

Deacon Meynard Espeleta

Week Two

Erwin Reyes, Dennis Reyes,

Erlinda Roberto,

Joan Zanotti, Nanette Limpo

Week Four

Al Comunale, John Cattania

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13.

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Faith Formation

**REGISTRATION FOR YEAR 2022-2023
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Faith Formation is a lifelong process that begins in childhood and continues throughout life as we grow in our relationship with Christ. It is necessary that we provide the children of our parish with a strong foundation of their Catholic Faith.

Our parish Faith Formation program informs, forms, and transforms the person and the community. The OLM Faith Formation program for children is from Grade 1 to Grade 8.

New students must submit a copy of their baptismal certificate. Returning students must register at the beginning of each school year. Register online now at our parish website olmnj.org For inquiries, please contact Jeng Matias-Villa at 201-434-7500 ext. 102 or email her at reginavilla@olmnj.org

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DURING HIS FIRST WEEKEND AT OUR PARISH FATHER ANDREW GREETED PARISHIONERS OF ALL AGES AFTER MASS

Father Andrew Jung, who was assigned by Cardinal Tobin as our new parochial vicar, began his ministry at OLM this past weekend, July 16 & 17, by celebrating our Sunday Masses. Please keep him in your prayers as he becomes acquainted with his new parish family.





SATURDAY, July 23

5pm Teodoro Lagasca r/b Dalisay Cabanlit

SUNDAY, July 24, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Rafael Maguyon (Death Anniversary)
r/b Christine & Hen

10am Fyllip Raven M. Villa (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Jeng Villa

12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, July 25, Feast of St. James the Apostle

7am Teresita Francisco (6th Death Anniversary)
r/b Rodolfo Francisco

8:30am Nazario Macalintal, Sr.
r/b Guiz & Gigi Macalintal & Family

TUESDAY, July 26, Memorial of Saints Joachim & Anne

7am Hailey Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Ramos Family

8:30am Inocencia G. Espeleta
r/b Deacon Meynard Espeleta

WEDNESDAY, July 27

7am Emilia Jean Patrick (1st Birthday Blessing)

8:30am John Pierre Cailles (1st Death Anniversary)
r/b Susan Cailles

THURSDAY, July 28

7am Purgatorial Society

8:30am Wanda Osieja (2nd Death Anniversary)
r/b Kowalski Family

FRIDAY, July 29, Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7am Bobby del Rosario (In Thanksgiving
for Blessings Received)

8:30am Jemuel L. Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Ramos Family

SATURDAY, July 30

5pm Enrico Llanes r/b Evangeline Llanes

SUNDAY, July 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Christine & Hen (In Thanksgiving
for Blessings Received)

10am For the People of the Parish

12pm Jordan McKenson r/b Vanessa Peterson

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over the tabernacle is given
For the Intentions of the People of the Parish.

BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread to be used at our Masses
this week is given by **The Villa Family**
In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received.
The Wine is offered **In Memory of the Deceased of**
Our Parish Family.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

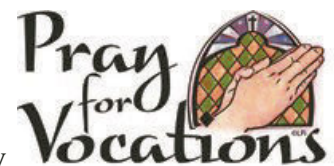
Monday through Friday
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Saturday
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or a relative is hospitalized or homebound and
wish a visit from a parish priest, contact the Office.

**BE A PRAYER MATE
FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

We invite you to join us every
Wednesday morning
immediately after our 8:30 am Mass to pray the Holy
Rosary for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.
As Jesus told us, "The harvest is abundant but the
laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to
send out laborers for his harvest." (Luke 10:2)



CHANGE IN OUR COLLECTION PROCEDURE

Before the pandemic, it was the custom here at OLM for parishioners to participate in the presentation of the gifts at Sunday Mass. In addition to a few people bringing forward the bread and wine to be used during the liturgy, all those at Mass came from their pews and walked to the head of each aisle where they deposited their offerings in the baskets placed there by our Ministers of Hospitality or Ushers.



In this way, everyone had an opportunity to come forward and present their personal gifts to the Lord. Afterwards the baskets would be placed near the altar and then brought to the parish office.

Because of the pandemic, we stopped having people process forward and we asked those at Mass to place their offerings in the boxes near the baptismal font. **At our Masses this weekend, July 23 & 24, we will return to what was done previously. After the Creed and General Intercessions, those at Mass will be invited to come forward with their financial donations and place them in the baskets at the head of each aisle.**

We are reverting to this practice primarily for security reasons. Recently, several attempts have been made to break into the offering boxes to steal their contents. There was even an attempt to physically pick up and remove one of the boxes from the church.



As we come forward with our gifts, we can remember that the Lord not only wants us to offer our money but to also offer ourselves in service to Him and his Church.

Those using WESHARE, our online giving service, are welcome to join the procession of those coming forward to the baskets. If they wish, they may place a note or card in the basket indicating their use of online giving.

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