



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ  
**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Our Lady of the Lake Annual Animal Blessing

Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 AM



As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice a procession of animals—from dogs and cats to hamsters and even livestock—being led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic with two creatures, eye to eye, exchanging love. Church is the place where the bond of creation and this love is celebrated.

The more St. Francis grew in wisdom and in his understanding



that God's saving love goes out to all creatures, the more he began to see that all creatures make up one family. The most important key to Francis' understanding that all creatures form one family is the Incarnation. Francis had a great fascination with the birth of Christ in the manger surrounded by animals. He was deeply aware of that one moment in history in which God entered creation and the Word became flesh. The Divine Word not only became human. The Word of God became flesh, entering, not only the family of humanity, but the whole family of creation, becoming one in a sense with the very dust out of which all things were made.

We are celebrating our annual Animal Blessing on **Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am in the grassy quad area**. Last year, all who attended had a woofing and meowing good time. Even the wild birds hovered over the event. This year, our special guest will be Rev. Pat Hannon from the University of Portland praying over the animals and owners, along with our own Fr. John and Fr. Suresh. If for any reason your pet is unable to attend, please bring a picture of them or their collar and we will pray for peace and/or healing for them. Those without pets are welcome to bring a stuffed animal if they wish. Please join us as we bring the species of creation together.



### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Mass** at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

**Mass** at 6:30 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Morning Prayer** at 6:30 AM Monday, Friday

Recitation of the **Rosary** after Mass on Monday - Saturday

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,  
 Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 AM,  
 Life Teen Mass 5:00 PM

### LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue  
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appointment

### ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month  
 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office







## Seeking Teens and Adults to Volunteer this Fall

Most Sundays, September to April

10:15 to 11:30 AM

Come inspire kids as a teacher or helper to grow in their faith and have fun with prayer, song, and faith-filled activities!

If interested in volunteering,  
please contact Mary at 503-636-7687 or  
[maryb@olpparish.com](mailto:maryb@olpparish.com).

[www.olpparish.com/life-kids](http://www.olpparish.com/life-kids)

## Sign Up for 2019-2020



Life Kids: [olpparish.com/register-lk](http://olpparish.com/register-lk)

First Communion: [olpparish.com/register-fc](http://olpparish.com/register-fc)

**Life Kids and Life Kids First Communion resumes Sunday, September 22.**

**Register now for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Preschool-5th grade.**



## CONFIRMATION SIGN UP

Youth (sophomore year and older) are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING TODAY,  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 1:00 PM.**

We are seeking Host home leaders and adults to serve on the Confirmation team for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested? Email Lily ([lilyw@olpparish.com](mailto:lilyw@olpparish.com)) or Mary Jane ([maryjanew@olpparish.com](mailto:maryjanew@olpparish.com)) or call the office at 503-636-7687 and ask for Mary Jane or Lily.

## EDGE

Great session last week. See you Sunday at 10:15 AM in the Jerusalem Room.

## **Called to Protect Training — 2019-2020 Training for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers**

This year's training will be a combination of a video and live training presentation. This one and a half hour CASE Workshop training will be available at Our Lady of the Lake in August and September.

Visit [olpparish.com/events](http://olpparish.com/events) for more information. Click on the "Register for CASE Training" button to see the list of dates and to sign up. Pre-registration required.

## **OLL School: A beginning of the year tradition- Kindergarten and 6th Grade Buddies!**

September is here, and with it comes the beginning of the school year. If you are a kindergarten student at Our Lady of the Lake, that means new routines and expectations. The transition to the elementary setting is a major one, and can be overwhelming at times. There is a long-standing tradition at our school that eases that transition and provides lots of joy and excitement for our students big and small- the Classroom Buddies.

Last week the 6th Grade and Kindergarten students had the opportunity to meet for the first time and find out who their Class Buddies are. The 6th graders, who have had lots of buddy experience, were politely pestering their homeroom teacher to find out which little kindergartner would be their special kindergarten friend. The kindergarten students were wide-eyed but excited to find out which middle school student would usher them into the school year. Finally, the moment arrived, and there were lots of smiles and laughter as the students met and had time to read and play on the playground together.

Our Kinder/6th Grade Buddies will spend many special times together this year. The 6th grade students will escort the kindergarten students to Mass every Wednesday and sit with them, modeling appropriate Mass behavior and helping the little ones to learn the responses and to find songs in their songbooks. The two grades will spend academic time together as well, with the older students reading to their buddies and playing games with them. The buddy classes will go on two fieldtrips together, one to the Pumpkin Patch and one to George Rogers Park. What an amazing way to begin the year and build community in our school!

### Join a Small Group or Start Your Own!



Join an existing small group or begin a new one based on neighborhood, life stage, or gender! We have groups meeting in West Linn, Tigard, Lake Oswego, and Canby. We have groups for Mom's dad's, women, men, and young adults.

Check out our Small Group directory at [www.olpparish.com/small-groups](http://www.olpparish.com/small-groups) and click on **Visit our Small Group Directory to Sign Up!**

### Explore Your Faith



Midweek studies on the Bible, Church History, and Catholic Biblical Foundations. Classes are offered Monday-Thursday, in the morning or evening.. This season, attend a class on the Creed, Biblical Roots of the Catholic Faith, Church History, or the books of Matthew and Revelation.

