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"LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST"

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

Saturday, July 18	4:30 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday, July 19	8:30 AM	+Pam Yingling by Terry & Barb Brooks
Sunday, July 19	11:00 AM	Eivind & Madeline Rostad by Chris Esker
Tuesday, July 21	7:00 PM	+Joe Seck by Rose Seck
Wed, July 22	9:00 AM	+Poor Souls
Thursday, July 23	8:30 AM	+Maude Dobbs & deceased of Central Hospital, GA. by K.&L.Jordan
Friday, July 24	8:30 AM	Personal Intention by Fr. Jonas
Saturday, July 25	4:30 PM	+Betty Maurer by Ron, Lisa & Sommer Tulodziecki
Sunday, July 26	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday, July 26	11:00 AM	+Rich Neice by Barb Neice

***OLM Confessions: Tuesday 7:45-9:00 pm; First Friday 3-4 pm, 6-7 pm; Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment
St. Mary Confessions: Sunday 10:30 am before Mass or by appointment***

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun	19	
Mon	20	
Tue	21	
Wed	22	K of C Officers 7PM
Thurs	23	
Fri	24	
Sat	25	Rummage Sale - Old Church 10-2
Sun	26	

Our Lady of Mercy Stewardship Week of July 12, 2020

Adult \$2,230 Loose \$82 Candles \$46
God's House Payment \$2,620

St. Mary

Stewardship Week of July 12, 2020

Adult \$728 Loose \$115 Helping Hands \$224

CONFIRMATION~ Due to the circumstances of the year, Most Rev. Jeffrey Monforton has granted the priests of the diocese the faculty to celebrate the Sacrament of confirmation in their parishes. We will celebrate the Sacrament Saturday, August 29th at Our Lady of Mercy at 4:30 and Sunday, August 30th at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 AM during the regular Masses. Please pray for those to be confirmed, that they will be receptive to the graces of the Sacrament.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OPENING~ Cynthia Bailey is currently OLM's adorer from 4:00 to 5:00 PM for first Friday Adoration and needs to give up that slot. If anyone new would like to take her place or if anyone who already has a slot would be willing to switch with her at an earlier time of the day, please call the office.

MASS OVERVIEW~ Over the next few weeks Fr. Jonas will be giving us some of the history and meaning of the rites and rituals of the Mass. Please see the insert for a personal letter and first installment on the Mass overview.

FR. JONAS' SCHEDULE~ Fr. Jonas will be traveling out of state July 27th through tentatively August 6th so there will be no weekday Masses or confessions during that time. The weekend Masses will still take place as scheduled with a guest priest. Prayers appreciated.

JULY 19-25 NATIONAL NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK~ The dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. They also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. The 2020 slogan is: *Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love! It's about love. It's about life. It's about freedom. It's about gift.*

FAMILY CONFERENCE~ Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton will be one of many guest speakers at the Family Conference at Catholic Familyland in Bloomingdale, OH. It is not until October 9-11 but if you are looking for a family outing that will be safe, informative, fun and yet inspiring, you will want to put this event on your calendar far ahead of time. See the bulletin board and AFC.org for details.

Social distancing remains in force until further notice with 6 ft. between individuals before, during, and after Mass except for family members who live together.

OLM GREETERS~ Greeting this Sunday is the Mark Oboy Family; next week will be the Tony DeSimone Family.

Happy Birthday: (OLM) Gannon Rutledge 7/18, Cliff Calvert 7/20, Marlene Moyer 7/22, Pam Travis 7/23, Josh Breedlove 7/25.

Happy Anniversary (OLM) to all those celebrating in July.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary (St. Mary) to all those celebrating in July.

*****Don't forget that if you would like to listen to or send others the homilies from Sunday Mass, they can be accessed on soundcloud.com. On the website, search FoJo, Fr. Jonas' user name. Look for the picture of Jesus giving communion at the Last Supper to verify you are at the right place. You can also go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/ to hear his homilies.*****

If you or any family member is ill or hospitalized, please inform the parish office.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Needs

Brenda Sandefur, Dave Leyda,
Marilyn Schaeffer, The Grossi Family, Harold Wolbert,
Alfa Falbo, Dick Wolford, Russ Morsheiser

Please pray for all serving in the military and thank them and all who have served our country.

