



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

January 30, 2022

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LaCuesta's Quest

You know, there are some people I just can't stand! Surprised? You probably shouldn't be. I'm just like you, and struggle with the same sorts of things. Anyway, some people are in this category of mine because their personalities simply rub me the wrong way, and I have no desire to be around them. You probably feel the same about some people you know. Some of the people I can't stand are people I don't even know personally: people in the news doing terrible things, certain politicians who seem to only say what they think we want to hear, people who commit crime after crime—you name it. Lots of people leave a pretty bad impression on me. I can assure you, I am not proud of feeling this way. I try to resist it but it's not that easy. Put simply, there are some people I really don't like.

But can I LOVE them? Maybe Jesus, in the Reading we heard at Mass (*cf. Luke 4:21-30*), was wondering about this (or maybe already knew the answer) regarding those listening to him in the synagogue—not whether or not HE loved them, but whether or not THEY could truly love others. Specifically, people not in their circle, in their group, people just like them. No, he wanted to expose how they felt about outsiders, about people different from themselves. And so, he tells them stories that show good things happening to non-Jews (while those same good things are not happening to those in the Jewish community).

It was a brilliant way to make his point. You see, by telling these stories he was implying that God loved these outsiders as much (or maybe more) than the Jewish people, the Chosen People. And Jesus got an immediate response from them that he probably expected. The people who heard him that day were so furious that they drove him out of town and were dead-set on tossing him headfirst off a cliff. Apparently (and sadly) they couldn't conceive of a God who loved everyone the same!

Can we? It's unreasonable to assume that we should "like" everyone the same. And we don't even need to presume that God is asking or demanding that of us. Certain personalities just seem to clash. Certain behaviors can be off-putting or annoying. Some behaviors demand our disappointment or outrage (especially when these behaviors are our own). A better world doesn't start with other people changing other people. It starts with us being better, with each of us being willing to change!

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Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the sick of our parish especially: G.P.A, Bruce & Kathy Anderson, Alicia & Tim, Anderson, Christine Anne, Chloe Arnold, John Barber, Beth Bartja, Dave Beutler, Larry & Susan Bialecki, Rich Brenner, Ava Burkey, S.C., Mike Chambers, Sue Chitwood, Seth Clark, Howard Cook, Dcn. George Cousino, Patricia Davis, Tom Dieter, Bob & Ruth Drudge, Ron DuVall, D. & A. E., Charles Esteves, Jim Etts, Caroline Flaczynski, J. Flanagan, Tom & Joanne Foster, Carollee Gilmore, Florence Grandowicz, David Greer, Gayle Grove., A.L.H., Nan Hankenhof, Doris Hervieux, Shannon Huber, Thelma Humphrys, Jessica Jenkins, Virginia Johnson, Eugenia Jones, Jacob Kahn, Gloria Karczewski, C. & M. Kehoe, Thomas Kern, David Kolar, Rich & Lexie Kopas, Dick Laurell, Vicki LaValle, Josh LaVigne, Loren LaVoy, Madeline & Mary Lemerand, Laura Lorenzo, Katie M., Ed McCormick, Nick McCoy, Regina Meszaros, Betty Miller, Joseph Mitchell, Rick & Madeline Mitchell, Amanda Moore, Ken & Lynn Muntz, Pat Myers, Patricia Novembre, James Nyhan IV, Carita Pakulski, David Perry, Margie Perzynski, Lucille Pirrone, Jamie Poupard, Marie Rakolta, Crystal Regnier, Lu Rosser, Mary Russell, Joe Rutkowski, G.S., Joan Salisbury, Pat Schoenradt, Paul Schornack, Joe Seager, Midge Sherman, Ernestine Slaviero, Tracy Smith, Jill Stoll, Barbara Szczurek, Christy Szymanski, Tenney Family, Alice Truna, Erick Urbaniak, Cheryl Usery, Andy Vebenstad Jr., L.W., M. Walentowski, Walter, Pat Webber, Ralph Wenski, Roberta Wesolowski, Dana Willi, Hazel Young, and Tom Zoldowski.

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***Weekend Masses:** Saturday, 4:30 PM;
Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

***Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 9:00AM.
Church open daily until 2:00PM (no Thurs & Sat).

Confession: Saturdays, in Room 1, 9:45-10:30AM;
3:00-3:45PM; weekdays by appointment—contact the Parish Office.

Baptism and weddings: Prearrangement required.
Contact the Parish Office for details.

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Knight's Corner

There were 30 students who participated this past year in the Knight's of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. A big THANK YOU to all who participated, and CONGRATULATIONS to the winners!

And the winners are...:

Age 5-7: Winner: Lilian Swartout

Runner Up: Jackson Steyer

Age 8-10: Winner: Tia Shikwana

Runner Up: Emelia Schmidt

Age 11-14: Winner Mia Shinaver

Runner Up: Paige Bock

December's Knight of the month is Paul Dykowski.

