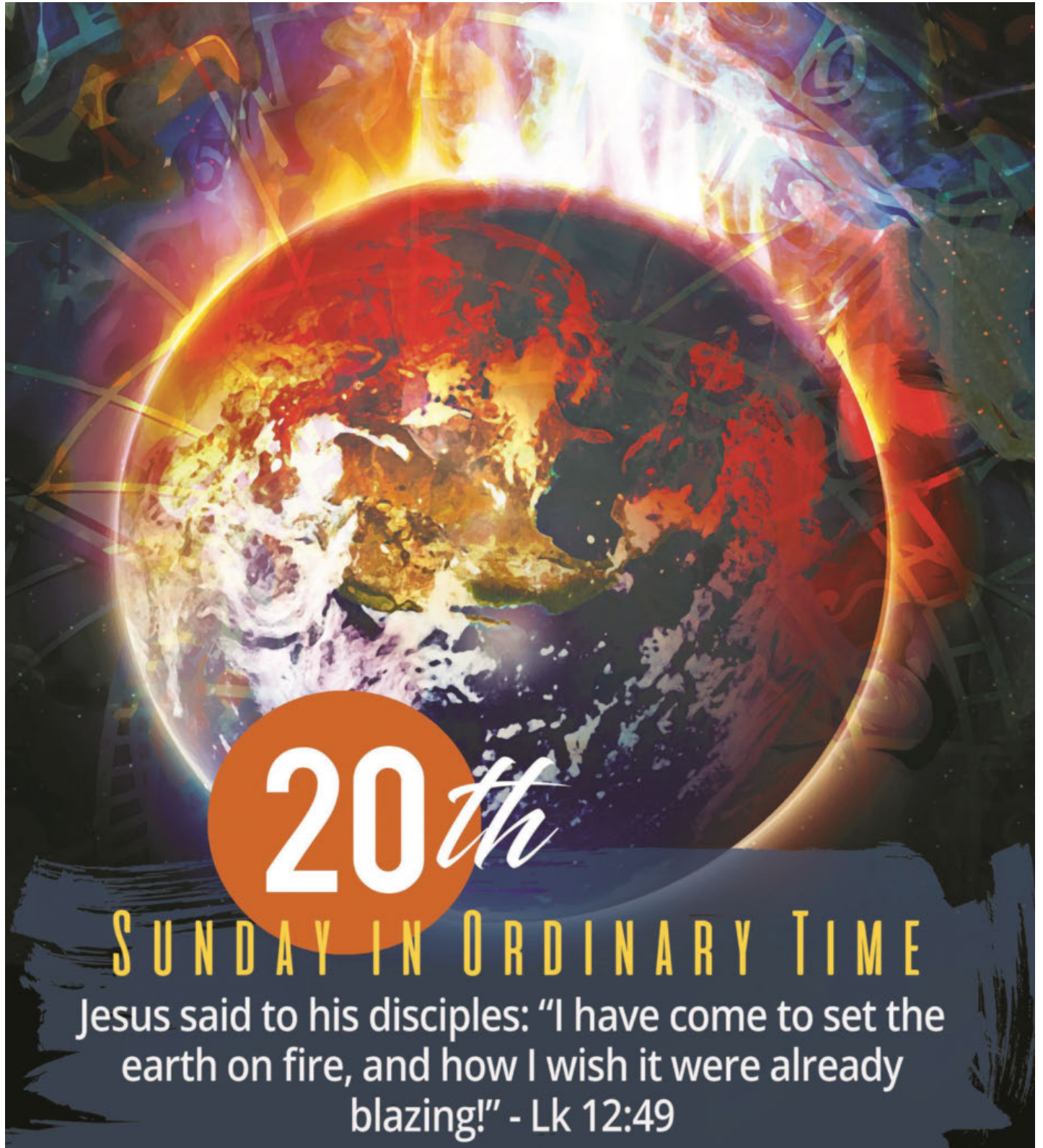


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Sunday, August 14, 2022



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

I hope this finds you all well.

