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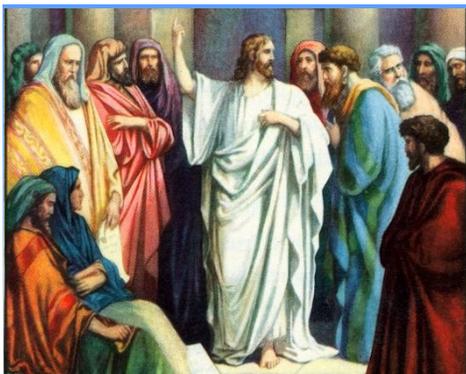


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2021

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*The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority
and not as the scribes.*

Mark 1:22

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero, Reverend Emmanuel Okonkwo

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Thomas Crennan

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Deacon Frank Odin, Retired

COME AND PRAY...

Our church is open

6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week,
except for Thursdays when it closes
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning.

Come in and spend some time in prayer.

Face covering and social distancing required.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated):
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (live-streamed), 12:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday at 4:00 p.m.,
each Sunday at 7:00 p.m., and

Morning Prayer each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
on the Zoom video platform. Click on the Zoom link
on the home page of our website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Confessions are being heard in classrooms
in the “new school annex” near High Street.

See inside bulletin for safety protocols.

*Also available by individual appointment
with one of the priests.*

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday afternoons
at 12:45 p.m. in the church

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday:
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

THIS WILL BE OUR PARISH LENTEN MISSION THIS YEAR!

“THE EUCHARIST...CONSTITUTES THE SOURCE OF THE CHURCH’S LIFE ITSELF. FROM THIS SACRAMENT OF LOVE, IN FACT, FLOWS EVERY AUTHENTIC JOURNEY OF FAITH, OF COMMUNION, AND OF WITNESS.”
- Pope Francis



Begins
week of
February 15

Join a Living the Eucharist small group during Lent.

Your participation can enrich your life in ways subtle and amazing. During the next six weeks you can grow in your understanding of the Mystery of the Eucharist, participate more fully in Sunday Mass, and leave Mass in a renewed zeal to let the light of Christ shine.

You will nourish your spiritual life by focusing on six topics during weekly 90 minute sessions.

**LAST DAY TO
SIGN-UP!**

For more information, contact Jim Totino
at jtotino01@gmail.com

Lenten sign-up form on next page.

For office use:

Date material received by participant _____ (check items received below)

Participant Guide: _____; Exodus to Easter _____; Prayer Card _____; Family Activity Booklet _____



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Living the Eucharist



LENTEN SIGN-UP FORM

To be completed by each participant receiving a packet.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE (if under 21): _____

Small Groups:

Will you commit to a small Group Participation for six weeks, via a Zoom session on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (90 Minutes)?

Yes, I will attend the six Zoom sessions _____ No, I will not attend _____

If joining as a family, will you be joining as a family group during the Zoom session or will individual family members participate separately using separate Zoom user names?

Circle One: Group Individually

If a group, how many family members will be joining the Zoom session? _____

Families:

There is also a Family Activity Booklet targeted for families with children with ages ranging from pre-school to pre-teens that can be used within your own group setting. Would your family like to pray and share faith together, using the *Living the Eucharist* Family Activity Booklet?

Yes _____ (One per family) No _____

Please return this form to the Rectory, in exchange for the Prayer Card, Small Group Participant Booklet and Daily Journey Book (*From Exodus to Easter*).

Zoom information will be forwarded via e-mail.

View videos on the *Living the Eucharist* website at -- <https://www.livingtheeucharist.org/adults/>

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and may the Lord bless you on this journey!

January 31, 2021 is the deadline to submit form in order to receive material.

PASTOR'S PAGE

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

Allow me to remind you that TODAY is the last day to sign up to participate in our LIVING THE EUCHARIST program, the program which will be our Parish Lenten Mission this year. We'll undertake this adult faith formation program together this year as a special project in our 150th Anniversary Year, as a way to deepen our faith and to make important spiritual connections between our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and our daily life.

I am very, very excited about this opportunity and I hope you will take advantage of it. We've heard about it for a few weeks now, so there's nothing left to do but to sign up if you have not already done so! This Lent, as we journey toward sharing new life with our Risen Lord at Easter, let's enter into the exciting and dynamic process of LIVING THE EUCHARIST!

Christmas collection

If anyone remembers the Jackie Gleason Show from the late 1960's, which was taped in Miami Beach, Florida, Jackie would begin each show by proclaiming, "Miami Beach audiences are the greatest audiences in the world!" Well, I would like to borrow from Jackie concerning this next item and proclaim to all of you, "OLPH parishioners are the greatest parishioners in the world!"

