



# THE WITNESS

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

### CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

JANUARY 16, 2022 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday | 5:00pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am,  
12:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday through Friday | 8:30am

### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Wednesday | Following Mass

### EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Fridays | Following Mass  
Benediction | 6:45pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm  
Or by Appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Closed for lunch 12:00 -1:00pm



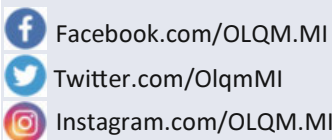
WHEN THE WINE RAN SHORT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS  
SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

## OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, through its members, is called to be a sign and sacrament of salvation to the entire Catholic Community. Essential to this Mission is the work of spreading Christian life and teachings.



# PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

### PARISH OFFICE

32340 Pierce Street,  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
248-644-8620  
248-644-8623 (Fax)

### SCHOOL

32460 Pierce Street,  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
248-642-2616

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

32460 Pierce Street,  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025  
248-647-6068

## THIS WEEK AT OLQM

Monday, January 17

8:30 am Mass  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 am Mass  
7:00 pm Catholic Biblical  
School of Michigan

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help  
Devotions  
12:30 pm Endow Group  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 20

8:30 am Mass  
7:00 pm Charism Workshop

Friday, January 21

8:30 am Mass

Saturday, January 22

3:00 pm Confession  
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
12:00 am Mass



## PARISH STAFF

REV. JAMES A. SMALARZ  
Pastor

MSGR. RONALD T. BROWNE  
Weekend Assistant

REV. MR. CHRIS BELTOWSKI  
Deacon

MR. MICHAEL HUGHES  
Pastoral Associate  
mhughes@olqm-parish.org

MRS. KATIE WOLFF  
Business Manager  
kwolff@olqm-parish.org

MR. STEVE ATWELL  
Communications Coordinator  
satwell@olqm-parish.org

MRS. MARY SCHELLPFEFFER  
Administrative Assistant  
mschellpfeffer@olqm-parish.org

SR. FRANCESCA THÉRÈSE, OSF  
Christian Service Director  
srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org

MRS. JILL GEDEN  
Principal  
jgeden@olqm-parish.org

MRS. MARY GARLOW  
Faith Formation Director  
mgarlow@olqm-parish.org

MR. MARTIN ZAPORSKI  
Music Director

MR. ADAM MARTIN  
Maintenance Supervisor  
amartin@olqm-parish.org

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30; or by appointment by contacting the Parish Office.

### MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance to schedule your Holy Matrimony preparation.

### BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Mark Everly, Chair,  
Mark Cope, Pat Costello, Mary Gilhuly,  
Ed Metsker, Patty Racco, Lucia Saad,  
Brad Simmons

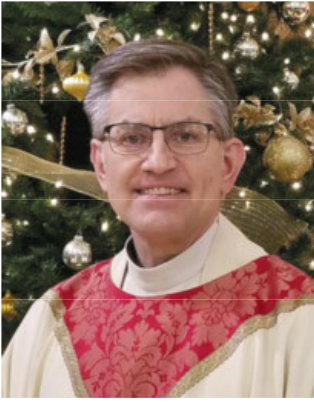
### FINANCE COUNCIL

Brad Simmons, Chair,  
Jen Byrne, Joe Heikkila, Angie Janssen,  
Joe Kaperzinski, Bernie Ronnish,  
Dan Totonchi, Tim Weed

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Copy due by 12:00 pm on  
Friday of the preceding week.

Deliver to the Parish Office  
or email copy to:  
satwell@olqm-parish.org



### ***A note from the Pastor . . .***

***On behalf of OLQM Catholic Church and School I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the many parishioners who generously volunteered their time and skills to create a beautiful Christmas worship experience in our parish.*** Many

parish volunteers beautifully decorated the inside of the church, as well as the outside. Throughout the Christmas Season the poinsettias in the sanctuary were carefully maintained by volunteers so they would last throughout the season. The music at all the liturgies under the direction of Martin Zaporski and our parish volunteer choir enhanced the prayerfulness and beauty of our Christmas liturgies. The greeters and ushers assisted with graciously welcoming parishioners and visitors. The many liturgical ministers and altar servers prayerfully served at the Masses to create prayerful liturgies. A parish needs its parishioners to give of their skills, time, talent, and treasures in order for a parish to actively share in the mission of Jesus and thrive! Clearly, many OLQM parishioners as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, play integral roles in the life OLQM Catholic Church and School.

