Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH Fifth Sunday of Lent

Where I Am, There Also Will My Servant Be

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it,produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus' final prelude to the Last Supper and his Passion. He is preparing his disciples for the traumatic events about to take place and he wants them to focus on the full story and meaning. He uses the image of a single grain of wheat to describe his willingness to follow His Father's will no matter the cost. His death will yield abundant life, but not without suffering the cross.

This year has taught us all a great deal about suffering and death with over 500,000 people lost to the COVID-19 virus here in our country alone, and millions more world-wide. All of us, I'm sure, know someone in our extended family

and friends who has succumbed to this deadly disease. The hardship and suffering of these persons are staggering and can seem overwhelming unless we have the eyes of faith to trust in God's presence to hold us and sustain us.

"Sir, We Want to See Jesus"

Today's Gospel account begins with some Greeks' (read: non-Jews) desire to see Jesus. As I reflected on the impacts to my life and parish life during this year of pandemic adjustments, I began to consider: *How have I seen Jesus in these past months? Where has the Lord led me to encounter his presence?*

My immediate answer is to consider the work of our parish Mercy Teams and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. I'm so humbled by the weekly efforts of the many families (parents, children, teens) who reach out in love with our Sack Lunch outreach and food, clothing and financial contributions. In your service, I see disciples following Jesus, becoming the hands and heart of Christ in a suffering world. These small acts of kindness yield a rich harvest of caring and compassion. They have transformed Sunday mornings to be a Church in action and service.

During Lent, we have a special opportunity to seek the Lord in our lives and world, to see Jesus in our midst. May our Lenten prayer, fasting and continued service open our hearts and minds to Christ. May our desire "to see Jesus" lead us to seek the Lord through ongoing reflection, study of the scriptures, and sharing faith with family, friends and fellow parishioners. May our losses and sorrows of the past year yield new life and growth in our relationship in Christ.

~ Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Sign up online at www.ollparish.com to attend Mass in person.

Mass at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Mass at 6:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

Prayer Church open Monday - Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM for individual silent prayer. SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM, Sunday Morning 9:00 & 11:30 AM Sign up to attend.

> LOCATED AT 790 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST First Friday of the Month *(subject to change)* 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM in the Church

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will continue to be remote Mondays and Fridays. The phones are answered between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. If you need to reach a staff member, we highly encourage you to email them. Email addresses are listed on page 2.

The Parish Office will be open for appointments only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Walk-ins are not allowed at this time due to COVID-19 safety for Parish and School Staff, School Children, and Parishioners. Call the parish office to make an appointment.

School pick up is 12:30-1:30 PM each day. Please do not park in the middle of the back section so school parents can form carline.

Church APP

Have you downloaded OLL's App? Text 'OLLAPP' to 77977 to download



Quick & Easy Access to:

Videos & Homily Podcast Calendar & Events Online Giving Mercy Teams Sign Ups Prayer Resources and so much more!

Online Giving

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 <u>www.ollparish.com</u>
- Click "Giving" in top right navigation bar
- Click on "Give Online via My Own Giving"
- 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**.

Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

Consecration to St. Joseph

Pope Francis, recalling the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Last week, Fr. Suresh encouraged us to organize special prayers and devotions, dedicated to the foster father of Jesus, to mark the "Year of St. Joseph." Parishioners who are interested are invited to consecrate themselves to St. Joseph.

What does it mean to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph?

Basically, consecration means to entrust yourself entirely to his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close as possible to his spiritual father. St. Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection and guidance.

How Is consecration to St. Joseph done and what is the method?

Consecration to St. Joseph is a comprehensive program of preparation and consecration to St. Joseph for individuals, families, parishes, and dioceses. It is a 33-day preparation and consecration. On each day of the 33-day preparation (Day 1 and Day 2 are the only exception), a short exposition on one of the invocations in the Litany of St. Joseph is presented (in Part I), followed by a reading on St. Joseph (a section of Part II), concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph (found in Part III). The 33-day preparation requires about 20 to 30 minutes a day. If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation.

It is recommended to choose a day to begin preparation that will coincide with a liturgical feast of St. Joseph. The 33-day program begins in OLL Parish on March 30 and ends on May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. It can be undertaken on your own or in a group.