You'll see the total printed later on in this bulletin, on our collections reporting page, but I simply had to make separate mention of our Christmas collection this year, which totaled \$78,134. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. And THANK YOU again!** That is the HIGHEST TOTAL for a Christmas collection in all the years I have been your Pastor — and that's in the midst of a pandemic, when so many of you are feeling your own economic crunch. I simply cannot thank you enough. I have calculated that to date we have lost a total of over \$177,000 in collection and other ordinary income due to the pandemic since the shutdown last March. This phenomenal Christmas collection is incredibly important to us, and I am very, very grateful. You know that I believe in being open and transparent about our finances, since we're all in this together. I am praying now that we can do the same come Easter!

Now, feel free to whoop and holler and cheer for yourselves when I am done saying:

"OLPH parishioners are the greatest parishioners in the world!"

Baby bottle collection (from last October)

While we're on the subject of your generosity, you should know that in this year's baby bottle collection (done in October), which benefits the Life Center, OLPH collected a total of \$5,284. While this was less than the usual amount for our parish to collect, it was extremely good considering the lower number of people coming to Mass. OLPH has a long history of strongly supporting the Life Center and this collection, so I am very, very grateful for your support of this endeavor once again.

"OLPH parishioners are the greatest..."

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Each year on the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2, which is Tuesday of this week.

This feast commemorates how, in observance of the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they met the righteous Simeon and the prophetess Anna, for whom Temple worship was just a regular part of everyday life. God rewarded both Simeon and Anna for their fidelity by allowing them to see the one who was Savior, the one whom they awaited for so long with deep trust and great hope. Then, when the ritual of the presentation was completed, Mary and Joseph returned with Jesus to their hometown, where they lived their family life. Jesus grew up, becoming strong and wise, with the grace of God upon him.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as "Candlemas." As we hear at Mass in the Gospel reading from St. Luke, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah and declared him as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." This is the origin of the tradition of blessing candles on this day, which in turn led to processions with candles in churches and in the streets — hence the name "Candlemas."

This feast, then, continues to unfold for us the mysteries of the life of Christ and the meaning of Jesus as Messiah, the light of the world. There are Christmas themes to be found here, especially in the symbolism of light, and indeed this feast falls forty (40) days after Christmas. We again

celebrate and reflect on (which actually we do at every Mass) the meaning of encountering (meeting) our salvation, Jesus, who is our light. We encounter him at every celebration of the Eucharist, of course, but the challenge is to always go forth from the Mass to encounter him, and to walk in his light, in the everyday journey of our life.

Normally, we would celebrate the 12:15 p.m. weekday Mass with greater festivity and solemnity, including having music at that Mass, blessing candles, and beginning Mass with a procession with lit candles. This year, due to COVID-19, we'll be keeping Mass much simpler and won't be doing those things, but we should still note the specialness of the feast day nonetheless.

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord!

Blessing of throats

Here's a quick reminder that this Wednesday, February 3, is the Memorial of St. Blaise, the day in our tradition when we bless throats. Throats will be blessed **during** the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. weekday Masses, so if you can, come to the Mass and have your throat blessed. Please note, though, that this year, due to COVID-19, the blessing will be given **only** as a communal blessing, over everyone at once, and individual throats will not be blessed using crossed candles, as is usually done.

Journal Ads for the 150th Anniversary Journal

Have you taken out your ad yet in our Commemorative Journal for the 150th Anniversary of the parish? The form is elsewhere in the bulletin. What are you waiting for?

Here's a great idea: why don't you take out an ad to highlight an important liturgical moment in your life or in your family's life? For example, if you were married here at OLPH, commemorate that in the ad, and include a wedding picture. Or, maybe your children's First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation could be commemorated in the ad, with pictures. Maybe there's a picture of you with your favorite priest that you would like to include (*please...let's not have TOO many pictures of me!*) You get the idea! The Commemorative Journal is an important fund raiser for our Anniversary Year, so I hope you'll support the parish by taking out an ad.

Anniversary Year Commemorative Items for sale

Use the order form in this bulletin, or use

the special link on the homepage of our website to order online, some or all of our great Anniversary Year memorabilia. Your purchase of these items is a great support to the parish. Tell your family and friends about this, too! People are telling me how much they love these items, so don't miss out!

