

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Bulletin

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 26, 2023



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, you anointed
your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness
as eternal Priest and King of all creation.

From the Preface of the Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

With today's celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, we come to the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar. Next weekend will be the First Sunday of Advent and the start of the liturgical year of 2024. That means that Christmas is around the corner!

I know that time flies by so quickly these days, so we had better hurry to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. And what does that mean? It means that as time quickly passes us by, our time here on earth is getting shorter.

In other words, we must be mindful of our existence. I am not saying this to scare you about facing death, but we have to be realistic. How much time remains for us to do what is necessary to attain eternal life? We do not know. But our time will come to an end. So, I encourage you to take our gospel passage this weekend to heart. Have we done all we are obliged to do for our brothers and sisters? I urge you to think deeply about that question.

Two weeks ago, the Coffee Chat event for adults called, "De-stressing and Dancing," went so well. It was well attended, and people so enjoyed it that they proposed having such an event regularly. Well, we will do that starting in the new year of 2024. In the name of our community, I thank all the volunteers who helped Jeng Villa in organizing and putting this event together.

Our upcoming events are described in this bulletin and on posters around the church such as the Advent reflection series with Father Anton called "Journeying to Bethlehem," Simbang Gabi, and our Christmas Party. Please see all the information on these events. I hope that you all will take part in them.

Also, please be mindful of our Christmas schedule of Masses. This year, Christmas Day is on Monday. That means that we will be "sleeping" in church, so to speak. Besides our regular Mass schedule for Sunday, December 24, we will have our Christmas Eve Masses in the evening at 5 pm and 10 pm (our "midnight Mass"). Then the next day, Christmas Day, Masses will be at 8 am, 10 am and 12 noon. We will post this schedule again in future bulletins.

Last but not least, I would like to ask you to be generous to your parish. Kindly increase your weekly donations. We have projects to do in our building such

as installing a chair lift to access the Maria Room (parish hall) and upgrading our church restrooms. These are the priorities for now. There is also a plan to upgrade the kneelers in church. I am sure you are aching for them to be replaced. So, please give.

Also, please be sure to read the article about Henry Racelis, who was recently appointed a trustee of our parish. I am happy for his willingness to serve in this important role.

Thank you.

God bless you all!

Love,

+ *Father Marty*

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

OUR MASS BOOK OPENS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Our 2024 Mass Book opens for your Mass intentions starting tomorrow, Monday, November 27.

Masses may be scheduled on weekdays during regular office hours, 8 am to 3 pm, and on Saturdays and Sundays, between 9 am to 1 pm.

Please note that during the first month the Mass Book is open, we request that parishioners book no more than 5 Masses. In addition to Mass intentions, you may also make donations for the sanctuary lamp and for the bread and wine used at our Masses.

The suggested offering for weekday Masses is \$15, and the suggested offering for Sunday Masses is \$25.

The suggested offering for the sanctuary lamp that burn by the tabernacle, or the bread, or the wine to be used at our Masses is \$25.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe, Nov. 26**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

The First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9-6 Mark 13:33-37

INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH TRUSTEE

Henry Racelis is a registered nurse with critical care, transplant, and pharmaceutical sales experience. He is also a licensed real estate broker for Racelis Realty, a family business serving the communities of Jersey City and Northern New Jersey for over 40 years.



Fr. Marty points out our new Parish Trustee

Like his father, Greg, Henry is very involved in the Jersey City community as a board member of the business improvement district of West Side Ave, called the West Side Partnership. He has served on our parish Wellness Ministry for four years, and currently is a member of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Henry also serves as a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for Rutgers School of Nursing. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and MBA degree at Rutgers University. He also attained a Masters in Public Administration from Seton Hall University.

Henry and his wife, Vina, love to travel and they enjoy spending time with relatives who live in New Jersey, Virginia, California, Canada, and the Caribbean.

THE ROLE OF THE PARISH TRUSTEE

The following information is from the Pastor's Administrative Manual published by the Archdiocese of Newark.

The two lay trustees serve on the civil governing body of the parish corporation. They assist with ordinary business and exercise their powers as necessary and proper for attaining the corporation's purposes... Lay trustees should be members in good standing of the parish, be active participants in the parish community, have relevant business experience or ability, and have the commitment needed for the position. The two lay trustees can be male or female. Lay trustees are appointed at the annual meeting of the parish corporation and serve a term of one year. There is no limit on the number of terms one individual may serve.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

REGULAR COLLECTION \$6,903

Since this bulletin has to be prepared in advance because of Thanksgiving, other collection amounts were not available. They will appear in a future bulletin.

THE GIVING TREE AT OUR PARISH

The *Giving Tree* involves people donating to those in need during the coming Advent Season in preparation for Christmas. Many families cannot afford rent or food, and certainly not Christmas gifts. *The Giving Tree* will be part of the Advent Season here at OLM.

The beautiful tradition about the *Giving Tree* is that the giver does not know the receiver, and the recipient does not know the giver, but both are touched by the love of Christ who calls us to love our neighbor.

The stars that are on the trees in the church describe gifts requested by various charities. Note that if you choose a star listing multiple gifts, the choice of gift is yours

We ask you to please return your gifts *unwrapped*. . Lastly, all checks are to be made out to the particular charity, not to OLM.

Return your gifts by Sunday, December 17. Place them under the trees or bring the gifts to the parish office.

Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



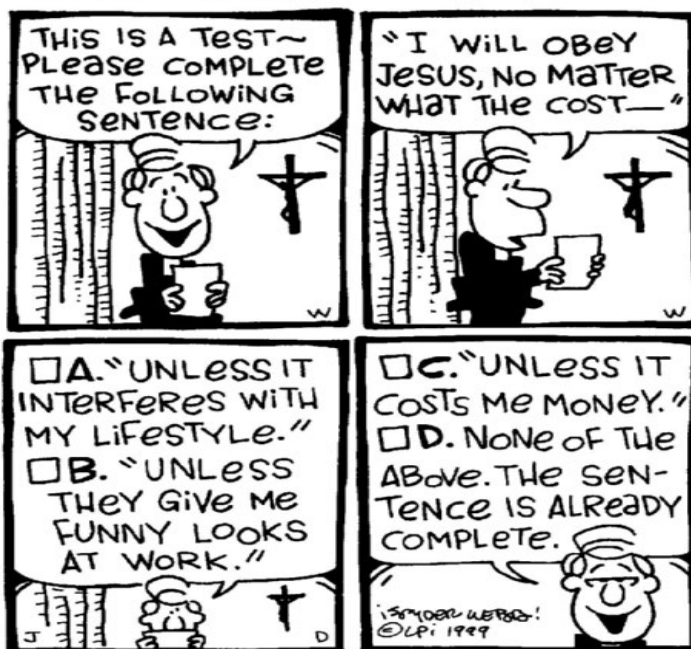
PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Names of the sick are published for four Sundays. Please contact the office to add or to continue a name.

Week Four

Abbie De Castro Elaine Iraola
Isabelita Solema Pizzaro

CHRIST THE KING





SATURDAY, November 25

5pm Elyse C. Porch r/b Susan Cailles

SUNDAY, November 26, Christ the King

8am Myrlande Valerius r/b Your Family

10am For the People of the Parish

12pm Milagros Serrano-Go r/b Annie Casino

MONDAY, November 27

7am Felisa Lumanglas r/b Ramos Family

8:30am Reynaldo Villamor r/b Bellia

TUESDAY, November 28

7am Felisa Lumanglas & Antonio Ramos
(Death Anniversary) r/b Ramos Family

8:30am Joan Zanotti r/b Chan Tam Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, November 29

7am Rowena Contreras (Birthday Blessing)
r/v Cynthia Contreras

8:30am Severo & Juliana Oller r/b Mar & Caring Oller

THURSDAY, November 30

7am Rick Raymund Palanca (Death Anniversary)
r/b Tony & Claire Pormento

8:30am Walenty Chazaszcz (3rd Death Anniversary)
r/b Kowalski Family

FRIDAY, December 1

7am Conrada Salamilla r/b Romeo & Angel Vibar

8:30am Joan Zanotti r/b Chan Tam Nguyen

SATURDAY, December 2

8:30am Purgatorial Society

5pm Rachel del Rosario r/b Macalalag Family

SUNDAY, December 3, The First Sunday of Advent

8am For the People of the Parish

10am Roberto Hizon r/b Valenzuela Family

12pm Ansy Smith r/b Your Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Lamp burning over our tabernacle in the church is offered for **Redmond Coloquio (Birthday Blessing)**.



BREAD & WINE

The offering for the Bread to be used this week at our Masses is given **For Perfecto L. Jacinto (Birthday in Heaven) r/b Fr. Marty B. Jacinto**.

The offering for the Wine to be used this week at our Masses is given **In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of OLM Parish**.

PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 7 am & 8:30 am

Saturday: 8:30 am, 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday 9 am to 9:30 am

Saturday 4 pm to 4:30 pm

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.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
THIS FRIDAY**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place here at our parish every First Friday of the month.

It will take place this coming Friday, December 1, from 9 am to 12 noon.

We invite you to come and pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



SENIORS CAFÉ

Next Sunday, December 3

from 9 am to 10 am

in the Maria Room.



inviting all those

55 and up to join us !

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Nov. 26, Sunday, Baptisms
- ♦ Dec. 1, Friday, Youth Group
- ♦ Dec. 2, Saturday, Journeying to Bethlehem
- ♦ Dec. 2, Saturday, First Eucharist, Session 2
- ♦ Dec. 3, Sunday, Seniors Café
- ♦ Dec. 9, Saturday, Journeying to Bethlehem
- ♦ Dec. 9, Saturday, Advent Penance Kids & Adults
- ♦ Dec. 11, Monday, Holy Name Christmas Party



JOURNEYING TO BETHLEHEM

*An Advent
Reflection Series*

with Fr. Anton Sarento

**The Journey starts this Saturday,
December 2,
from 9 am to 10:30 am
in the Maria Room,**

and continues Saturday, December 9 & 16.

Everyone is invited to this Three Part Advent Series with Father Anton Sarento. This is a perfect way to spiritually prepare for the coming celebration of the great Feast of Christmas.

Sign up at the back table in church or at the parish website **OLMNJ.ORG**

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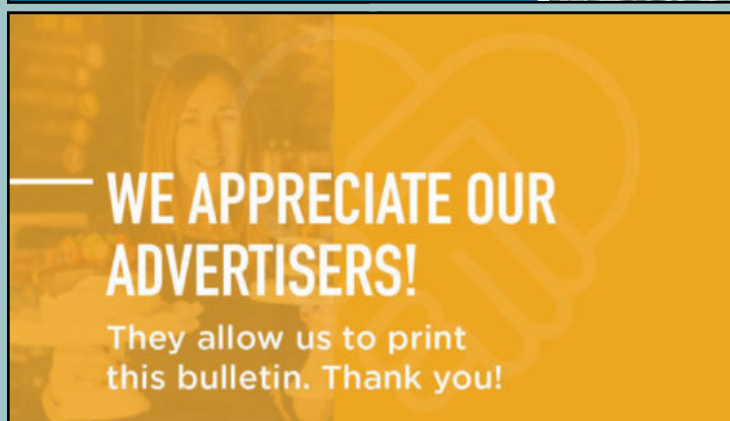
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