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Needs

Vicky Oboy, Theresa Marchione, Merle Albrecht, Rose Rombough, Betty Shurtz, Fr. Jack McCoy, Connie Sidoti, Debbie Shoemaker, Stanley Kubicz

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please call Cam Lanka 330-627-5481.

ANY ITEMS TO BE PLACED IN THE COMING WEEK'S BULLETIN NEED TO BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY WED. NOON.

Dear Padre,

In Scripture, we hear about the “reign of God” or the “kingdom of God.” How does this notion of “kingdom” fit with modern Catholicism?

Recently I heard a father tell his son: “I am the master of my domain!” The ten-year-old son was acting up and the father issued a statement clarifying that he, the father, was in charge, and the son was not!

When we hear “reign of God” or “kingdom of God,” we are reminded again that God is “master of our domain.” We acknowledge that it is God who runs the show. Remember when Jesus first began to preach, he asked the people to repent because the kingdom of God was at hand (Matthew 4:17). This “kingdom” is the reign of justice and compassion that had been the core of the Jews’ hopes for centuries preceding Jesus. This reign comes now in the person of Jesus. His preaching and work proclaim the birth of this new regime. It is a kingship where God, in the person of Jesus, now lives among the people (Luke 17:20–21).

What virtues must we practice as members of the kingdom? These are outlined by Jesus in the beatitudes given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–10). Jesus pronounces that those who are blessed are those who live such a life as Jesus chose for himself. Our rewards are also outlined here. God will comfort us, fill us with good things, and make us children of God.

It is our task, then, to proclaim the kingdom of God by living like Jesus. One of the ways we do this is through the Sunday liturgy. It is there that we both hear how Jesus lived and prayed for “your kingdom come.”

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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RENATA SEDMAKOVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Calendar

- Monday**
JULY 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1–4, 6–8
Mt 12:38–42
- Tuesday**
JULY 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Mt 12:46–50
- Wednesday**
JULY 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18
- Thursday**
JULY 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13
Mt 13:10–17
- Friday**
JULY 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14–17
Mt 13:18–23
- Saturday**
JULY 25
St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28
- Sunday**
JULY 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52
or 13:44–46

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...”

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don’t always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what’s the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the

yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God’s time, and in God’s hands.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ We belong to this kingdom. Are we open to all manner of people? Do our lives transform society?
- ★ How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?

[Jesus said,] “I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

MATTHEW 13:30

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

There are no unemployed people in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do their part; and there will be a reward from divine justice for everyone in the end...the salvation that Jesus Christ acquired for us with his death and resurrection, a salvation which is not deserved, but donated.

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



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Dear People of God,

It has been a little over a year since I was sent here by the Bishop to begin as administrator of the parishes in Morges and Carrollton. I must express my gratitude for the generosity and openness of the parishioners here in welcoming me as their priest. I am very grateful that the Bishop installed me as pastor here, and will hopefully allow me to stay for a very long time. I know many of you by now, but there are still many more of you that I need to get to know better. Hopefully that will be realized in due time.

The amount of work and the number of people who help to take care of the parishes concerning religious education, music, servers, ushers, flowers, covid cleaning, future planning, fundraising activities, outreach, and daily maintenance is impressive. Likewise impressive is the willingness of all who help to find more ways to do so or to do what they do better. Further, so many of you give and give generously for the upkeep and growth of the parishes. That is a wonderful spirit of generosity for our parishes to have. As St. Paul tells us, "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let us all be grateful to God for the generosity he pours into our hearts. Pouring ourselves out like Christ allows us a share in God's loving generosity towards His children. A great thanks to all who do so much work behind the scenes to glorify God in their different ways.