It's happening again...phony e-mails and texts

Every so often phony e-mails and/or texts go out, supposedly from me, relating some urgent need for you to send money or gift cards to help me help someone in dire need. This has been happening not only here at OLPH with me, but in many other parishes with other Pastors as well. **THESE ARE COMPLETELY FAKE AND YOU SHOULD IGNORE THEM.**

You'll know when I ask for assistance, and it will be only through official parish channels (personal appeals at Mass, announcements here in the bulletin, and official mailings on parish stationery). In addition, any communications from me will always have perfect grammar, punctuation and spelling, so mistakes in any of those areas should be immediate tip-offs to you!

I'm sorry that you have to put up with such crooked nonsense, but you know as well as I do that it's an unfortunate part of the world we live in today.

Bring back old palm...

We are once again inviting you to bring back old palm for us to burn after our Mardi Gras Evening Prayer, in connection with Ash Wednesday. Yes, we know we did not give out palm last year! But, we thought there might be many of you who nonetheless still have palm at home for one reason or another, so, if you do, feel free to bring it in this year. If you have forgotten to do this in past years...this is the year to remember!

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR



Blessing of Throats **on Wednesday, February 3,** **the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr** **6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 3 is the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century, and it is believed that he was martyred in a persecution in the early fourth century. His association with the healing of throats arose from a legend that while he was in prison he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in this throat. The practice of blessing throats with two crossed candles seems to have arisen in the sixteenth century when devotion to St. Blaise reached its peak.

Here at OLPH, we will be blessing throats during the two weekday Masses at 6:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m., as the conclusion to the Universal Prayer (the Prayer of the Faithful), as indicated in the *Book of Blessings*, and as we usually do.

SPECIAL NOTE: This year, due to COVID-19, the blessing will be a communal blessing prayed over everyone at once; **individual throats will not be blessed.** Thank you for your understanding, and for your cooperation with this necessary safety procedure.

BRING PALMS TO BE BURNED FOR USE AS ASHES...

You might still have some at home!



We are all familiar with the practice of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 17. The ashes are a sign of the public penance to which we are all called during the Lenten season. As we promise to repent and believe in the Gospel, the ashes are a sign of our commitment to the journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, a journey which ends with the new life of baptism and baptismal renewal during Easter Time. Penitential acts are undertaken as a community, as together we journey to the cross and resurrection.

What you may not know is where the ashes come from. Very simply, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from palms saved from Palm Sunday the previous year, which have been burned.

This year we once again invite you to share in our communal celebration of Ash Wednesday in a special way. **We ask you to bring old palms from your home and deposit them in the baskets which will be available. These palms will then be burned at our Mardi Gras celebration on February 16 and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

Yes, we remember... we know that due to the pandemic, palms were not distributed last year. Still, you might have old palms at home from previous years that you kept forgetting to bring in, or maybe you managed to get palms from somewhere last year. So, we still wanted to provide this opportunity. We'll be happy to take whatever palm might still be out there, and we'll burn whatever we get, even if it's only a little!

*Novena
to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help*



Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, February 1—12:45 p.m.

Monday, February 8—12:45 p.m.

Monday, February 15—12:45 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY, SATURDAY
& SUNDAY DEVOTIONS**

*All are invited to come
and pray with our parish community.*

First Friday Devotions will take place **February 5** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **February 6** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (Polish, English, Spanish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 9:30 p.m. *Please note: A mask MUST be worn by all who attend First Saturday Adoration. Anyone not wearing a mask will be asked to leave.*

First Sunday Devotions —Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Sunday, **February 7** at 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
in the church
after the 12:15 p.m. Mass



*Mass for All People
With Special Needs*

*Suspended
until further notice!*

USHERS MEETING CONCERNING HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

All Ushers, including our additional “Ministers of Hospitality,” are required to attend a special meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the church (mask and social distancing required). At this very important meeting, we will review all the special procedures we will be using involving ticket reservations for all the Holy Week liturgies (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). This will be a good opportunity to offer feedback on how things went at Christmas, so we can fine-tune things for Easter. We look forward to seeing you there.

MARDI GRAS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
SPONSORED BY THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY AND HOLY NAME SOCIETY



Come join us for a family evening of prayer concluding with the burning of palms as we begin to prepare for our Lenten journey by strengthening our relationship with God!

Treats will be available to take home after prayer service.

Social distancing and face masks required at both the Evening Prayer and the burning of palms.

When: Tuesday, February 16

Where: O.L.P.H. Church

Time: 7:00 p.m.



PRAYER AND WORSHIP



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

6:30 a.m.— Mass

8:00 a.m.— Word Service

11:00 a.m.— Word Service

12:15 p.m.—Mass

3:00 p.m.—Word Service

4:30 p.m.—Word Service

6:00 p.m.—Word Service

7:30 p.m. — Word Service

By mandate of the Church's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome, as a safety procedure due to the coronavirus pandemic, the method of distributing ashes has been modified for this year.