***The worn and tarnished candlesticks usually placed on each side of the Tabernacle have been sent away to be refurbished.*** Once the ten candlesticks are completed they will beautifully match the tabernacle which was refurbished just prior to my arrival in July 2017. I'm grateful to the parishioners who contributed the funds for the project. The candlesticks should be completed by Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! In the meantime, the candelabras usually used during exposition of the Eucharistic will be placed on each side of the Tabernacle.

***Thank you for your many prayers and words of support while I recovered from contracting the COVID-19 virus.*** Since I was vaccinated my symptoms were not terribly severe; although I did have a great deal of fatigue and exhaustion. I appreciate your caring thoughts, prayers and concern. Let's all continue to pray for an end to this terrible virus as we continue to pray with and for one another!

***Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.*** This day is set aside as a reminder to all of us about the need for equality among all people regardless of race or nationality. Each and every person is created in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with justice, equality, respect, love, honesty, and integrity from the moment of conception to their last natural death. Together may we all share in this holiday with great hope and expectation of what we can do to further the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as we participate in the mission of Jesus Christ!

***January 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:30 is the OLQM Catholic School Open House.*** Please be sure to visit the school to see the many engaging curriculums and programs being offered to our OLQM students and their families. OLQM offers a dynamic and nurturing Catholic environment for students to participate in. OLQM Parish is blessed to have a school affiliated with it! Please be sure to stop by the school on January 30<sup>th</sup> whether or not you have a child attending. I think you will be very proud of our school, our teachers, and our administrators!

***God's peace and blessings to you and your family!***

***Fr. Jim Smalarz***



Wedding at Cana by Adriaen van Noordt, 1641, Hempski public do

January 16, 2022

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It was several years ago now, but the scene is still vivid in my mind. My son stood confidently in front of the altar as the music rose in a crescendo and his bride stepped into sight. The love and joy he felt trickled down his cheek as she walked down the aisle. He broke into a smile as she joined him, and proudly took her hand to promise to become one with her forever. Isaiah writes: "As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you." Isaiah was talking about the nation of Israel, but God loves and rejoices in each of his children and wants us to know the joy of being loved by him. He generously shares his gifts with us, "different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit," St. Paul explains to the Corinthians. *All* spiritual gifts come from God, and *all* are important and necessary: "To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." God's gifts are distributed uniquely to each person to use in our own unique way to "announce his salvation, day after day," and invite others to discover the joy of his great love.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

You are a masterpiece! This message was conveyed at the camp our diocese held each year to help teens recognize that they are God's beloved sons and daughters, called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to be missionary disciples. Discerning what our gifts are and how to use them can be challenging. The Gospel about the wedding at Cana offers an interesting guide. Mary tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." By reserving time for listening and not speaking during prayer, we can hear what Jesus is "telling" us. Jesus then says to the waiters, "Fill the jars with water." We can "fill our jars" with the knowledge of how to live as disciples by reflecting on Scripture. Finally, Jesus tells the waiters, "Draw some out." We can "draw" on his love for strength and courage when we need it, but more importantly, we are called to "draw some out" to share with others. In sharing the "good wine," the Good News of Jesus Christ, others will begin to believe in him, too.

**PRAYER** As the new year gets under way, devote time to discerning the unique spiritual gifts, or charisms, you have been given. Make time for silent prayer and reflecting on Scripture each day.