In our Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus acknowledges that he did not come to bring peace on the earth. Jesus was and remains an agent of change. Jesus calls us to conversion, that is, to a change of heart; and a change in the way that we live.

Jesus is a force of change, and that is unsettling to those of us who are quite comfortable with the status quo.

The truth is that with Jesus in our lives, we cannot hold on to the way things are. We cannot continue to fool ourselves into thinking that we have power to do whatever we may choose in our lives.

Jesus chose to be powerless in the face of evil to defeat the proud who were convinced of their own righteousness. The Pharisees and the temple officials were so convinced that they had God all figured out. With their adherence to the fine points of the law and with their temple worship, they may have thought they had God under their control.

But God had another idea. God wanted to break their hearts of stone and turn them back toward Him because He is the only true source of righteousness, not the law, not their bloody animal sacrifices! But God alone. The true worship that God wants comes from the heart and not out of a book of rules.

Brothers and sisters, we need to learn a lesson about change. God is calling us to change our hearts and turn toward Him. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews urges us to persevere in running the race, just like in the Olympics. But our competition is being waged against the power of sin that is within us and all around us. We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent in that struggle.

Change is difficult. Trying to hold on to how things are, and how we are, makes it even more difficult because we put ourselves in opposition to God who calls us to change for the better. What we need to do is learn to surrender ourselves to God, just as Jesus surrendered himself to do God's will.

God bless you all!

Love,

+*Father Marty*

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 7, 2022

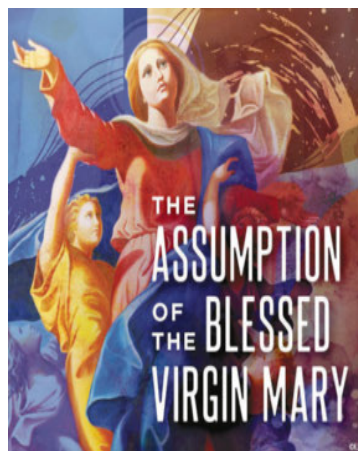
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE LORD!

We are currently looking for additional young people to become part of our altar server ministry here in the parish. We are grateful to those who are coming forward and volunteering to serve our Lord and our parish as Altar Servers. We appreciate parents and other adults who encourage the young people in their lives to volunteer to fill this role at Mass.



Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule of the church. You can submit the completed forms to the Parish Office or give them to Father Marty or Father Andrew. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the priests. We will soon be posting a schedule for the training sessions for those who volunteer to become Altar Servers.



The observance of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is tomorrow, Monday, August 15.

While it is not a holy day of obligation since it falls on a Monday this year, we encourage you, if you are able, to come and join us for Mass at 7 am or 8:30 am.

THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRIES AND SOCIETIES MEET AND PROCLAIM *ONE CHURCH. ONE LOVE.*

Saturday, July 30, there was a general gathering in the Maria Room of those involved in the many ministries and societies that serve and support our parish. This was the first time such a meeting took place.

More than 54 people attended the meeting generously hosted by Fr. Marty. During the meeting, which took place over morning coffee and pastry, they became acquainted, shared fellowship, and were given informative presentations on church safety and security. At the meeting they were also given a crash course on the use of a tourniquet and how to do an initial evaluation and treatment of injured persons until the arrival of professional first responders.

The purpose of this meeting was to gather the different ministries and instill the belief that while there are separate and distinct groups, they all share the common mission of serving God and the OLM Parish Family.



Presenters: Fr. Marty & Jon Camaya



Members of Ministries and Societies gather to listen and learn.

This attitude and belief can be seen in the sense of responsibility and ownership felt by “all” when it comes to reaching out in faith and expressing hospitality to all who come through the doors of our church, both affiliated parishioners and newcomers.

This idea was strongly endorsed by those in attendance as they shouted out their new mantra: *“One Church. One Love.”*

Parishioners interested in supporting OLM by joining its ministries are encouraged to contact the parish office or to speak to one of the ministry directors. We welcome your enthusiasm and fellowship.