Ashes will be sprinkled on the head of each person, rather than smeared on the forehead.

Although unfamiliar to us here in the United States, this is actually the ancient practice of the Church and is still common in Europe and elsewhere.

Also, this is the way Pope Francis receives ashes!

Let's remember that ashes, although a powerful sign, are only an exterior sign of our interior conversion.

It is our interior conversion and deepening faith that should be the focus of our Lenten journey.

Please keep in mind that due to COVID-19 restrictions, when the church reaches maximum capacity doors will be locked.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

at 7:30 p.m. in the church

and April 2, Good Friday, at 12:00 Noon

We are continuing the custom of having different groups from the parish lead the Stations of the Cross on the Friday nights during Lent as a great way to highlight the traditional Lenten devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

February 19 will be led by the Liturgy Committee.

Due to COVID restrictions you must remain in the pews—socially distant, retain booklets each week and masks must be worn.



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20

4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.

Saturday March 27: 3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

Confessions are held in the school annex on High Street.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EVERY SUNDAY ON YOUTUBE - [OLPH CHURCH LINDENHURST](#)



LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WAY TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN THEIR FAITH FROM HOME?

JOIN US WEEKLY TO BREAK OPEN THE GOSPEL AND LISTEN TO A REFLECTION ON THE OLPH YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things as are being done in the main body of the church.



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children **celebrate those sacraments at OLPH**. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.

- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH, not at the parish of their elementary school.

- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years. These children celebrate the sacraments here at OLPH.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR BEING IN CHURCH

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL WHO ENTER MUST:

- ▶ **WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE COVERING – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- ▶ **REMAIN AT LEAST SIX (6) FEET APART, SIDE-TO-SIDE AND IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOU**
- ▶ **SIT IN DESIGNATED SEATS ONLY**
- ▶ **ENTER ONLY THROUGH WELLWOOD AVENUE DOORS**
- ▶ **EXIT ONLY THROUGH SIDE DOORS ON NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being celebrated in the school building, in classrooms in the “new school” annex along High Street every Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. until further notice.

Each priest will be in his own classroom.

These are the protocols that must be followed for going to Confession:

- ▶ **Entry is only via the blue doors at the north end of the hallway (off of the small parking lot)**
- ▶ **Exit is only via the doors at the south end of the hallway (into the large parking lot)**
- ▶ **Everyone – priests and penitents – is required to wear face masks or face coverings**
- ▶ **Lines on the floor will indicate a 6-foot social distance between those waiting on line outside each classroom**
- ▶ **Signs on easels outside the classroom will indicate the name of the priest who is in the classroom**
- ▶ **Social distancing and plexiglass dividers will keep a safe distance between priest and penitent, whether the penitent celebrates anonymously or face-to-face (both options are available)**

IF YOU CANNOT YET COME BACK TO MASS...

LIVE-STREAM MASS

We live-stream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week.

You can join us virtually using one of the following:

- The link at the top of the OLPH website:
www.olphlindenhurst.com
- OLPH Facebook page: @olphlindenhurst
- OLPH YouTube Channel:
OLPH Church Lindenhurst





2020/2021 ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL PRICING

**BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND SUPPORT OLPH!
PLACE AN AD IN OUR COMMEMORATIVE JOURNAL!**

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Year will be a **Commemorative Journal**, available in conjunction with our Anniversary Year Dinner Dance on April 23, 2021.

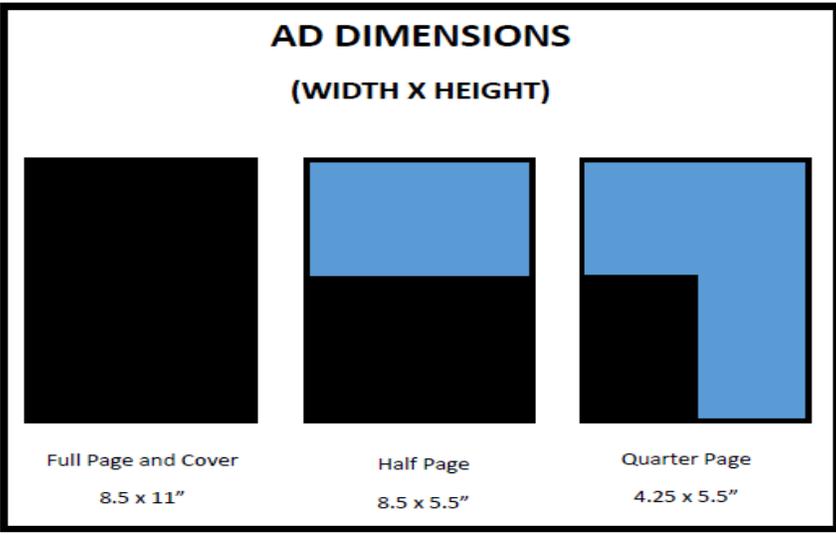
Support the parish by placing an ad in our journal! Ads can be taken in the name of your family, or your business, and can include congratulatory wishes to the parish, or it can be a memorialization of deceased loved ones, or an expression of gratitude to God. Honor that special priest, family members living or deceased, or just say thanks for the memories. If you're creative, prepare your own ad; if you're not that creative, just send us your message and our team will create the ad for you! There are many possibilities!

