



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

## Word of God Sunday — Bring Your Bibles!

On the Feast of St. Jerome this past fall, Pope Francis dedicated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as **Word of God Sunday**. The first celebration of this annual day will be next Sunday, on January 26, 2020. We invite you to bring your personal or family Bible to Mass with you for a special blessing and commendation.

In his decree, "*Aperuit Illis*," the Holy Father said, "He *opened their minds* to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and *opened their minds* to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures.

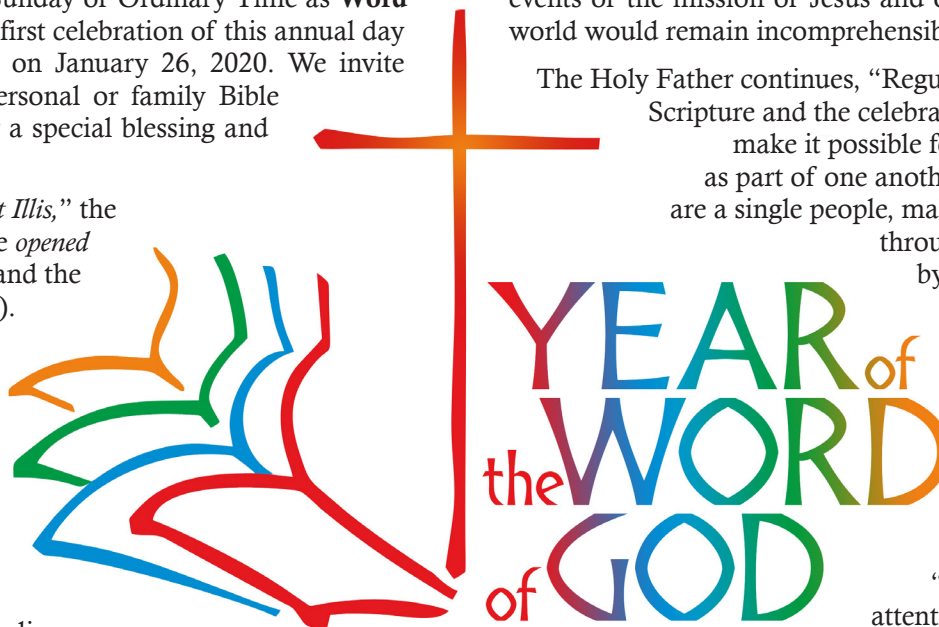
To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father's eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins (cf. Lk 24:26-46-47). He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery (cf. Lk 24:49)."

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who *opens our minds to them*, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth.

Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible."

The Holy Father continues, "Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us."

Pope Francis suggested that on 'Word of God' Sunday, the Bible be enthroned "in order to focus our attention on the normative value of God's Word and to encourage us to read the Bible as a regular part of our daily lives."



### Blessing of Bibles

In keeping with his admonition, we invite everyone coming to Mass next weekend – January 25-26 – to bring your personal or family Bible with you. After the homily at each Mass, we will have a special blessing and commendation of these bibles. Additional Bible resources will be available for enthroning scriptures in your home. For more information, see the parish website at [www.ollparish.com/read-the-bible](http://www.ollparish.com/read-the-bible).

**Bible resources and reading plans listed on page 2.**

### 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

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## YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

### RESOURCES AND PLANS

#### BIBLES

- For Adults: *The Catholic Study Bible*, 3rd Edition, NABRE, [amzn.to/3a0F6tX](http://amzn.to/3a0F6tX)
- For Youth: *The Catholic Youth Bible*, 4th Edition, NABRE, [amzn.to/386FaGS](http://amzn.to/386FaGS)
- For Children: *The Catholic Children's Bible*, [amzn.to/2FKPx75](http://amzn.to/2FKPx75) (All children enrolled in the Life Kids or OLL School First Sacraments Prep program receive this Bible).



#### TRANSLATIONS

All Bibles are a translation from the original languages, Hebrew and Aramaic (Old Testament) or Greek (New Testament), into another language. For English readers, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops recommends using the **NABRE** (New American Bible Revised Edition), **NAB** (New American Bible), the **NRSVCE** (New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition) or any other approved translations found at [www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible)

#### BIBLE READING PLANS

There are many great reading plans available. You can choose to read the Bible in any time frame, although a year is often common. While this may seem like a daunting task, it comes out to be less than 5 chapters a day. You can read the Bible from start to finish (Genesis to Revelation), chronologically (in the span the Bible takes place), alternating between Old and New Testament, or any way which works for you! Next week we will have some materials available to help you begin this journey.