December's Family of the month is Laurie Hensley.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 and older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See.

For information about joining the Knights,
contact local Membership Director,

Rob Stoiber, 313-530-4328 — rstoiber28@gmail.com

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Phil Wesley, 734-847-8580 — philbedford@bex.net

2021 Tax Statements

For those who are in need, you can request a copy of your **2021 contributions** to the parish by email, or by calling the Parish Office, olmc@bex.net; 734-847-2805

February Ushers

4:30 Mass

*Joe Burns, Pat Roach

9:00 Mass

*Pat & Jim Lammers,
Art Piotrowski

11:00 Mass

*Tony Homolka,
Pat Leonhardt,
Angie Kowalski



Flowers for Our Lady

The flowers donated in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are provided this weekend by **Rob & Jackie Stoiber** in memory of **Sue Bomyea**.

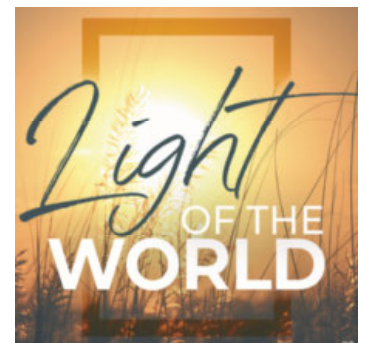
To donate flowers and have your intentions lifted in prayer, sign up at the church bulletin board, or call the Parish Office, 734-847-2805; olmc@bex.net

Your Envelope Speaks...

January 23:

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 10,400
Actual	\$ 8,063
Over/Under	\$ - 2,337
Budget YTD	\$ 312,000
Actual YTD	\$ 264,080
Over/Under YTD	\$ - 47,920

Bless you for your generous support of our parish.



GOSPEL of LIFE

“We must have hope. We are told that the Word came into the world as light in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it...The darkness of death, the darkness of abortion, will be overcome by hope and faith—your hope, your faith! And we have reason for hope—look at you—there is hope. Look at the wonder of you, so many of you, after years and years of marching, and praying, and sacrificing, at your own expense, freezing in the cold, walking in the snow, praying the Rosary outside clinics...it is you who are the hope of the world, you who are the light of the world in today’s darkness, so we must have hope—you are the reason for hope.” (—Cardinal John O’Connor at the *March for Life*, January 21, 1992)

Eucharistic Adoration



Spend quality time in Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays, any time after the 9:00 AM Mass, until Benediction at 4:00 PM.

We especially need YOU to cover the afternoon hours.

Can you spend 30 minutes with Jesus?

He is waiting for you.

Women’s Welcome Rescheduled

Due to the uptake of COVID, the Welcome Committee chose to reschedule the Women’s Welcome that was scheduled for next weekend, February 5 & 6.

Mark your calendar for:

April 30 & May 1, 2022.

Come experience the difference a weekend can make.

To register or for information, call Chris McBride, 419-367-2744

(LaCuesta’s Quest continued...)

So how do we do this? How do we love people we don’t like? Well, there is no exact way. But one thing seems to be clear: We will never be able to authentically love others if we don’t truly believe that God loves them just as much as us (that God wants good things for them, forgives them, and even dwells in them as he does in us). You see, once we start wanting a God who picks and chooses who he wants to love or not love, we are in a very dangerous place—spiritually. For that type of attitude comes with the presumption that we would be in the “lovable” category, that we would be the people God favors, that we would be the ones he is happy with. And those are pretty much the only people Jesus has a problem with in Scripture, those people who are convinced of their own goodness. I think we can all see the ridiculousness and danger of embracing that sort of understanding.

My friends, we can only love others if we honestly see them as God sees them—as truly “lovable”, as his own children, as persons as important to God as every other person in every time and place. But if we refuse to see others as God sees them, we will find ourselves continuing to create a world in which everyone gets judged by each other, is suspicious of those outside their own group, and indifferent toward those different from themselves. And that’s a world we can’t afford to live in. That’s a world which will never be at peace.

So...who can’t you stand? Who can’t I stand? Let’s start loving them today.

— Fr. Don A. LaCuesta

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 31

9:00 AM † Ed & Rose Tiller
Family

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 AM † Ed Bottum

Wednesday, February 2

9:00 AM † Bill Feltman
† Jim Allen

9:30 AM **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 PM Benediction

Thursday, February 3— Saint Blaise

No Mass

Friday, February 4

9:00 AM † Joan Bonkoski

Saturday, February 5

9:00 AM † Leonard Nuorala

4:30 PM Mass

† Lisa Benore

† Richard Frantz

† Ann Szydlowski

Sunday, February 6—Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass

† Gerald Billow

† Marjorie Scavio

† Helen Urbaniak

11:00 AM Mass

† Bernadine Cisarik

† Ed Bush

† Patricia Walczak-Fravel

Readings for the Week

January 31

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/
Mk 5:1-20

Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wed: Mal 3:1-4/Lk 2:32

Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/
Lk 5:1-11



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