Note the deadline date of March 15, 2021!

Don't miss out! Send in your ad copy and payment TODAY!

If you need additional information, or have questions, contact Bob Dobres 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney 631-560-0451.

- PLEASE INDICATE AD SIZE AND TYPE**
- GOLD FULL PAGE \$350
 - B/W FULL PAGE \$150
 - B/W HALF PAGE \$100
 - B/W 1/4 PAGE \$75
- For more information call Bob Dobres at 631-592-8697 or Mike Hearney at 631-560-0451



Please submit payment along with ad materials no later than March 15, 2021.

Mail hard copy to rectory address above and attach copy of ad or materials (ad text, photos, images) to this form or write copy on back.

Email electronic version to 150thjournal@oloph.org. Please email a .pdf or .jpg file format.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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150th Anniversary Memorabilia of
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone (cell/home) _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you for celebrating with us! Bring this form & hand it in to the rectory with precise payment of either cash (in a ziplock bag) or check. You will be notified when your order is ready for a pickup date.

You may also check the website for a closer look at these products!

<http://olph150th.com>

Item	Price	Quantity	Item	Price	Quantity
 Keychain	\$10.00		 Tote bag	\$10.00	
 T-Shirt	\$15.00	S ___ M ___ L ___	 Pen with Stylus	\$3.00	
 Sweatshirt	\$40.00	M ___ L ___ XL ___	 Playing cards	\$12.00	
 Tumbler	\$15.00		 Magnet	\$ 3 2 for \$5	

For Office Use Only

Total Price: _____ Number of items: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Order Placed: _____ Order Received: _____

Pickup date: _____ Notified Date(s): _____

Picked up by: _____

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the Rectory
 Phone # 631.226.7725 x. 253
 Email: religioused@oloph.org
 Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
 (akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday: **CLOSED**
 Saturday: **By Appointment**

LEVEL 5

On Saturday, February 6 we will be sending out a Penance Prayer Service video for all in-person and Google Classroom students to watch at home. The in-person students will not attend class in person on February 6. After you watch your Penance Prayer Service video, all Level 6 students should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (go to Confession) on your own time. The Sacrament of Penance is offered every Saturday in the "New Building" of the school from 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. and by special appointment with one of the priests.



Communion Fee

Please come to the office to pay the Communion fee and to pick up your Communion banner. The student must make the banner at home, and it will be due back on March 20.

Confirmation Fee

Please return the Confirmation fee and all paperwork to the office. The fee and the paperwork are due on February 10, 2021.

Happy Saint of the Day!

St. John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, was inspired by the circus when he was nine years old. He taught himself the tricks he saw when the circus was in town, and then put on a show for his friends. When he finished his performance he would then tell his friends about the homily he had heard in church that day! He decided he wanted to become a priest, and left home at the age of twelve.

After he became a priest he helped poor boys get jobs. He was able to get their attention by performing his circus tricks!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

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THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL AT OLPH

During these very difficult times many of us find ourselves in financial difficulty, often for the first time. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. Please don't feel embarrassed—you are not alone. We want to assure you that all matters relating to SVDP are completely confidential. All volunteer workers in the Food Pantry are Vincentians who are pledged to follow the "Rule" in dealing with our friends and neighbors. We reach out to those who come to us with kindness, sincerity and total confidentiality. You may come to the pantry for food every two weeks. The money that would have been spent on this food can then be used to pay other bills. Please reach out to us by calling our Food Pantry office at 631-226-7725 x. 234. Our regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. We're here for you.

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

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Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Jeffrey Gaab at (631) 965-0076 or e-mail at jsg375@gmail.com to begin the process.