Thanks be to God that we are back to Mass. Not having Mass for the public was a nightmare. Even though there are many restrictions for the sake of caution and the health of others, it is still wonderful to worship the Lord as a community. Thank you for your patience during these strange times. It is difficult to balance caution with the need for joyful worship of the Lord. Besides the pews being roped off, surely you've noticed that we have less singing, no presentation of the gifts, and no exchange of the sign of peace. In light of these changes, it is a good opportunity to remember the meaning behind the various parts of our ritual worship.

We are primarily at Mass to adore, praise, and thank God. All of these aspects are commonly referred to as worship. This transcendent aspect of looking towards God — seeking Him, seeking to love Him — is the basis for our fellowship as a community of believers. Love of God leads to love of neighbor. Regardless of how we feel or what we get out of each particular Mass that we attend, we ought to have the intention of placing ourselves before the almighty and merciful God. Our rituals are all meant to draw us into these different aspects of worship. The following is a quick, simplified overview of the Mass. There will be more details in days to come.

The **Introductory Rites** (everything up to the opening prayer/Collect) allow us to get our bearings straight. We acknowledge to whose family we belong with the sign of the cross, we remember that we still fall short of the glory of God and are inclined to sin/have sinned during the confiteor, we beg for forgiveness and the grace to live a life of faith in the Kyrie, and the Gloria sums up all the reasons we are at Mass. The collect usually acknowledges some attribute of God and asks for a particular grace to be given us at that Mass.

The **Liturgy of the Word** (from the readings to the petitions) brings forth part of the story of salvation history, God's self-revelation to humanity seen dimly and in figures in the Old Testament and made fully present in the person of Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. God speaks to us in the Scriptures. There are special graces to be received when hearing the Scriptures read at Mass. We are called to meditate on the person of Christ and God's interaction with us in time and space. This should enliven our faith and encourage us to continue to follow Christ faithfully as his disciples.

The **Creed** is a public profession of our faith. We are claiming that these are the truths to which we adhere and refer to realities that are at the center of our lives (like God creating all things). This is the faith for which many martyrs have shed and continue to shed their blood. Our faith should be at the center of our identity as beloved children of God. The

recitation of the Creed is meant to be a courageous statement to the world that God is at the center of our lives.

The **Liturgy of the Eucharist** and the **Concluding Rites** bring us to the end of Mass. Instead of reviewing each part, the focus here will be on the parts of Mass that have changed due to our precautions, namely the **Offertory** and the **Sign of Peace**.

After the Creed and petitions, the presentation/preparation of the gifts occurs. This is also known as the Offertory. The physical aspect of bringing forth bread, wine, and the monetary offerings is meant to represent us on the altar. Even without some representatives from the parish bringing the gifts to the altar, the intention is still the same. In the Old Testament, people were called to offer things that sustained them, part of their livelihood. This offering of what sustains us is an outward acknowledgement that life comes from God and is sustained by Him. This is true in both the physical and spiritual aspects of our being. As Christians, we should use this time to offer ourselves on the altar with the gifts. Every Sunday, every day that we attend Mass, we are making an altar call. We are giving our lives over to God the Father, through Jesus Christ His Son, by uniting our hearts to His Most Sacred Heart. We offer to God our thanks for all we have received and we offer to Him all of our trials and temptations on that altar.

From the same altar on which we spiritually offer ourselves, the Lord's peace is given to us. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds" (Phillipians 4:6-7). The peace offered is a peace with God, an otherworldly peace. I am sure that many miss giving the sign of peace one to another, but this does provide us an opportunity to be more focused on the Lord and His peace than on shaking or waving hands with our fellows in the pew.

Mass is most about turning towards the Lord and allowing as much of our attention as possible to be given to Him through the various means given above. Most of the week our attention is given elsewhere. With all the distractions that ensue during a Mass, we must do our best to praise, thank, bless, and adore our God. He is willing to spend time and attention on us, so we should be willing to spend our time and attention on Him.

More to come on understanding the reasons behind the rites of the Mass.

In Christ,

Fr. Jonas A. Shell.