## This Week

### Sunday, January 19, 2020

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fellowship After Mass	7:30 AM PH-FRONT
Life Kids Beginners	8:45 AM PH-CC
Life Kids	10:15 AM SCH
EDGE	10:15 AM PC-JSLM
Focus on Faith	10:15 AM PC-BETH
Confirmation/Life Teen	6:30 PM PH-FRONT

### Monday, January 20, 2020

#### Parish Offices Closed in Observance of MLK

Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Centering Prayer	9:30 AM PC-PLIB

### Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Revelation Study	9:15 AM PC-NAZ
Moms & Tots	9:30 AM PC-JSLM
Fatima Rosary	6:00 PM PC-PLIB
Young Adult Small Group	6:00 PM PC-CANA
Admin Council	7:00 PM PC-BETH

### Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Exodus 90	7:00 AM PC-BETH
Charismatic Prayer Group	11:00 AM PC-PLIB
Centering Prayer	7:00 PM PC-PLIB

RCIA	7:00 PM PC-JSLM
Choir Practice	7:00 PM CH

### Thursday, January 23, 2020

EPIC Church History	10:00 AM PC-JSLM
Matthew Bible Study	7:00 PM PC-JSLM
Awakening Faith	7:00 PM PC-PLIB
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 PM PC-NAZ

### Friday, January 24, 2020

Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Exodus 90	7:15 AM PC-BOARD
Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM PH-CARP

### Saturday, January 18, 2020

DOGS Men's Group	7:00 AM PC-NAZ
Confessions	3:30 PM CH

### Sunday, January 26, 2020

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Word of God Sunday

Fellowship After Mass	7:30 AM PH-FRONT
Life Kids Beginners	8:45 AM PH-CC
EDGE	10:15 AM PC-JSLM
Focus on Faith	10:15 AM PC-BETH
OLL School Open House	10:00 AM SCH
Prayer Group	2:00 PM PC-PLIB
Confirmation/Life Teen	6:30 PM PH-FRONT

PC=Parish Center Building—Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem Rooms; SCH=School—Multipurpose Room, Gym;  
PH=Parish Hall—Front, Mid, Carpet, Child Care, Cook CH=Church—Church, Loft, Narthex; OTHER=Off Campus Event

## Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

### Flu Season Precautions

Flu season is upon us, as many of you know, and perhaps have already experienced personally or in your family. While we always want to encourage attendance at Mass, and a spirit of hospitality, all of us should also take necessary precautions to not transmit a cold or the flu if we are ill.

The Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship offers these recommendations to guide our approach to the celebration of Mass and the sacraments, and especially the reception of Holy Communion. Our Lady of the Lake parish will continue offering Holy Communion under both species, however:

1. Those who are not feeling well should refrain from receiving from the chalice and should receive Holy Communion under the form of bread alone to avoid transmitting any illness.
2. Due to the fact that our hands are often transmitters of the cold and flu, care should be taken:
  - a. Never self-intinct (dip) the consecrated host into the Precious Blood.
  - b. If you are ill, in place of the regular way of offering the sign of peace, a nod of the head and a verbal greeting of peace rather than the shaking of hands during this cold and flu season may be used.
  - c. Holding hands during the Our Father is discouraged.
3. Those who are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish church or those involved in ministry to the homebound should take special precautions. They should heed all health directives by frequently washing their hands and avoiding contact with others, especially those most susceptible to illness.
4. Catholics who are ill are excused from Sunday worship out of respect and concern for their fellow worshipers. Catholics who are ill may make a spiritual communion during the time of their illness.

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**FAITH**

### Focus on Faith Schedule

Focus on Faith is from 10:20 – 11:20 AM

For more information see [ollparish.com/fof](http://ollparish.com/fof)

#### Every Sunday — Explore the Sunday Readings

Join us for video presentations by Dr. Brant Pitre, exploring the 1st century Christian understanding of today's scripture readings and how it applies to us today.

Parish Center, Bethlehem Room

### No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Walk step-by-step with Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. Three offerings:

- Wednesdays, January 29-February 26 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Mondays, February 24-March 30 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Mondays, February 24-March 30 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

For more information and to register, visit [www.ollparish.com/bible-study](http://www.ollparish.com/bible-study).



