

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church



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“LOVE CHRIST...LIVE CHRIST”

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ EUCHARISTIC SCHEDULE WEEK OF SEPT 20, 2020

Saturday, Sept 19	4:30 PM	+Fred Lejeune by Knights of Columbus
Sunday, Sept 20	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday, Sept 20	11:00 AM	+Frances Rich by Barb Neice
Tuesday, Sept 22	7:00 PM	+Donald Weigand by Andy & Barb Szabo
Wed, Sept 23	9:00 AM	+Fr. Donal O'Carroll
Thursday, Sept 24	8:30 AM	Bob Meyer for better health by Anonymous
Friday, Sept 25	8:30 AM	Personal Intention by Fr. Jonas
Saturday, Sept 26	4:30 PM	+Don & Cecelia Weigand by Andy & Barb Szabo
Sunday, Sept 27	8:30 AM	+Larry Sherhag by Knights of Columbus
Sunday, Sept 27	11:00 AM	People of the Parish

\*\*\*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	20	
Mon	21	
Tue	22	
Wed	23	K of C Officers - 7PM
Thurs	24	Titular Feast of OLM RCIA 7-8:30 PM - Hall
Fri	25	
Sat	26	Rummage Sale - Old Church 10-2
Sun	27	

Our Lady of Mercy  
Stewardship Week of Sept 13, 2020

Adult \$2326 Loose \$188 Candles \$28  
Holy Land \$45 Hall Rental \$250  
God's House Payment \$305

St. Mary  
Stewardship Week of Sept 13, 2020

Adult \$936 Loose \$75 Candles \$60

DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CANCELLED~ With heavy hearts we are sad to announce that the celebration had to be cancelled this year. We hope to make the 4th year celebration even bigger and better. Remember to praise God on the 24th for the beautiful church He has given us!

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION~ Come join us for our sixth session of RCIA/Adult Faith Formation. This week's topic is **Original Sin/ Mystery of Evil/ Divine Providence**. We will meet at our normal time at the Hall which is **Thursday, September 24th from 7:00-8:30 PM**. Please note that if you would like to listen to previous sessions, you may do so by going to the sites listed below where you can also hear the homilies.

OLM SANITIZING~ Last week in our thank you for those who have been sanitizing the church after every Mass, we neglected to thank Kevin Booth and Jim & Ruth Birong. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts and are still looking for some volunteers to give a break to all of those currently fulfilling this service. Please sign up today.

Just an FYI: You will note that there are chairs at the back of the church which we will be leaving there till this COVID situation lets up. They are from the library so if your group needs to use the library rather than the conference room, feel free to move the chairs back to the library and then please return them after your meeting.

LIVING FAITH~ There are a few copies of the Oct-Dec issue of "Living Faith" in the library.

RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE~ This year's Respect Life Conference will be held SATURDAY, October 10th in the Finnegan Fieldhouse at Franciscan University. The Keynote Speaker will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann from Kansas. Please see the bulletin board for details and how to register for this free event. Participants will be required to follow COVID-19 guidelines so registrations are limited. It will be live streamed as well.

OLM CONDOLENCES~ Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of Richard "Jerry" Fijalkovich, a former parishioner at OLM who died on September 10th.

OLM GREETERS~ Greeting this Sunday is the Mark Oboy Family; next week the Dan Pesta Family.

Happy Birthday: (OLM) Fred Scarsella 9/19, Dale Batty 9/21, Morgan Bruwier 9/22, Kevin Jordan 9/23, Sadie Pridemore 9/24, Lucas Dougherty 9/25.

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

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

\*\*\*\*\*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](https://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/](https://www.facebook.com/olmcarrollton/) to hear his homilies.\*\*\*\*\*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

MARIAN ANTIPHON (Closing) – Mother of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry. Star of the deep and portal of the sky! Mother of Him, who thee from nothing made. Sinking we strive and call to thee for aid. Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee. Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

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, James Keane,  
Msgr. Bob Kawa, Tim Lanka, Bob Meyer  
If you know of someone who is in need of prayer,  
please call the office 330-627-4664.



# Dear Padre,

**My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?**

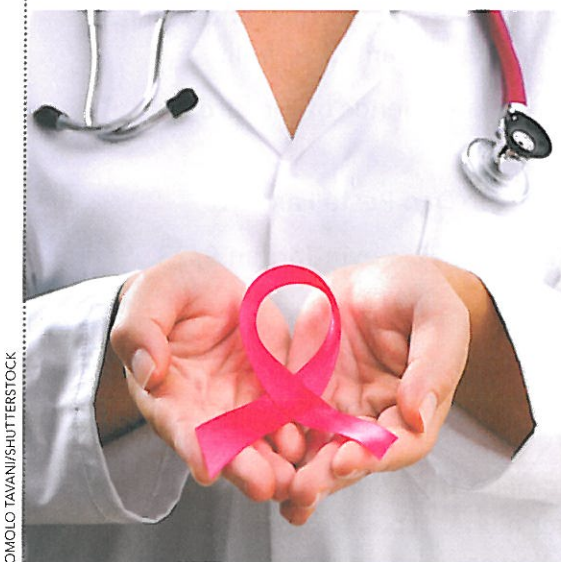
**T**he Catholic Church teaches that “those who dwell in heaven” regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some “healers” have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then “cured” for the sole purpose of getting people to give money to the “healer.” We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God’s instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any money to the “healer.” The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.*