**OLQM Ministers Schedule  
for January 22-23**

**Lectors**

5:00pm	John Rudolph
8:00am	Jim Loch
10:00am	Peter Rosinski
12:00pm	Patrick McCarthy

**Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00pm	Sue Melendy Chris Henige Volunteer needed
8:00am	Pat Higgins Mark Cope Jane Dwyer
10:00am	Michael Hughes Rosa Stockel Volunteer needed
12:00pm	Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed

**DECEMBER  
OFFERTORY  
REPORT**

Fiscal Year 7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022  
Offertory thru December 31, 2021

**Budget \$434,584**

**Actual \$418,327**

**Variance (\$16,257)**

Christmas thru December 31, 2021

**Budget \$100,000**

**Actual \$139,923**

**Variance \$39,923**

Totals thru December 31, 2021

**Budget \$534,584**

**Actual \$558,250**

**Variance \$23,666**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

January 16, 2022

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

©LPi





### From the Office of Faith Formation

**Sunday Family, February 13:** Sunday Family session 5 will meet. We will hopefully meet in person but stay tuned as we may need to adjust to virtual again. Currently students should be completing chapters 14 and 15 in their Alive in Christ texts.

**Monday After School session will meet not meet January 17 MLK Day.**

Grades 1-6 will meet virtually on January 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 28.  
Grades 7 and 8 will meet **in person** on these dates.

**Confirmation Charism Workshop: January 20, 7pm in the Church**

**First Reconciliation Retreat: January 25, 6:30pm in the Church**



### From the Alive on Christ Unit 5 teaching resource: Morality

The topic of morality in today's world could be overwhelming and is certainly broad. One of the questions we might ask is "How do I know I am doing right?" As parents and catechists, we follow that with, "How do I hand that on to my children when young people today get so many different competing moral messages from the society around them?"

Certainly, we teach them the content that is the foundation for Catholic morality. We also need to lead them to right action and continued practice. The Israelites looked on the Torah, their Law, with the utmost reverence. They regarded it as sacred because it confirmed the covenant between God and the people. Traditionally, laws have helped groups of people live together rightly and justly. Rules guide life at home and at work; in clubs, teams, and organizations; and in parishes. Behavioral codes and guidelines direct and preserve communities everywhere. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Beatitudes, serve to guide the moral life of Church members.

The **Precepts of the Church** assist Catholics in determining those minimal actions expected for adherents of the Catholic faith. These Precepts specify some of the behaviors that will enhance Christian growth in love of God and neighbor. They help Christians choose moral living and faithfulness. The content of Christian morality is the same for children, adolescents, and adults. However, we learn to use that content differently as we grow in moral reasoning. Leading our children to right action and continued practice, means helping them to develop virtues. Virtues are good habits, and actions become habits with practice.

The **Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and love** are gifts from God. Christians accept these gifts, and practice them until they become second nature, blending human and divine characteristics. Other virtues that are an important foundation for moral behavior include Prudence, Justice, Temperance, and Fortitude. These are all habits to cultivate with children and to be intentional about having them practice virtues.

Cultivating virtue goes beyond instruction. Often this kind of practice takes place informally as situations arise during the school day. Cultivating virtue in the younger grades, often means helping children see that there are consequences to certain actions. Children in primary grades are not always aware of the consequences of their behavior on others. They need to have consequences pointed out to them and/ or be put in the other person's shoes through role-play. Older children are capable of seeing consequences and effects, but often, have not been asked to reflect on them. Helping them consistently reflect on the effects of their actions or the actions of others develops an attitude of **empathy and compassion, which is essential in moral development**. The same technique of role-playing can be effective with them. Being diligent about having older children choose actions they will take during the week, and then checking on whether they were able to follow through on them, is another way to lead them into the practice of habits or virtues.

(Adapted from Our Sunday Visitor Alive in Christ teacher development).

Mary Garlow, Director of Faith Formation  
mgarlow@olqm-parish.org  
248-647-6068

# Christian Service Connection

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16*



Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF  
Christian Service Director

248-644-8620 - srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org

**SMALL ACTIONS x LOTS OF PEOPLE = BIG CHANGE**



*In the Spirit of  
Blessed Fr. Solarus*

## Welcome Ministry - January

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you" Rom. 15:7*

Looking for a simple and easy way to serve your church, get service time in, put your faith into action, get to Mass on time or simply to do what Jesus asks us to do? This is the outreach for YOU and or your Family! We are in need of volunteers to welcome the faithful at weekend Masses here at OLQM. Please join us!