### Offertory

*We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.*

**THIS YEAR:** Week ending 12/29/2019

Weekly Collection: \$72,946

Fiscal Year to Date: \$784,635

#### LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$87,305

Fiscal Year to Date: \$790,818

#### BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$804,932

### Stay up to date with events at OLL

Read the Bulletin! Sign up for Weekly Parish emails by calling the office!

Visit the Website at [ollparish.com](http://ollparish.com)!

Check us out on Social Media!

**Twitter** @OLLLakeOswego

**Facebook** @OLLCatholicChurch &

**Instagram** @OLLCatholicChurch

### Mass Intentions

*Sunday, January 19, 2020*

7:30 AM +Robert Goodwin

9:00 AM Int. Meris Gebhardt

11:30 AM +Helen Ohrman

5:00 PM +Shirley Bradvica

*Monday, January 20, 2020*

6:30 AM Prayer Service

8:30 AM +Bob Feider

*Tuesday, January 21, 2020*

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:30 AM +Tom Smetanick

*Wednesday, January 22, 2020*

6:30 AM +Paul Brisner

8:30 AM +Julie Baker

*Thursday, January 23, 2020*

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:30 AM +Anna Dylag

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

6:30 AM Prayer Service

8:30 AM Mass

*Saturday, January 25, 2020*

8:30 AM Mass

5:00 PM +Lynne O'Shea Kelly

*Sunday, January 26, 2020*

7:30 AM Int. Sandy Nosler

9:00 AM +Gene Gonzales

11:30 AM Mass

5:00 PM Mass

To view upcoming Mass Intentions or to request a Mass Intention online, visit [www.ollparish.com/intentions](http://www.ollparish.com/intentions)



# Life Kids Beginners

Every Sunday • 8:45–11:30 AM  
Nursery for 9 Months – 3 Years Old  
Parish Hall Transept

## Life Kids

Seeking volunteers to help with teacher activities,  
especially in preschool and kindergarten.

Sundays 10:20 to 11:15 AM

Preschool—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Where children are inspired with prayer, song,  
and faith-filled learning

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

For more information about Children's  
Ministry, contact Mary at [maryb@ollparish.com](mailto:maryb@ollparish.com)  
or call the parish office.



## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE YOUTH + MINISTRY

### EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meets Sundays in the Jerusalem Room from 10:15 AM to  
11:15 AM during Focus on Faith.

### CONFIRMATION & LIFE TEEN

Meets Sundays, after the 5:00 PM Mass in the Parish Hall.

### Moms and Tots • Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 AM • Jerusalem Room



Parents & Tots, join a growing small group  
of parents and their tots (all children who  
have not entered kindergarten) on Tuesday  
mornings in the Jerusalem Room.

Parents read the upcoming Sunday's Mass  
readings, explore a few discussion questions  
about the readings, as well as share prayer intentions, and  
just visit about "life stuff" while kids play.

Meet with us for friendship and faith! Coffee is provided! To  
sign up, visit [www.ollparish.com/moms-and-tots](http://www.ollparish.com/moms-and-tots).

### OLL Student Leadership Team

This year the leadership team consists of  
students in sixth through eighth grade,  
who were elected by their classmates.  
The leadership team gives students  
an opportunity to develop skills by  
brainstorming, organizing and carrying out  
school activities. They are the voice of the  
student body and communicates between  
student body and faculty. Members of  
the team take an active role in planning school assemblies, school events and  
promoting National Catholic Schools Week (last week of January). This spring  
the leadership team will continue to promote school and community outreach  
activities.



### OLL School Open House

Are you or someone you know looking for Catholic education for children  
kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade? If so, come to the OLL School Open House next

Sunday, January 26, from 10:00 AM to 12:00  
PM. Meet faculty and staff, current students,  
and receive a tour of the school.

### Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance

January 26 through February 1 is Catholic  
Schools Week. You will find an envelope for  
Tuition Assistance in your envelope packets  
for the months of January and June. You can  
also find these envelopes at the entrances of  
the church. By focusing on faith, knowledge,  
and service, Catholic schools prepare children  
to use their God-given  
talents to the fullest later  
in life. Please join in  
supporting our Tuition  
Assistance Fund to  
benefit Our Lady of the  
Lake School children.