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THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

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PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

WE CELEBRATE

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. -Rite of Baptism



*Maximus Xavier Aiello
Benjamin Patrick Avolio*

**We welcome the newest members
of the Catholic community here at OLPH!**

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT COME FORWARD IN PROCESSION TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

If you are, or if someone you are with is, unable to walk in procession to receive Holy Communion, please alert one of the Ushers **before Mass begins**. The Usher will be glad to arrange to have one of the ministers bring Holy Communion to the pew. Please remember to inform an Usher before Mass begins; do not wait until the time of Communion. Also, if at all possible, please sit in the front half of the church, to make it easier for the minister to come to you. Thank you.

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week.

*Nicholas Vilardi
Madeline Bonanduci*

"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

*Danielle and Baby Leach
Aurora and Reynold Ruiz
Mark Kuller
Christopher Rivola
Deacon Bill Crosby
Anne Therese Walters
Diane Mahlstadt
Lisa Hulsen
Ann Fisher
Tony Gillick
Leonard Fries*

*Bill Trigg
Nancy Beavers
Arthur Webb
Patricia Pedcina
Angela Pagnotta
Gertrude Clifford
Chester Fichandler
Netti Deasy
Russell Giacalone
Samantha Cheng*

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office. **Please make sure the person is aware the request has been made and that they are agreeable with their name printed in the bulletin.** The name will remain on the list for about four weeks.

*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, the support of your Catholic faith community should be a source of comfort and strength. A bereavement group run by trained facilitators helps grieving people learn skills for navigating their loss and opportunities to share their stories of loss. The *Bereavement Support Group* is a parish-based ministry responding to the needs of the recently bereaved by offering emotional, and sometimes practical support as they learn to cope with their loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to know more about the **OLPH Support Group Program**, please contact Linda Arpino at 631-592-1062 or Marige Reyes at 631-608-3658. You may also leave your name and contact information with the receptionist in the rectory.

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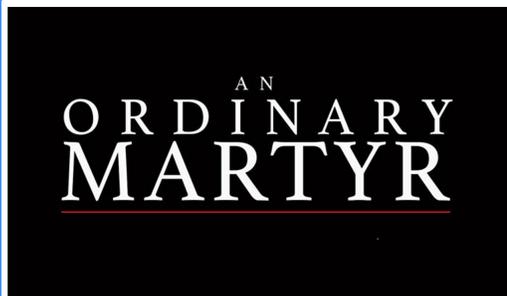


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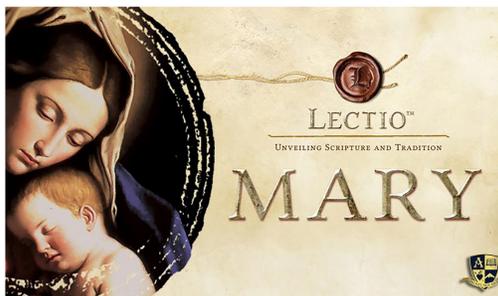
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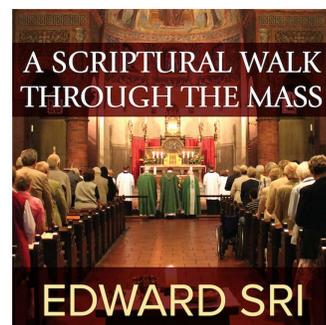
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, February 1— Weekday	
6:30	George Walters
12:15	Carolina & Vito Venezia
TUESDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord	
6:30	Wilfrid M. Furlong
12:15	Vincent J. Treanor
WEDNESDAY, February 3— Weekday (Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop)	
6:30	Joanie Goeren
12:15	Lucy Marchica
THURSDAY, February 4— Weekday	
6:30	Helmuth Tupot
12:15	James Gallagher
FRIDAY, February 5— Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	
6:30	Joan Gleeson
12:15	Adele R. Longhitano
SATURDAY, February 6— Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	
8:00	Ruth Guanino
Saturday Afternoon (Sunday Anticipated): FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:00	Kenneth Palmer
Sunday, February 7— FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00	Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
10:00	Celso Aguilar
12:00	For the People of the Parish

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 1, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Devotions	Church
Wednesday, February 3, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
12:45 p.m.	Exposition	Church
5:30 p.m.	Level 6 Classes	School
7:00 p.m.	Level 7 and 8 Classes	School
Thursday, February 4, 2021		
1:00 p.m.-on	Church closed for cleaning	Church
7:30 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class for Parents	Zoom
Friday, February 5, 2021		
9:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
Saturday, February 6, 2021		
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.	Levels 1-5 and Special Ed. Classes	School
1:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Room 24
4:00 p.m.	Confessions	School
6:00 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	Adoration	Church
Sunday, February 7, 2021		
7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	Church