See SignupGenius: <https://bit.ly/WelcJan22> - or contact Sr Francesca: srfrancesca@olqm-parish.org or call: 248-644-8620.



## Share the Warmth *Sock Hop Drop*

OLQM is collecting New Mens White Crew Socks for those in need.

### Weekend of Feb. 12-13

Please drop off new socks in designated bins in the church vestibule.

**Thank You For Your Support!**



*"One of you says to them, 'Go in peace, stay warm and be filled,' yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?" James 2:16*



Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary use words.

Thank you for your love of Jesus and of OLQM. Thank you for all you are and all you do to make OLQM the amazing, faith-filled, loving, serving parish family that we are today! Together we are making a difference in our community!

Peace and all Good, Sr. Francesca Thérèse, OSF,  
Christian Service Director

*"Our works of service manifest God's love to those around us!" UNLEASH THE GOSPEL*



## From the School



On December 6, 2021, our OLQM Junior Kindergarten led by Mrs. Hull and Mrs. Hanselman, celebrated St. Nicholas Day! They had learned about the great and universal love and generosity of St. Nicholas prior to the 6th. They also traced their shoes and left them at their table spot. On the morning of December 6th, they found their “shoes” filled with treats. They spent the rest of the day together on their Christmas Cookie Baking project: baking cookies to share with their families, coloring pictures about St. Nicholas and reading Christmas stories. The social hall provided the perfect safe location for this special event!



As we continue with the AOD virtue project, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School began the start of the New Year learning about Justice. Justice means to give God and neighbor what they are owed. This month our second graders made posters that showed how they live out this virtue by making posters and showing examples through writings and drawings.

Nate and Joseph: “We made a poster showing being kind to your neighbor, being thankful to God for all the things He created, and to love God with all your heart”. “This is justice”.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



## Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church and School SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 30, 11am - 1:30pm



### Attention OLQM Families!

All boys and girls - ages 9 to 14 - are invited to participate in the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, hosted by OLQM Council 15352! Winners will advance to a regional competition and will compete for a spot in the State Championship.

The OLQM competition will be held **Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in the OLQM gym. Doors will open at 2:00 pm, with competition starting at 2:30 pm. All shooters must arrive by 2:25 to participate.

Participants must be accompanied by **ONE parent/adult guardian** who will also retrieve rebounds for them. Registration will include proof of age and completion of health screening forms prior to competing. Ages are as of January 1, 2022

All attendees **MUST** wear masks & temperatures will be taken.  
Water will not be available – **bring your own water bottle.**  
Basketballs will be provided – **do not bring your own ball.**

Winners will be decided in each age group for boys and girls.

Questions? Contact Jerry Krivda  
(248-420-9233 or [gtkriv@comcast.net](mailto:gtkriv@comcast.net))



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Faithful Departed

#### Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

#### Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

©LPi



## St. Sebastian

### Feast Day: January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

©LPi



Baptized into  
the Body of Christ

January 09, 2022

Trey Smith Tessman

Son of

Danny & Angela (Caponigro)

## OLQM CSA UPDATE

Goal: \$121,379

Pledged: \$121,272

Paid: \$110,233

Shortfall: \$11,146



## Donate

"Each must do as already determined,  
without sadness or compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."

— 2Cor 9:7



Scan the code to contribute a one time donation  
or to set up a weekly online offering.



# PRAYER AND WORSHIP



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week of January 17 to January 23

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 am Deceased members of the  
Brennan Family  
Deceased members of the  
Friend Family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 am †Maureen Bahm  
Special intention for  
Matthew John Schmitt

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 am Deceased members of the  
Jarandilla  
†Alice Schlegel

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

8:30 am †Dan Voss

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00 pm †Istvan Chapo

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

5:00 pm For the people of the parish

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 am For the people of the parish  
10:00 am †Teresa Semak  
12:00 pm †Bruno Gregoris

## MASS READINGS for the week of January 16 to January 23

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
Mark 2:18-22

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28  
Mark 2:23-28

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Mark 3:1-6

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Sebastian, Martyr

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13  
Mark 3:7-12

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11  
Mark 3:13-19

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7  
Mark 3:20-21

### NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

# Sunday of the Word of God



Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the **Sunday of the Word of God**. In 2019, Pope Francis

instituted the Sunday of the Word of God “so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people” (*Misericordi et Misera*, 7). The Scriptures are treasures filled with countless riches! From Genesis to Revelation, God speaks to us in human language. By speaking to us, God reveals his part in this great love story: “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him” (1 John 4:16).