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

## Calendar

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
St. Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
Weekday  
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13  
Lk 8:19–21

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,  
Priest  
Prv 30:5–9  
Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
Weekday  
Eccl 1:2–11  
Lk 9:7–9

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Eccl 3:1–11  
Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Eccl 11:9–12:8  
Lk 9:43b–45

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 27  
Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Ez 18:25–28  
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5  
Mt 21:28–32

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 20, 2020

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:6–9

Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Mt 20:1–16a

## It's Not Fair

**T**he story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers “after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage” (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our

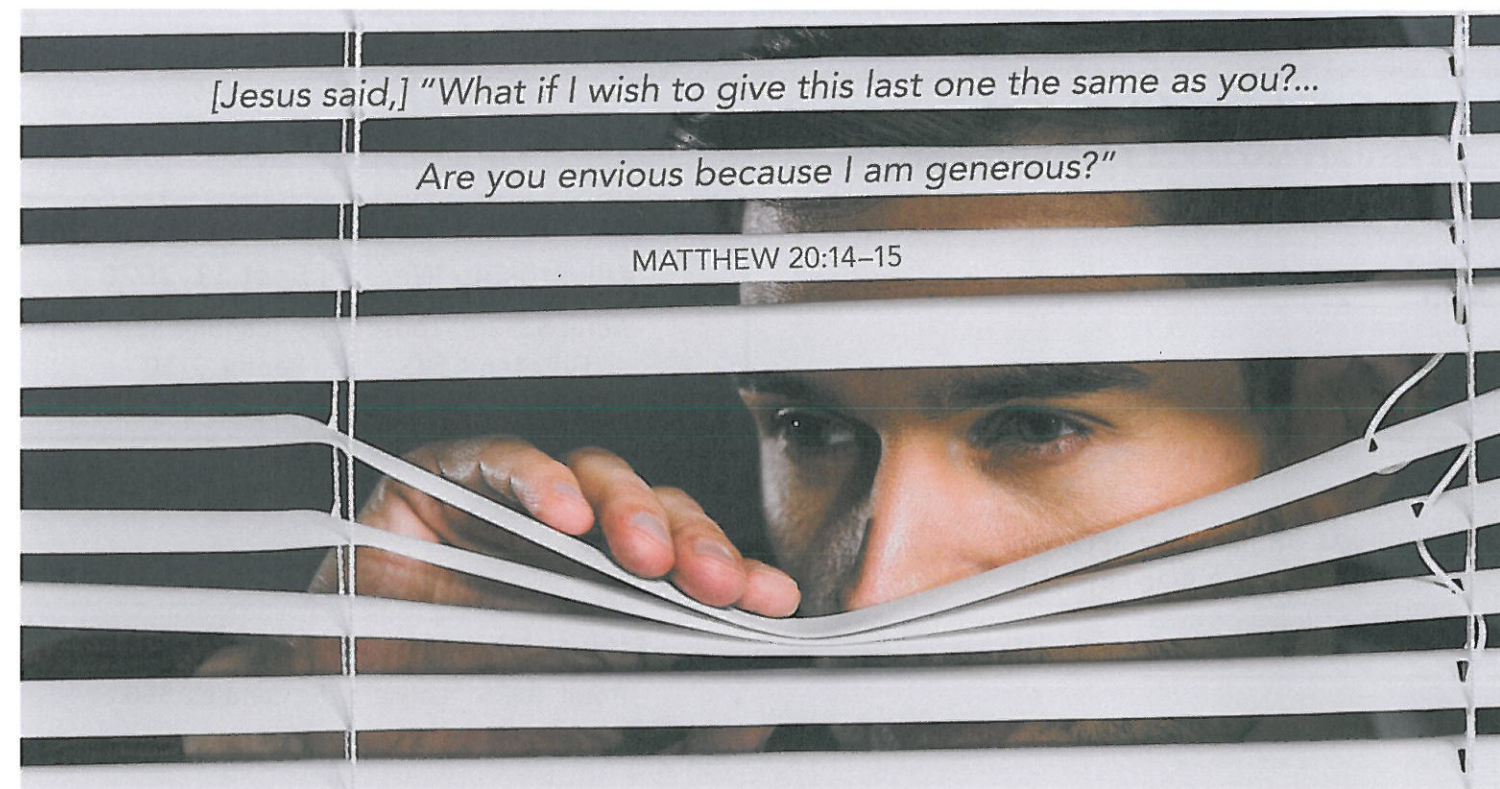
own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: “The LORD is gracious and merciful” (Psalm 145:8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice?
- ★ Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.



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