WELCOME NEW OLPH PARISHIONERS



**TO OUR NEW
OLPH PARISHIONERS**

January 2021

*Jonathon, Kristen & Jordan Pritchett
Brenden, Crista Ann & Jacob Rutigliano
Robert Rutkowsky, Halina Kielczewska & Abigail
Cesar Leon, Karhold Ramirez & Kamila
Vincent St. Phar, Valentine Desir & Elizabeth
Abriana Phelan
Kathleen Lane
Joseph, Elizabeth & Amelia Buffolino*

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PERPETUO SOCORRO

El grupo de oración "Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida" le invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO, y al ESPIRITU SANTO, todos los jueves de 7:00 p.m. en adelante en un ambiente familiar. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Le ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños, también les enseñamos la doctrina de la iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Familias interesadas favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

Para información sobre los sacramentos de El bautizo, Matrimonio y servicios pastorales, tales como llevarle la Eucaristía los enfermos, la última unción de los enfermos.

Las charlas de bautizo se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes, los padres interesados en bautizar a sus hijos deben atender a una serie de charlas. Estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes

Para más información llamar a la rectoría (631) 226-7725. En español a Alejandro Campos teléfono (631) 671-9257 correo electrónico saitjoseph98@gmail.com.

Preparámonos para las lecturas del domingo 31 de Enero del 2021- Ciclo B

Después de leer las escrituras tome un momento para orar antes de venir a Misa.

Señor Dios nuestro: En esta asamblea eucarística

nos has reunido más íntimamente por tu palabra poderosa

y por el banquete festivo de la eucaristía. Cuando volvemos a nuestra vida diaria,

sigue proclamándonos tu mensaje liberador

incluso en los acontecimientos corrientes de nuestra vida

y en la amistad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Abre nuestros oídos y corazones

a tu lenguaje, siempre nuevo, que nos conduzca a ti por el poder de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Primera Lectura (Deuteronomio 18,15-20): Los irrealitas siempre esperaban un profeta superior a los demás que dirigiera al pueblo entero como lo avía hecho Moisés. Véase la pregunta que le hicieron a Juan ¿eres tú el profeta? Ver hechos 3,22-26

Segunda Lectura (1 Corintios 7,32-35): Libres para el Señor

Todos estamos llamados a la santidad. Pablo subraya las ventajas del celibato: los que no se casan están libres para dedicarse al Señor y sus asuntos.

Evangelio (Marcos 1,21-28): palabra de victoria sobre el espíritu del mal. Su enseñanza es nueva, y contiene el poder de la acción del mismo Dios que realiza lo que dice como la luz vence a las tinieblas. El resultado final, es la liberación del mal: Esta lucha contra el espíritu del mal se abre a todo el evangelio que nos presenta Jesús siempre dedicado a descubrirlo y a eliminarlo.

Seguimos con los consejos para matrimonios



2. Continúen con el noviazgo después del casamiento.

"Ante todo, tened entre vosotros ferviente amor; porque el amor cubrirá multitud de pecados" (1 Pedro 4:8). "Su marido también la alaba" (Proverbios 31:28) "La casada tiene cuidado de cómo agradar a su marido" (1 Corintios 7:34) "Amaos los unos a los otros en cuanto a honra, prefiriéndoos los unos a los otros" (Romanos 12:10).

Respuesta: Continúe (o tal vez reviva) las cortesías propias del noviazgo durante la vida de casados. Un matrimonio de éxito no ocurre por arte de magia: debe desarrollarse. No dé por sentado el amor de su cónyuge: expréselo o de otra manera, la mo-

notonía destruirá el matrimonio. Ocúpese de que el amor crezca o de otra manera morirá y terminarán separándose. El amor y la felicidad no se encuentran procurándolos para Ud. mismo sino brindándolos a otros. Por eso, pasen tanto tiempo como sea posible haciendo cosas juntos, si se quieren llevar bien. Aprendan a saludarse con entusiasmo. Tomen momentos de descanso, coman, conversen y salgan a pasear juntos. No descuiden las pequeñas cortesías, y los pequeños actos que puedan realizar para animarse el uno al otro y para demostrarse afecto. Sorpréndanse mutuamente con pequeños regalos. Trate cada uno de sobrepasar el amor del otro. No retiren del matrimonio más de lo que depositan en él. El divorcio en sí mismo no es el principal destructor del hogar, pero sí lo es la falta de amor. Si se le da una oportunidad, el amor siempre triunfa.