The Scriptures are not dead letters on a page, but living words that have been given life by the Holy Spirit, who also gives light to our minds when we read them. Nor is the Word of God a list of rules, but an invitation to share the life of the living God, their author.

In his letter establishing this special celebration, Pope Francis shares, “It is fitting, then, that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness” (*Aperuit illis*, 2). Every story told in the Scriptures, even the most challenging, reminds us that God loves his people and will always be faithful to the covenant he has made with us. God sent us his Son, the Word Incarnate, not only to *spe*ak these words of faithful love, but also to *show* us the depths of faithful love by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Every word of Scripture points to this message of love enacted in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Word himself.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we hear a lot about the power of the Word of God. We speak of the Gospel as something to be unleashed. We recognize that the Word of God has the potential to change hearts. When we proclaim the Word to others, they encounter the *power* of the Word and the *person* of the Word: Jesus Christ. But have you personally spent enough time hearing what Jesus is saying to you through the Word?

Pope Francis is asking everyone in the Church, every diocese, parish, family, and parishioner, to read and listen to the Word of God anew. Consider your favorite Scripture passage. How has God used it to speak to you, change your heart, lead you, or bring you peace? Ask yourself how can I be open in these coming days to receive the gift of loving the Word of God more?

In honor of this celebration, thank the readers at your parish who proclaim the Word of God and the priests and deacons who preach it. With your family or other parishioners, find a time today to re-read today’s Gospel and plan a time this week to read next Sunday’s Gospel. What does God need to teach you and cure within you so you can proclaim the Good News of his kingdom to others?

Written by Reverend Brian Meldrum

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

### Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

### Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,  
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.  
(1 Cor 12:11)

### Gospel:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

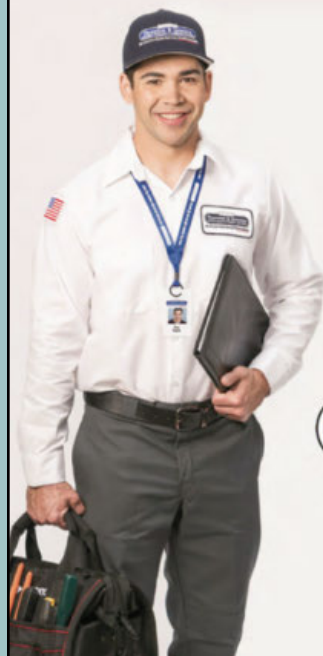
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.  
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass ©  
1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy  
Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

©LPi

For your home, sweet home,  
**GO PRO!**



Proudly serving homeowners  
with top-notch heating,  
cooling, plumbing, and drain  
services. Contact our team  
of trained, friendly  
professionals today!



We are your Home Service Professionals.

**248-270-8928**  
ThorntonAndGrooms.com

**HOF** Hladik, Onorato  
& Federman, LLP  
THE HOF LAW GROUP  
Jonathan L. Engman  
Estate Planning • Probate Administration  
General Litigation • Real Estate • Commercial Litigation  
248.519.4103 • jengman@hoflawgroup.com  
www.hoflawgroup.com  
3290 W. BIG BEAVER RD., STE. 117, TROY MI

LICENSED & INSURED  
MASTER PLUMBER  
**WATERWORK**  
PLUMBING  
WaterWorkPlumbing.com  
Senior Discounts  
24 Hr. Emergency Service **586-501-8479**  
**\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE**

# WE'RE HIRING

## AD SALES EXECUTIVES

**BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Work-Life Balance
- Paid Training
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Some Travel
- Serve Your Community



