



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

31 JANUARY 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Pastor
*United in Faith, Love
and Service to Others*

*Oak Park Worship Location,
Rectory, and Parish Office
13500 Oak Park Blvd. • Oak Park, MI
48237*

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omophparish@gmail.com

Parish Website

www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule

*Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale*

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Sacraments:

***Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and
Reconciliation***

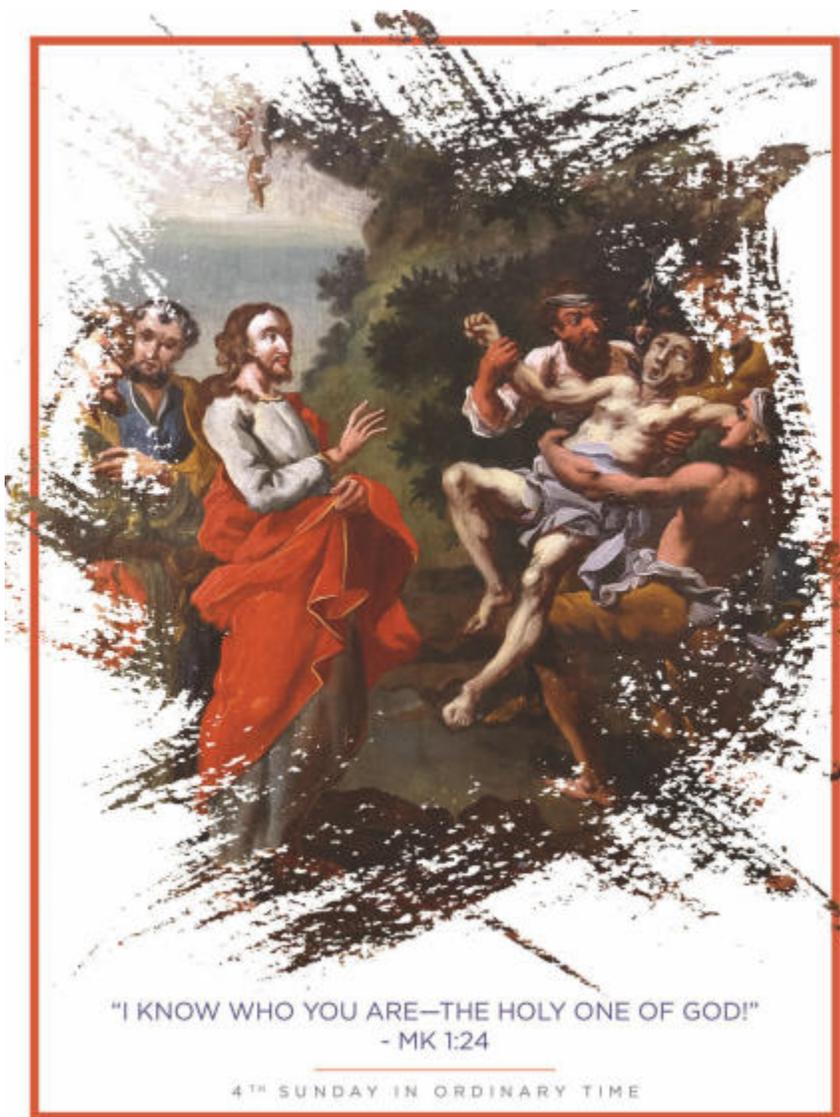
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***Marriage—Must be active and registered
members of the parish (for at least 6 months
prior to scheduling)***

call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation

Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.374.9045



"I KNOW WHO YOU ARE—THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
- MK 1:24

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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www.omoph.org



Saturday, January 30, 2021

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Ronald L. Heidelberger (2009)

Sunday, January 31, 2021

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Joseph and Helen Meo by Family

Rev. Arnold F. Schneider (1981)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

For Peace by Mary Irwin

Rev. Leo N. Sheltreau (1990)

Monday, February 1, 2021

Rev. Fabian Slominski (2017)

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Rev. Egidius L. Bartol (1963)

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Rev. Michael Donovan (2013)

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Msgr. Albert A. Matyn (1995)

Friday, February 5, 2021

Rev. Richard A. McGarry (1995)

Saturday, February 6, 2021

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Bernard Schroll (2001)

Sunday, February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Holy Spirit by Ana Haddock

Virgin Lourdes for healing by Ana Haddock

Jim Podzikowski by 50+ Club

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Thanksgiving for healing of grandson Rhett

by Ed and Judy Dupke

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners

David Doig, Andy Doig, Euna Feschuk, Chuck Yodhes, Bernard Leke

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin--Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

How do you live out our mission and vision?



ON FAMILY OF PARISHES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WERE FAMILIES OF PARISHES GROUPINGS CHOSEN?

During the discernment period from Pentecost to Advent of 2020, a preliminary list of Parish Families was developed through consultation with the auxiliary bishops, the assignment board, members of the presbyteral council, local vicars, and pastors. This list was presented to Archbishop Vigneron for his consideration and approval before being

released to the faithful on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

The primary criteria for consideration were that Families should be 3-6 parishes and that all of the parishes within the Family ideally should share a border with at least one other Family member. Vicars and priests were allowed to consider Families that extended beyond current vicariate or regional boundaries.

More generally, clergy were urged to consider what makes the most sense for the future of the Archdiocese when there will be fewer priests, people, and resources in many parts of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE LIVES OF PARISHIONERS?

Parishioners will become part of a larger faith family, working together and leveraging resources in pursuit of our mission to unleash the Gospel. They will still be part of their own parish communities unless their own discernment suggests otherwise. They will worship alongside and work with other members of their new Family. They will be ministered to by multiple priests from all parishes in the Family and in many cases access to the Sacraments will be increased. They will share best practices and benefit from competent and improved lay leadership of the various ministries managed through the Family structure.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE LIVES OF PRIESTS?