OFFERING UPDATE January 23/24			
Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	138	55	\$1,199.50
8:00 a.m.	128	58	1,773.00
10:00 a.m.	195	53	1,903.00
12:00 p.m.	205	127	3,393.00
Coin			2.65
Mail-ins:			2,511.00
Children's Env.		8	37.00
Faith Direct			2,905.00
TOTAL	666	301	\$13,724.15
2020 total	1,595	542	\$16,800.84
Candles			\$561.43
Poor Box			\$325.10

CHRISTMAS TOTALS		
Year	Collection	Attendance
2020	\$78,134.00	1,186
2019	\$71,712.40	2,766
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS		
2020	\$3,307.00	
2019	\$3,953.00	



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DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. *All material must be submitted* no later than the dates listed below and *as a Word document* to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.

Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

February 7—passed
 February 14—February 5
 February 21—February 12

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Irish and Catholic? *The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the oldest Irish-Catholic Fraternal Organization in the United States, which was founded in New York City in 1836. AOH St. Patrick's Division 2 is located in the heart of Babylon Village and is the only AOH Division in the Town of Babylon. If you're Roman Catholic and Irish by birth or decent, please consider becoming a member. We have men's, ladies, Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls Divisions. We are a very active and charitable AOH Division celebrating out Irish-Catholic religion, culture and heritage. We also offer Irish Step Dancing classes, Irish-language classes, Bagpipe & Drum lessons and more! For more information, please contact President Jim Killen — email president.babylonhibernians.com, www.BabylonHibernians.com or 631-587-1896.*

PREPARING FOR
Sunday, February 7, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus went into their synagogues,
 preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.*

Mark 1:39

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Most people know of Job as a man afflicted by extreme suffering (loss of family, wealth, and health) that came about because Satan saw that he was righteous but complained to God that it was only because he was prosperous. Let him suffer and he would surely curse God, said Satan. Yet even in the lengthy complaint we hear from Job today, who understandably is feeling very low because of his troubles, we don't hear Job curse God. Job's anguish and despondent laments are attempts to find reasons for human sufferings but no easy answers can be found. God wants to hear from us in all our troubles even if there is no immediate relief in sight. Don't be afraid to tell him how you feel!

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul tells the Corinthians about himself in today's reading. He says that the core of his ministry is to preach the Gospel, that is, to be an evangelist announcing the Good News of Jesus. But he doesn't boast about his ministry since he received his calling as an obligation or necessity. He couldn't do anything other than preach – it's his mission and duty in life. Paradoxically, he feels a profound freedom in doing what he was meant to do. When we do what God wants us to do, we too can feel the same freedom.

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus pursues his mission in today's Gospel by preaching and healing many people. First, he heals Simon's mother-in-law, then a crowd from the whole town that was at his door, and finally people throughout all of Galilee. We can learn much from these lessons. The healing Jesus brings, whether in body, mind or spirit, is a sign of the fullness of life we can have in the kingdom of God. Once we encounter Jesus and are healed by him our response should be like Simon's mother-in-law: get up and serve. We too can participate in Jesus' mission and that of his disciples by bringing the Good News to others.

Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, February 1, 2021:

Hebrews 11:32-40 + Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2, 2021:

Malachi 3:1-4 + Hebrews 2:14-18
 + Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 3, 2021:

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
 + Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 4, 2020:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
 + Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 5, 2021:

Hebrews 13:1-8 + Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 6, 2021:

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
 + Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7, 2021:

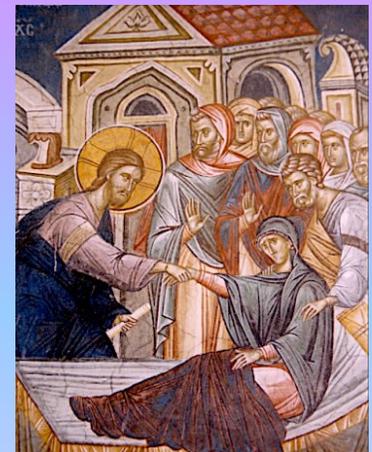
Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 + 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 + Mark 1:29-39

Gospel Reflection

After reading next Sunday's readings take some time to pray on them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. Do you think this text was written to tell people about Jesus the miracle worker? Are miracles a confirmation of Jesus' message of salvation? What did he say was the "purpose for which he came?"

2. "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." How does this fit with his tireless effort to carry out God's ministry? How close are you to Jesus in using all your energy for some purpose? What is that purpose?



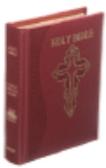
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