**LPi** Contact us at careers@4lpi.com  
www.4lpi.com/careers



Diane M. Shires  
Associate Broker, Former OLQM Cheerleading Coach  
Cell (248) 321-4480  
Michael E. Dowdle  
Associate Broker  
Voicemail (248) 988-2259



Each office is independently owned and operated

294 East Brown Street, Birmingham, MI 48009 • www.cbwm.com/dshires **MLS**



3-G-5-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

15-0792

**Michigan ORTHOPAEDIC Rehabilitation**

4401 W. 13 Mile Rd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073  
Located at 13 Mile and Greenfield

**Timothy Wiater, DPT, OCS, MBA, CKTP**  
Parishioner  
Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy  
248.566.3525 • www.miorthorehab.com

**PRIMO'S PIZZA**

Order Online  
Delivery Available  
Great Beer & Wine Selection

996 S. Adams Rd., Birmingham  
248-642-1400 • primosbirmingham.com  
\*\*JOIN PRIMO'S EMAIL CLUB FOR COUPONS\*\*

**ACE** Beverly Hills Hardware  
The helpful place.

Featuring  
Benjamin Moore Paints & Weber Grills  
13 Mile at Southfield • 248-644-0500  
New Hours: M-F 8-8 | Sat 8-7 | Sun 9-6

**AFTERNOON TEA**  
AT THE TOWNSEND HOTEL  
248-647-2196

afternoontea@townsendhotel.com

**Advanced Dentistry Center**  
World Class Service

**Suhail Mati, DMD, FAGD**  
Board Certified Implantologist, Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

31350 Telegraph Rd., #101 • Bingham Farms, MI 48025 | 248.594.9592  
www.advanceddentistrycenter.com

**PAMELA HILDEBRAND** REALTOR  
810.348.1623

**MADELON WARD** REALTOR  
248.703.9532

Helping Clients Achieve Their Dreams  
kw.com/kw/agent/pamelamartinhildebrand • kw.com/kw/agent/madelon-ward

**HELEN BUTLER**  
Parish Member for 46 Years

Bus: 248-644-6300  
Cell: 248-568-2331

**COLDWELL BANKER WEIR MANUEL**

**ROOFING | SIDING | GUTTERS**  
EXTERIOR DECKS

Quality Workmanship - Over 40 years Experience  
Family Owned & Operated - Financing Available

**586-822-1981**  
Leachconstructionllc@gmail.com

**Here to help life go right.**

**Barbara Merten-Dubensky, CPCU, Agent**  
248-647-4266  
Birmingham

**State Farm**  
Auto Home Life Health Financial Services

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Jerry Krivda, Grand Knight  
Meeting Night:  
1st Wednesday of Month, Social Hall  
248-420-9233 • www.kofc.org/joinus

**HAIL, WIND & STORM DAMAGE INSPECTIONS**  
FREE VIRTUAL ESTIMATE!

**EVERGREEN** | An Optalis Health & Rehabilitation Center

248-203-9000

19933 W. 13 Mile Rd.  
Southfield

www.OptalisHealthcare.com

**BEST NURSING HOMES**  
US News  
SHORT-TERM REHABILITATION 2020

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!**  
**ADVERTISE HERE NOW!**

Contact **Craig Davis**  
to place an ad today!  
cdavis@4LPi.com or  
**(800) 477-4574 x6259**

**kw. DOMAIN** Michael Yaldao Realtor

LUXURY HOMES INTERNATIONAL

C: 248-497-8333 • O: 248-590-0800  
myaldao@kw.com • www.myaldao.kw.com

**We've Missed You!**  
Welcome Back to Mass

Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

**Premier Continuum of Care**

Independent Living Assisted Living Memory Care Nursing Care

**CEDARBROOK SENIOR LIVING**  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Call Today to Schedule Your Tour! **248.629.0132**  
Located next door to St. Hugo - We offer Catholic Service Twice a Week  
41150 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills | Located just 1/2 Mile N of Long Lake Rd  
www.CedarbrookofBloomfieldHills.com

Celebrating Life Every Day™

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

**1-855-225-4251**

# LYNCH & SONS Funeral Directors

(248) 435-0660  
1368 North Crooks Road  
(1 block south of Maple)

"A Family Tradition of Dignified Service"  
[www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.lynchfuneraldirectors.com)

The Lynch family has personally served this parish for over 70 years.

