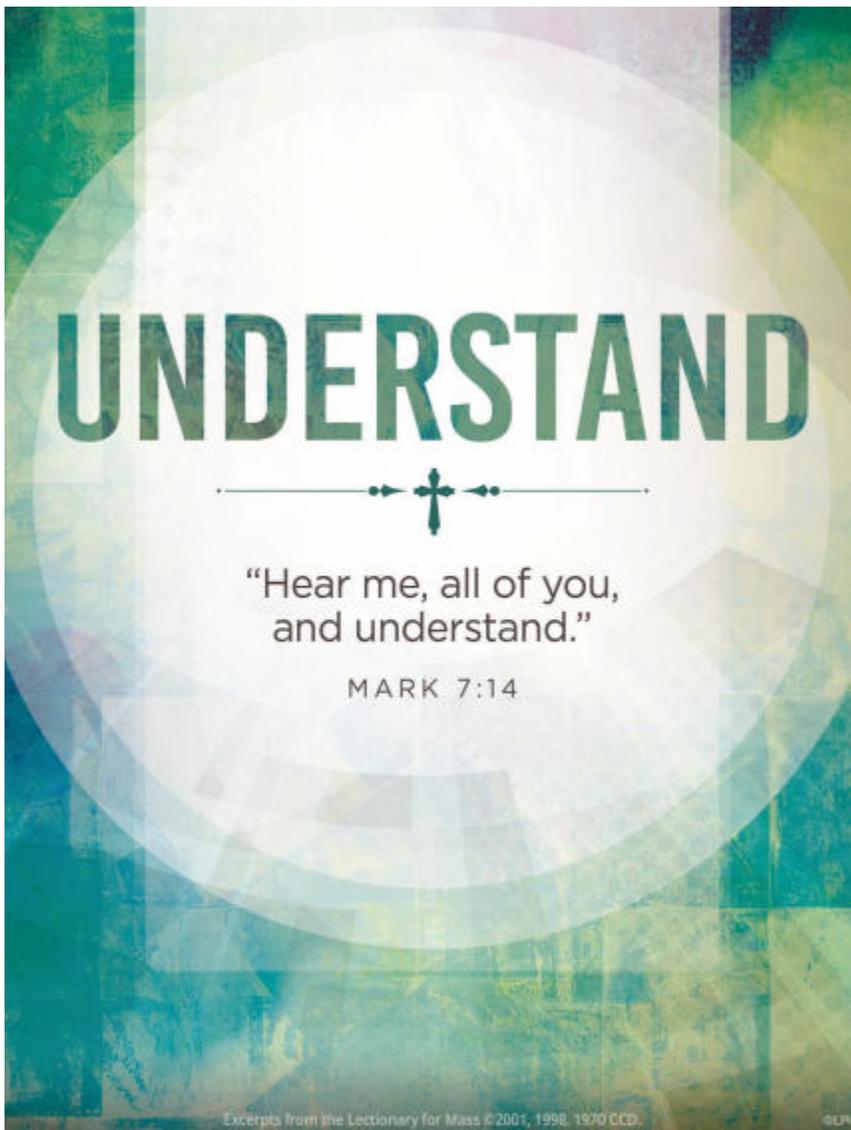


29 AUGUST 2021—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rev. Paul F. Chateau,
Family Pastor
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*Oak Park Worship Location,
Rectory, and Parish Office
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• Oak Park, MI 48237
Ferndale Worship Location
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Office Hours
M, W, F 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Parish Office Phone Number
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Parish Fax 248.545.2312
Parish Email
omophparish@gmail.com
Parish Website www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule
**Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park
and 11:00 am in Ferndale**
Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale
**Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First
Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will
replace the 9am Mass)**

Sacraments:
**Baptism,
Anointing of the Sick,
and Reconciliation**
Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310
Marriage

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

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation
Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at
248.533.5424

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Saturday, August 28, 2021

Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. William L. Anderson (1984)

Sunday, August 29, 2021

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Fred Fry—2nd Anniversary of Death—

by Caren and Jerry Kissick

Deanna Norkiewicz by Mary Beth Western

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

David W. Jaksa by Janet Sink

Monday, August 30, 2021

Rev. Christopher J. Leahy (1987)

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Rev. James Dolan (1953)

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Rev. William P. Mooney (1961)

Thursday, September 2, 2021

7 pm – Oak Park

Rafael Antonio Escovar—20th Anniversary of Death

Friday, September 3, 2021

Rev. Leo A. Malkowski (1965)

Saturday, September 4, 2021

Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. George E. Ging (1965)

Sunday, September 5, 2021

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Special Intention for Mike

Rev. Ladislaus Borowski (2003)

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Rev. Pasquale LoGrasso (2008)

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***

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith

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

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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?***

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FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES
AUGUST 29 –TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
DID YOU WASH YOUR HANDS
BEFORE COMING TO THE DINNER TABLE?



(Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Some Pharisees and experts in the Law who came from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus who was then speaking to the crowd. The Pharisees and Law experts witnessed a few of Jesus' disciples eating their meal without first washing their hands. Washing of one's hands before eating food was a custom and a tradition practiced by devote Jews and especially those who strictly followed the Law and Jewish tradition. The Pharisees and the scribes questioned Jesus asking him why his disciples did not follow this tradition of their ancestors of hand washing before eating any food. Jesus' response to them was, "How accurately Isaiah prophesied about you hypocrites when he wrote 'This people pay me lip service but their heart is far from me. Empty reverence they do me because they teach as dogmas mere human precepts.' (Is 9:13) You disregard God's commandment and cling to what is human tradition." This revolutionary statement by Jesus puts priority of internalizing one's faith over one's external religious practices and customs.

Fr. Bruce Vawter, C.M. (1921-1986) writes, "Just as it has not been unknown for a Christian to be more readily identified by his Friday diet than by his attention to the Sermon on the Mount, it was easier for a Jew to verify that he had indeed washed his hands to the elbow than that he had loved the Lord his God with his whole heart and his neighbor as himself." *The Four Gospels*, Vol. 1, p.269

Jesus summons the crowd and stresses to them, "Nothing that enters a man from outside can make him impure; that which comes out of him, and only that, constitutes impurity." Jesus continues with citing a list of wicked designs that comes from one's heart that makes one impure. By the Law and tradition there are listings of items and practices that makes one impure. Jesus stresses that it is what is in one's heart and desires that will also make one impure.

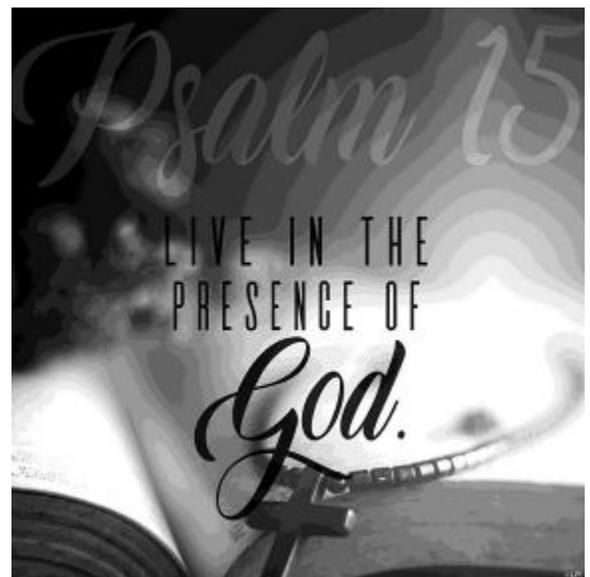
These words of Jesus surely embarrassed and angered the Pharisees, the scribes and especially in front of the Jewish faithful in the crowd.

To get the full impact of this encounter of Jesus with the Pharisees, the scribes, and the crowd, please read Mk 7:1-23.

By Leonard Piasta, FFC

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 // Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES**LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS**

On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. More information is available at aod.org/emergencyresponse

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

“There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: ‘Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want’.”

**RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
GIVE IT ALL BACK**

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that's justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY**

FIRST READING:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

GOSPEL:

“You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.” (Mk 7:8)

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SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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 2021-2022:

	Aug. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$11,586	\$23,415
Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$2,092	(\$3,043)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$2,433)	(\$9,296)
Week of 08-15-2021 Offertory total: \$3,624.00		

On-line giving totaled \$2,140.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$9,446.00 for a grand total for 3 weeks of August deposits totaled \$11,586.00.

THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$37,746.00

AS OF 08-16-2021: 97 PLEDGES RECEIVED
88 FULLY PAID

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$47,415.66
TOTAL PAID: \$52,680.66 [approx. 140% of goal]
ACTUAL SHORTFALL: NONE
REFUND DUE PARISH: \$14,934.66
refunds issued: NONE

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OUR MOTHER
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This third gathering will encourage Family members to celebrate together as a Family, receiving the grace that comes with confidently bearing witness to the Gospel. All parishioners are invited to participate. There must be no bystanders in our mission! We also hope you will encourage your fellow parishioners to sign up. **LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT FOPGATHERINGS.ORG**

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
INSTALLATION MASS FOR OUR FAMILY'S PASTORS
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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