Remember... *“One Church. One Love.”*

Blood Drive



OUR LADY OF MERCY BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, September 4,
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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah.” (Second Reading, Jeremiah 38:6)

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, August 13

5pm Clecia Palumbo r/b Jean & Al Comunale

SUNDAY, August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Joseph Kim (Birthday Blessing)

10am Francisca & Isidoro Escarez
r/b Gatchalian Family

12pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, August 15, The Assumption of Mary

7am Ofelia Lim r/b Bobby & Hanelli Del Rosario

8:30am Josefina Pura r/b Connie Pura

TUESDAY, August 16

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

8:30am Samuel Cervantes r/b Mr. & Mrs. John Alonzo

WEDNESDAY, August 17

7am Pablo Lumanglas (Birthday in Heaven)
r/b Araceli Lumanglas

8:30am Neil Rocha (Death Anniversary)
r/b Mom & Dad

THURSDAY, August 18

7am Dulce Lape r/b Jun Hijos

8:30am Isagani Arelas, Jr. r/b Ofie Baal

FRIDAY, August 19

7am Purgatorial Society

8:30am Antoinette Reyes (Birthday Blessing)
r/b Trini Reyes

SATURDAY, August 20

5pm Leon Arceo r/b Jun Arceo & Family

SUNDAY, August 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Thelma, Rey & Elizabeth Aguila
(Thanksgiving for Blessings)

10am In Memory of Ernesto Dimapilis
r/b Cathy Dimapilis

12pm For the People of the Parish



SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is given for **Kyle Aclan (Birthday Blessing)**.

BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread & Wine to be used this week at our Masses is offered **In Memory of the Deceased Members of Our Parish Family.**



MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

To arrange for the celebration of a Mass for an individual or a special intention, or to make a donation for the bread and wine or for the sanctuary candle, please stop by the parish office during business hours.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday 9 am to 9:30 am

Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every First Friday of the month from 9 am until 12 noon.

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.

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

Roberto Gamboa

Week Three

Janelle Thomas

Week Four

Deacon Meynard Espeleta

A REFLECTION BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota.

On numerous occasions throughout his public career, President Biden asserted his personal belief as a Catholic that human life begins at conception and that



abortion, therefore, is morally wrong. He has always been quick to add, however, that he is unwilling to use the law to “impose” this personal conviction on anyone else. He presumably feels that since this understanding of human life is a function of uniquely Catholic doctrine or

dogma, it would be as objectionable to require everyone to accept it as it would to require all Americans to assent to the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

But this is so much nonsense. Opposition to abortion is not a matter of doctrine in the strict sense of the term, but rather a conclusion drawn from moral reasoning and from the findings of objective science. It is an indisputable fact that human life—which is to say, a living human being with a distinctive genetic structure and identity—comes into existence at the moment of conception. It is furthermore a fundamental axiom of ethics that innocent human life ought never

to be attacked. These insights and principles are the foundation of an argument against abortion that can and should be made in the public forum; they are decidedly not a matter of “dogma” peculiar to Catholicism....It is utterly incoherent to claim that one can hold to the position privately but not defend it publicly.

(Also) I am mightily tired of the way the President and his allies use the term “impose.” Time and again, they say some version of, “I’m unwilling to impose my beliefs on others.” Now that we’ve established that opposition to abortion is not a matter of sectarian doctrine, can we also admit that any law, by its very nature, *imposes* on others? If a majority of federal representatives formulated a piece of legislation to set the speed limit at 65, and if the executive agreed with this determination, a law would go into effect *imposing* this viewpoint on the entire society. The same goes for tax codes, anti-trust regulations Laws don’t suggest; they impose. And behind every truly just law, there is some moral principle: preserving life, establishing greater justice, protecting the poor, fostering the common good, etc. So if you were to ask me whether I was working to impose on the entire society a law that would protect the rights of the unborn, I would say, “Yes.” And then I would add: “And what’s your point?”

See the entire Reflection at wordonfire.org/articles

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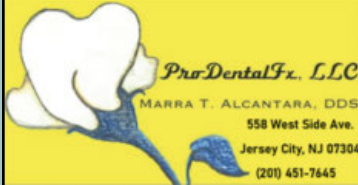
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