 **Sue's Hallmark**  
- CARDS & GIFTS -

**Bob & Sue Maks** PARISH MEMBERS  
248-646-6911  
17690 W. 13 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills



31215 Southfield Rd. • Beverly Hills  
(248) 647-4310  
[www.premierpetsupply.com](http://www.premierpetsupply.com)  
Family Owned - Michigan Company

**Chicken Shack**  
**NOW HIRING**



**Royal Oak**  
30402 Woodward  
248-549-1555  
[chickenshack.com](http://chickenshack.com)

Apply  
in store or  
online

**A CUT ABOVE PAINTING**

**TOM WATTS**  
Owner • Parishioner  
248-321-8965  
Interior & Exterior  
Residential & Commercial  
Licensed & Insured

**EL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING**  
Over 25 Years  
of Experience  
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL  
248-475-4662 • [www.ELelectric.com](http://www.ELelectric.com)



**RE/MAX CLASSIC** Top 1% of Realtors in Oakland County  
OLQM 1977 Graduate  
**Brian S. Yaldeo**  
Associate Broker  
E-mail: [brianyaldeo@remax.net](mailto:brianyaldeo@remax.net) Cell: 248-752-4010  
BuyingOrSellingRealEstate.com Office: 248-737-6800



31231 Southfield Rd., Beverly Hills  
248-642-6422 • [BradysTavern.com](http://BradysTavern.com)  
Serving the Community Since 1990

Providing In-Home Senior Care with Trusted and Caring Home Health Aides, Companions and Nurses.  
**inspire HOME CARE**  
[inspirehomecare.com](http://inspirehomecare.com) | 248.972.5528

## A.J. DESMOND & SONS

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

[www.AJDesmond.com](http://www.AJDesmond.com)

For your family's peace of mind,  
contact us to begin your advanced planning

Woodward 248-549-0500 Troy • Crooks Rd 248-362-2500 Troy • Rochester Rd 248-689-0700



**ACORN**  
KITCHEN & BATH

Cabinetry By: Aristokraft • Decora  
Kember • Kitchen Craft • Omega/Dynasty  
Installation Services - Design Services  
Joe D'Angelo, OLQM Parishioner  
Complimentary In-Home Remodel  
Consultations to all OLQM Parishioners

111 S. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac | 248-335-0111 | [www.acornkitchen.com](http://www.acornkitchen.com)



**Mike Heiwig**

"Be a good LIVER"  
(248) 496-3300



Signature Sotheby's  
INTERNATIONAL REALTY  
[mheiwig@signaturesothebys.com](mailto:mheiwig@signaturesothebys.com)

**TUZINOWSKI Landscape**  
Fine Residential Gardens  
586-725-8426  
[www.tuzlandscape.com](http://www.tuzlandscape.com)

START FEELING GOOD TODAY!  
Normandy  
**CHIROPRACTIC**  
Dr. Thomas Kopsch  
[normandychiro.com](http://normandychiro.com) 248.549.0140  
32268 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak

**ROYAL OAK** 3110 Rochester, Royal Oak (248) 585-0980  
**CLAWSON** 664 S. Rochester Rd., Clawson (248) 589-0980  
**TOP TECH AUTO REPAIR**  
All Cars Foreign & Domestic • 4-Wheel Alignment  
ROBB REMICK Owner/Operator  
[www.toptechautorepair.com](http://www.toptechautorepair.com)

**Patricia Timlin**  
Realtor Associate®  
248-421-4452

OLQM Graduate & Lifetime Parish Member  
[timlinp@comcast.net](mailto:timlinp@comcast.net)



**RE/MAX CLASSIC**

36700 Woodward Ave Suite 100  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Each office is Independently Owned & Operated



3-6-5-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

15-0792