## Baptized for Mission: Becoming Fishers of Men

OLL Men's Retreat - January 24-26, 2020



Men: Has the past year felt unusually stressful? Is our fast-moving, digital world overwhelming your sense of purpose and focus? Do you simply need time to reset

your spiritual compass, spend time in prayer, and renew your relationship with God? These are some of the many reasons to break away to attend the annual Our Lady of the Lake Men's Retreat. Will you join us this year? Who will you invite to attend who needs this opportunity?

Our Parish Men's Retreat is set for **Friday through Sunday, January 24-26, 2020** at the newly remodeled Mount Angel Abbey Guesthouse. We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Emeritus, John Vlazny, will be our retreat master and offer five reflection presentations during the course of the retreat days. Archbishop Vlazny is recognized for his pastoral

and inspiring homilies. We will be blessed by his spiritual, scriptural and personal insights.

Time for silence, personal prayer on the peaceful abbey grounds, liturgical prayer with the monks, evening social time with other retreatants, and, of course, the delicious and plentiful Abbey food are all part of the retreat benefits.

Our retreat starts on Friday with Abbey vespers at 5:20, then dinner at 6:00 PM, and concludes with lunch on Sunday. Check-in begins on Friday at 3:00 PM. We encourage men to take the day off if possible, to arrive earlier on Friday afternoon to spend time in prayer, reflection, walk the grounds and then gather for vespers and dinner. The retreat fee of \$250 provides all lodging, meals and retreat materials. Retreat "fee subsidies" are available upon request.

The retreat books up quickly, so don't delay. Register online at [www.ollparish.com/retreat](http://www.ollparish.com/retreat). Are you able to "pay it forward" and offer part or full scholarships? Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Please send requests or bequests to Tom Tomaszek, [tomt@ollparish.com](mailto:tomt@ollparish.com).

### Holy Women: "Official and Unofficial"

OLL Women's Retreat - February 28 & 29

Parish Women's Retreat is **Friday, February 28 and Saturday, February 29** at the Historic Laundry Room at Mary's Woods.

All women are invited to our retreat with the distinguished Dr. Karen Eifler, School of Education Professor and Co-Director of the Garaventa Center at University of Portland. Dr. Eifler is a well-known and accomplished professor. You may know her from the Garaventa Center which provides speakers and artists from every discipline to share their work, missions and insights. The Garaventa Center also provides the weekly Fractio Verbi podcasts which reflect on Sunday's readings.

We will explore the topic of Holy Women in our faith and the women who have influenced us in our lives.

We will begin on Friday night and continue through Sunday afternoon closing with a Visio Divina. We will also have a beautiful treat, a book of the St. John's Bible will be with us during the retreat.

Register online at [www.ollparish.com/retreats](http://www.ollparish.com/retreats).

### Awakening Faith

Do you want to know God more personally? Have you considered returning to the Catholic Church - or developing for the first time a more active 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? Is God in your life now? Truly connecting to your Catholic faith can be transforming, it can give you true life.

We are coming together in Awakening Faith to grow in our understanding of God and the true meaning of life. We will meet in the Parish Center Library beginning Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We have 6 sessions and 4 optional - to be decided by us. 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).

Come on Thursday, January 16. For more information go to our website: [ollparish.com/adults](http://ollparish.com/adults). Call Margaret Jamieson at 503-635-2915 or email me at [maggieandmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:maggieandmargaret@gmail.com).

Awakening Faith invites you to...

Fill the Hole in Your Life  
Know God More Personally  
Unlock the Mysteries of Catholicism



## ONLINE GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you are already using online giving skip step 1 and 2. (if you forgot your user ID or password click the forgot button and a new password will be emailed to you)

### STEP 1 - REGISTER

- From OLL website [www.ollparish.com](http://www.ollparish.com)
- Click "Giving" in top right navigation bar
- Click on "Give Now:
- Click on **CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT**.
- Fill in the information boxes that contain a red asterisk. Make sure to write down your User ID and Password (put in a secure and safe place.)
- **Submit.** You will receive an email to confirm your information.



### STEP 2 – SET UP PAYMENT METHOD

- Now log into your account, click on **MY PAYMENT METHOD**.
- You will need to **ADD NEW BANK ACCOUNT** (if using your checking account) **OR ADD NEW CREDIT CARD** (if using your credit card).
- Provide all the information requested. Then click **SUBMIT**.