A number of priests will share the work of caring for each Family of Parishes. These priests will be able to leverage their charisms and strengths in the work that they do and will find themselves supported by a talented and trained lay staff and, in many cases, one or more deacons. Those priests serving as pastors of Families of Parishes will be responsible for administration. All priests, regardless of their role within the Family of Parishes, will have more time to engage in the work of ministering to the people of God.

While all the priests assigned to a Family of Parishes are welcome to live a communal life, this is not a requirement.

As members of Families of Parishes, at-risk and aging priests will be able to continue in ministry in ways that protect their health while still making valuable contributions to the parishes. They will no longer shoulder the burden of choosing between retirement or handling all aspects of running their parish communities.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH IS PART OF WAVE 1 – JULY 1, 2021

SOUTH OAKLAND VICARIATE FAMILY 5

OUR FAMILY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES:

Church of the Transfiguration Parish, Southfield
Visit Transfiguration's website at
<https://www.transfigsfld.org/>

Divine Providence Parish, Southfield
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Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish,
Oak Park (Parish Office, Rectory and Worship Location)
Ferndale (Worship Location)

*For more information, frequently asked questions,
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FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES**JANUARY 31, 2021****FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TO TEACH AND TO HEAL—Mk 1:21-28**

Jesus was in the city of Capernaum and he entered the synagogue for the sabbath service. Jesus begins to teach in the synagogue. The people became spellbound by what he was teaching. Jesus taught with authority and not like the scribes.

While all are in the synagogue, a man with an unclean spirit shrieked, "What do you want of us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God!" Jesus then rebuked the unclean spirit sharply, "Be quiet! Come out of this man!" The man convulsed violently and cried a loud shriek then the unclean spirit came out of the man. The people in the synagogue were now amazed at what happened. The people now questioned if Jesus was presenting a completely "new teaching in a spirit of authority!" and "He gives orders to unclean spirits and they obey him!" Jesus reputation now began to spread throughout Galilee.

The city of Capernaum is on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee and west of the Jordan. Capernaum is 23 miles from Nazareth. According to the Gospel of Mark, it is in Capernaum that Jesus began to teach and to heal. As stated in the reading, Jesus did not teach like a rabbi who imposed a decision with a binding force or like a scribe who had lesser authority than a rabbi. Jesus taught with a messianic authority that could even cast out an unclean spirit. This first exorcism showed that Jesus' presence had power over evil. The unclean spirit twice called out the names of Jesus, "Jesus of Nazareth" and "God's Holy One!" By the unclean spirit knowing Jesus' names it tried to have power over Jesus. In reality, Jesus has the power over the unclean spirit and rebukes it and it obeys him by leaving the man.

Jesus' teaching authority and healing authority are intertwined. Fr. Bruce Vawter, C.M. (1921-1986) writes, "For the Synoptic Gospels the miracles and exorcisms of Jesus are nevertheless signs. They are the signs of what Jesus was proclaiming: The breaking in of God's kingdom and saving power, the destruction of the reign of evil. This is why, explicitly or implicitly, these works are always premised on faith in the divine power revealed in Jesus." (The Four Gospels p.146)

Over the next couple of Sunday gospels pay special attention to the teachings and healings of Jesus.

FEBRUARY 3, 2021**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR**

Wednesday, February 3 is the feast of St. Blaise. From the Book of Blessings we find, "St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat." (#1625)

We best remember St. Blaise with the blessing of the throat. The following are the prayers for the blessing of the throat. "Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was bishop of Sebaste in 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. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick." (#1630)

With crossed candles to our throat, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" (#1647)

By Leonard Piasta, Faith Formation Chairperson

**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AND
2021 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS**

The 2021 contribution envelopes and calendars are available for pickup at the parish office in Oak Park. You may pick them up between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU COME TO PICK THEM UP.



SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2020-2021:

	Jan.. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$10,578	122,676
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$970)	(\$31,407)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$4,422)	(\$22,324)
Week of 01-17-2021 Offertory total:	\$3,881.00	

On-line giving totaled \$3,620.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$6,957.55 for a grand total for 3 weeks of January deposits totaled \$10,577.55.

Christmas total year to date: \$12,684.00.

THE 2020 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS:

33,695.00

AS OF 01-18-2021:

129 PLEDGES RECEIVED
124 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$65,375.00

TOTAL PAID: \$64,106.68

REFUND DUE PARISH: \$30,411.68;

REFUNDS ISSUED: \$30,261.68

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING FUTURE DONATIONS TO CSA TO AID OUR STRUGGLING PARISH

The Good News is that we made our 2020 CSA Goal. The bad news is that as a parish we are struggling to recover from the dire financial effects of the pandemic. The Good News is that now that the CSA goal has been met, 100% of your future CSA donations will fully aid the parish. If you want to help the parish and get the biggest bang for your buck we ask that you consider making all future donations to CSA, instead of weekly or Christmas offertory. Checks must be made payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA or AOD – CSA.

BE ASSURED THAT THESE DONATIONS WILL BE DEPOSITED IN OUR PARISH SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

If you have questions or would like additional information please contact: Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598 or Vicki Mazurek, Director of Finance, at 248.545.2310.

FAMILY OF PARISHES

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 31, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life

Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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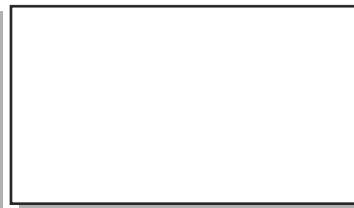
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