Visit [www.olpparish.com/bible-study](http://www.olpparish.com/bible-study) to see what is being offered and to sign up.

### ANIMAL BLESSING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 • 10:00 AM

GRASSY QUAD BETWEEN PARISH CENTER AND CHURCH  
RAIN OR SHINE!



### COME TO THE ANNUAL ANIMAL BLESSING!

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### Upcoming Retreats



If you have not yet attended an **ACTS Retreat**, now is your chance! **ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, Service) Retreats** are an opportunity to enter into a new or deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and your fellow parishioners. ACTS Retreats are four days (Thursday-Sunday).

**Women: June 18-21, 2020**

**Men: Fall 2020 TBD**



**Two-by-Two Couples Retreat • November 15-17, 2019:** Couples, join us on this *Sacred Path* retreat to reflect on your spiritual life as a couple and as an individual. Our hope is that you will be renewed in relationship and spirit as disciples.

For more information on Upcoming Retreats and to register, visit [olpparish.com/retreats](http://olpparish.com/retreats).

**Women's Retreat • February 28-29, 2020:** Women, join other women of the parish for two days of rest and reflection at Mary's Woods.

For more information and to register for a Retreat at OLL, visit [www.olpparish.com/retreats](http://www.olpparish.com/retreats)

### Returning and Searching Catholics

#### Know God More Personally Through Awakening Faith

Have you considered returning to the Catholic Church — or developing for the first time — a more active practice of your Catholic Faith? Like many Catholics, your faith may have been passed down to you by your parents or other family members. Maybe you even attended Catholic schools. Did your faith development stop once you reached adulthood?



Truly connecting to your Catholic faith can bring a renewed appreciation of being a Catholic.

We are coming together in a small group to grow in our understanding of God and of the true meaning of life. We will meet in the Parish Library, on the 2nd floor in the Parish Center, as of Thursday, September 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We have 6 meetings together and 4 optional, to be decided. We will talk about Spirituality (*if I am spiritual do I need the Church?*), Who is Jesus, The Holy Spirit, God's unending Mercy, The Mass (*the source and summit of being a Catholic*), the Church, (*given to us by Jesus, for a reason*).

I will be happy to answer any questions. Contact me - or just show up. For more information go our website: [olpparish.com/adults](http://olpparish.com/adults). Call Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915 or email at [maggieandmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:maggieandmargaret@gmail.com).



### Mercy Teams - Winter Clothing Drive for the Homeless

You can help by donating your used jackets, coats, sweatshirts, rain ponchos, jeans and wool shirts to our parish Street Ministry to the homeless. M, L and XL sizes needed most. Blankets, gloves, knit hats and scarves needed. Socks, boots and tennis shoes also welcomed.



The Street Ministry to the Homeless provides warm clothing, hot food and lots of love, every 4th Saturday of the month. We are in great need of warm clothing items to distribute during our street ministry.

Please bring donated clothing downstairs to the parish hall before or after mass or mid-week. **Leave any donations on the pew marked "donations" which is next to the nursery.**

### Street Ministry to the Homeless - Join us September 28, October 26, November 23, and December 28

Young children welcome to help with the prep work between 7:00 and 9:00 AM. (sack lunches, clothing sortation, hygiene kit assembly). Young teens with parents welcome on the street.

Come recognize and celebrate the humanity and dignity of our fellow human beings trapped on the streets. A great way for any parishioner to serve and share the Love of Jesus.



### Operation Overcoat – Saturday, September 28

Help distribute clothing and food to the homeless of downtown Portland.

### Habitat for Humanity – Catholic Community Build Day and Open House Saturday, October 5.

Our parish has joined with the Archdiocese and 5 or 6 other parishes in a matching fundraiser for Habitat Willamette West.

Your suggestions for family-oriented service projects are most welcome. Send them to [mercyteams@ollministry.com](mailto:mercyteams@ollministry.com)

Sign up for these projects or learn about new service opportunities through Mercy Teams. Go to the parish website [ollparish.com/mercy-teams](http://ollparish.com/mercy-teams)

## Respect Life • [www.ollparish.com/respect-life](http://www.ollparish.com/respect-life)

### Catholic Considerations for our Earthly Passing

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed.

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*This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. Read the full versions at [respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations).*

### Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

**9/25-11/3 40 Days for Life:** Join others for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Lovejoy Surgicenter at 933 NW 25th Ave in Portland. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help - please contact Julie McConnell at [40dayswithjulie@gmail.com](mailto:40dayswithjulie@gmail.com) or go to [40daysforlife.com/portland](http://40daysforlife.com/portland). To go on Wednesdays with other OLL parishioners, call Sally at 503-793-8307.

**10/6 Respect Life Sunday**

**10/6 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil:** St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside St, Portland. 11:15-11:45 AM. Join us to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking.

## Pastoral Care

### Communion to the Homebound

Our Lady of the Lake provides a ministry to bring communion to the homebound.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, call the Parish Office at 503-636-7687 or email [communionministry@ollministry.com](mailto:communionministry@ollministry.com).

### "Threads of Comfort" OLL Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us in knitting/crocheting! We enjoy novice and experienced hands. Join us the first Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall, Carpet Area from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The ministry is an informal group who share tricks, designs, personal stories and prayers. We can start you out. Visit [www.ollparish.com/prayer-shawl](http://www.ollparish.com/prayer-shawl) for more information.