### STEP 3 – SET UP DONATION

**OPTIONS:** You can choose multiple funds (RE, Building Maintenance, SvdP)

- Now return to **MANAGE MY ACCOUNT** and choose **GIVE A NEW GIFT**.
- Choose **OFFERTORY** (fund), then select gift type **RECURRING**.
- Select payment and frequency and start date.
- Select the account (check or credit card), then enter amount and frequency.
- Click **NEXT** (at the bottom of the page)
- In the **CONFIRM MY GIFTS** window, review the details to insure all is correct. Click **SUBMIT**.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

*This policy is for: Life Kids, Edge,  
Life Teen, Confirmation, Adult Faith  
Formation, Music Groups, and other  
scheduled meetings and classes.*



**Weekdays:** The regular parish programs listed above will follow the morning snow closure and bad weather directions of the Lake Oswego School District. When the Lake Oswego schools are closed, the programs listed above will be closed.

**Weekends or evenings:** If there is a sudden change in the weather during the day, or the program meets in the evening or on a weekend, the Program Director or group organizer of the respective programs will make the decision as to the closure based upon consideration of the different areas surrounding OLL. The Program Director will also initiate the process of notifying people. If you are not sure if a program is cancelled, please call the office at 503-636-7687 for closure information.

**Mass: Mass in Church will not be cancelled for weather emergencies.** We will celebrate Mass with whatever ministers and people attend. No one should put themselves or their family at risk to fulfill a ministerial assignment or to attend Mass. When travel is dangerous, then all are excused from the obligation to attend Mass.

## Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning

This one-day program is a step in the process of moving forward for those who are recently widowed, divorced, or separated. Lay ministry team members of Beginning Experience of Oregon will present topics that address being alone, loneliness, the grief process, trusting one's self, and next steps.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 17-19, please call 1-503-225-9191 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

*Don't forget to notify the office of any changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions. Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or [office@ollparish.com](mailto:office@ollparish.com).*

## Stay up to date with events at OLL

Read the Bulletin! • Sign up for Weekly Parish emails by calling the office! • Visit the Website at [ollparish.com](http://ollparish.com)! • Check us out on Social Media! **Twitter** @OLLLakeOswego, **Facebook** @OLLCatholicChurch, & **Instagram** @OLLCatholicChurch

*Bulletin entries must be submitted two Fridays prior to publication date - unless early deadlines for holidays. Send submissions via email to [karab@ollparish.com](mailto:karab@ollparish.com). Entries may be edited for purposes of clarity and space. For information contact Kara.*



## Mercy Teams



One parish family recently shared their time, offered their love, and made friends with our homeless guests during *Father's Heart Street Ministry to the Homeless*.

### Street Ministry to the Homeless

Families with young children are encouraged to participate and experience this great service opportunity by sharing their love and the love of Jesus Christ. Help prepare the food, serve the food, offer clothing, friendship and love to our guests.

Next Saturday opportunities: January 25, February 22, and March 28.

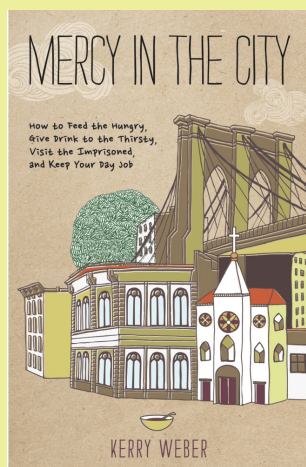
### Oregon Food Bank

This is a terrific service opportunity for families with younger children, age 6 and up.

Thursdays, March 26 and April 30, 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Visit [www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams](http://www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams) to sign up for these and another service opportunities.

### Christmas Gift Book: *Mercy in the City*, by Kerry Weber, Discussion Opportunities



If you haven't had a chance to pick up the Christmas Gift Book, there are a few copies left in the Parish Office. Pick it up and join us for the upcoming discussions during Focus on Faith!

**Sunday, February 9**

**Sunday, February 16**

**Sunday February 23**

**10:20 AM to 11:15 AM**

**Nazareth Room**

## Respect Life



### Oregon March for Life: Saturday, January 25

Join hundreds of Oregonians at the steps of the Oregon Capitol, marking 47 years of nationally-legal abortion. The events will begin at 2:15 PM with the March for Life immediately following. If you would like a ride to the March for Life with other OLL parishioners, please RSVP to Joan at 503-318-3633 so that we will have enough vehicles. We will meet in the OLL parking lot at Noon.

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population.

This coming Wednesday, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb, and for someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. You can find out more information about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com). In all trials, tragedies, and sufferings, Christ is our hope. [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)

### 9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual respect life novena beginning Tuesday, January 21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)