



# Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

## JANUARY 31, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday: 11am  
Monday, Tuesday &  
Friday 8am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturdays 3:00 p.m. or  
anytime by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** For  
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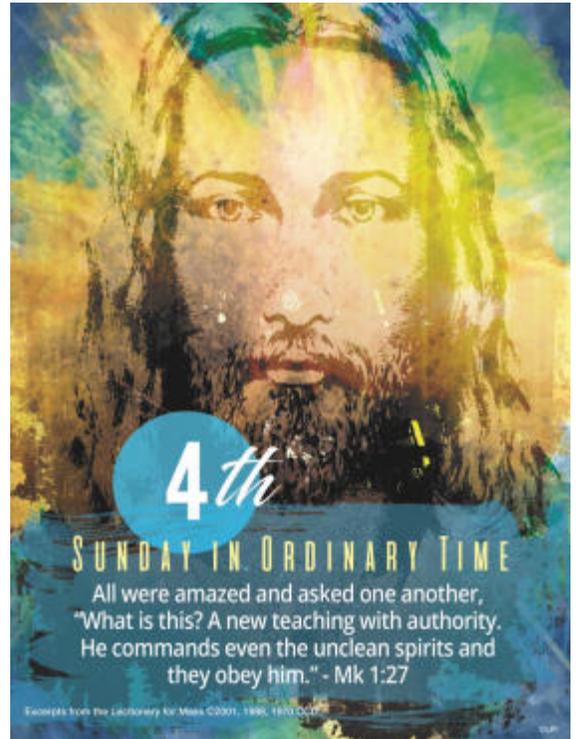
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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays,  
8:30am –12 noon and 12:30—2:30pm.  
Anytime for emergencies.



Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Saturday, January 30**

3:00 p.m. .... Confession  
 4:00 p.m. .... Irma Falorio

**ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**

**Sunday, January 31**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SM—9:15 a.m. .... Donna Noble  
 OLH—11:00 a.m. .... Cecelia Dell

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Monday, February 1**

8:00 a.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 2**

8:00 a.m. .... Helen Lubinski

**ST. MARY CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, February 3**

8:00 a.m. .... Al Zak

**Thursday, February 4**

8:00 a.m. .... Gregory DePompei, Sr.

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Friday, February 5**

8:00 a.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Saturday, February 6**

3:00 p.m. .... Confession  
 4:00p.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

**ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**

**Sunday, February 7**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SM—9:15 a.m. .... Vince Abbadini  
 OLH—11:00 a.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

**IT'S TAX TIME ONCE AGAIN**

Please send a copy of my 2020 contribution statement for Our Lady of Hope to:

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Jim Waple, Virginia Vitale, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguccini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizensak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krempasky, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zambiska, Daisy Darus, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Maria Spears, Shirley Holman, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Goersmeyer, Shirley Manning, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench, George Klem, George Phillips, Eleanor Phillips, Special Intention, Deacon Bill Starkey, Richard Byrne, Mary Ann Seebauer, and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world...



In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action by helping the poor and suffering. **Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

**If you are a parishioner of Our Lady of Hope or St. Mary and in need of help, please call the office and leave a message on our St. Vincent de Paul Society voicemail. All information is kept confidential.**

**2021 MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions are available in our 2021 Mass Book. If you are interested, please call the office and leave a message for Verna and she will return your call during office hours.

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**January 24, 2021**

Weekly Collection ..... \$2,063.00  
 Envelopes used ..... 71  
 Comfort the Needy ..... \$85.00  
 Repairs & Maintenance ..... \$145.00

**Special Collections**

Black & Indian Mission-\$10; Catholic University-\$5; Latin America-\$89.50; Diocesan Assessments-\$85; Ash Wednesday-\$8.

**MASS COUNT**

OLH: 4pm—54; 11am—36; Total—90  
 STM: 4pm—54; 9:15am—50; Total—104

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

I visited my mom last week, and she was much more alert than usual. She initiated some conversation as we watched TV for three hours together. It was the first time she wanted to watch television since she contracted Covid. Around lunchtime, she asked for some toast and hot tea. I fed her ¼ of a piece of toast, and that was the first solid food she had since December 6<sup>th</sup>. I was encouraged after the visit, although my mom still has a very long way to go before getting back to her pre-Covid self. Thanks for your continued prayers. Unfortunately, my dad was admitted to the ER last week with extremely high blood pressure and difficulty in swallowing. He was diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. He is back at the nursing home now, and surgery is not indicated at this time. We continue to keep Ken Hudak and all parishioners who are suffering from Covid or other medical conditions in our collective prayers.

On the topic of illness and prayer, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise this Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Saint Blaise was a bishop of Sebaste, Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Normally, parishioners come forward, and the minister places two candles next to the person's throat and says the blessing. Because of Covid and social distancing concerns, Bishop Edward has asked the priest to confer one blessing over the entire congregation after the Prayers of the Faithful, minus the use of candles. The priest will pray: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

Covid will also affect the beginning of Lent on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ash Wednesday Mass. After the homily on Ash Wednesday, the priest blesses the ashes with holy water and then addresses the congregation saying, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Then all those who want to receive ashes come forward, and, in silence, the minister will sprinkle ashes on top of your head. There will be no making the Sign-of-the-Cross on the forehead with the ashes since the minister is not allowed to touch anyone. If you don't want to get ashes in your hair,



you are not required to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. As you know, Covid has affected the way we celebrate liturgy, and it will do so for the indefinite future. We need to be thankful that we can still go to Mass and receive the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

May Christ's healing peace be with you,  
Father Joe

**Sunday, January 31st Gospel:****Mark 1: 21-28**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**

**8:00am** at Saint Mary (Father Joe)

**12:15pm** at Our Lady of Hope (Father Joe)

**7:00pm** at Saint Mary (Father Isidore)

Masks and social distancing are required in the church. Due to Covid requirements imposed by the Diocese of Cleveland, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of a person's head in silence. Ministers are not allowed to make the Sign-of-the-Cross with ashes on a person's forehead. The blessing, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," will only be said once before the ashes are distributed. Communion will be distributed as usual at the end of Mass.

**TV MASS TIMES**

The Sunday television Mass can be seen at 10:00 a.m. on **WUAB Channel 43**, the CW. Those with cable TV need only to check their local cable system listings to determine where WUAB is located on their local channel line-up. The TV Mass also can be accessed on demand starting Saturday evening and running throughout Sunday on the Diocese website at [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org).

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