The Archdiocesan website (<u>www.archdpdx.org/year-of-saint-joseph</u>) provides additional information on the Year of St. Joseph and a link to the consecration page. You can also go directly to the consecration website, <u>www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/</u>

The book, *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Donald H. Calloway, MIC gives all the details about the preparation and consecration to St. Joseph. You can purchase the book at the Consecration website above. For further details, contact Fr. Suresh Amalraj, Parochial Vicar frsuresh@ollparish.com or by calling the parish office.

Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

As we plan for our next term beginning in September, the Pastoral Council invites parishioners to nominate candidates. We are an advisory body that helps Father John identify pastoral needs in the parish, plan pastoral programs, improve pastoral services, evaluate their effectiveness and review existing programs and services. Council priorities at this time include a focus on Young Families and Social Justice.

The 10 lay members of the Council are selected to broadly represent the many communities that comprise Our Lady of the Lake Parish. As such it is a diverse body that joins four staff members in monthly meetings.

Please submit the name(s) and contact information of parishioners who you would like to nominate to Neal Corbett at <u>pastoralcouncil@ollministry.com</u> by April 16. To learn more about the Pastoral Council, go to <u>www.ollparish.com/</u><u>about-us/staff</u> and scroll down to "Leadership Councils."

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 3/21/2021

| Weekly Collection: Fiscal Year to Date: | \$ 25,822 \$1,006,910 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LAST YEAR: Weekly Collection: Fiscal Year to Date: | \$18,660 \$1,059,832 |
| BUDGET: Fiscal Year to Date: | \$1,035,062 |

Did you have any changes in your family this past year?

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions.

Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:00 AM +Carroll Gorg 11:30 AM For the Parishioners Monday, March 22, 2021 8:30 AM Int Lynne Huston Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:30 AM +Patricia Haslach 6:00 PM +John Ferrrais Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:30 AM Int Joan Lauren 6:00 PM Int Wanda Dozier Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:30 AM +Ann Sullivan Endres 6:00 PM +All Souls Friday, March 26, 2021 8:30 AM For Victims of Sexual Ahuse Saturday, March 27, 2021 8:30 AM + Angela Bonnington 5:00 PM +Jose Luis Garza Sunday, March 28, 2021 9:00 AM For the Parishioners 11:30 AM +Ann Thornton

To view upcoming Intentions or request an Intention online, visit <u>www.</u> <u>ollparish.com/intentions</u>.

Lifelong Faith Formation

Following Christ is a lifelong commitment to know, love and serve. At Our Lady of the Lake we invite disciples of all ages to explore their faith individually, in families, with peer groups, with spouses and friends, in small faith sharing groups, and through parish community opportunities.

We invite you to visit our Lifelong Faith Formation at <u>www.ollparish.com/faith-formation</u> where you can explore your faith through online resources, prayer, and activities.

Life Kids

Our goal is that each child will know, love, and follow Jesus in their life.

Since we are not meeting in-person, we have created weekly lessons for families to share with their children at home.

To view these lessons, go to our Family Playlist: www.ollparish.com/family-playlist.

For information, contact Mary at <u>maryb@ollparish.com</u>.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

"Jesus Talks About His Upcoming Death"

Sunday, March 21 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Big Idea: To serve Jesus, we must follow Him.

Sunday Bible passage: John 12:20-33

Youth Ministry

Register for Youth Group at <u>www.ollparish.com/youth.</u>

Contact youth minister Luke Brooks for more information at <u>lukeb@ollparish.com</u>.

High School Youth Group — Every Thursday

High School (9th-12th grades) meets every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Register now!

Middle School Youth Group — Every Tuesday

Middle School (6th-8th grades) meets every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Register now!

YOUTH PLAYLIST FEATURE

"What the Heck is Lent, Anyway?"



As you and your family prepare for Lent, use this helpful guide to make Lent an intentional season for intensifying your relationship with God.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Lake is committed to providing opportunities for faith formation for all adult ages. Each stage of life offers occasions to encounter the Lord, to grow deeper in understanding our Catholic faith, and to share that faith through prayer and action individually and with others.

We invite you to explore our pages at <u>www.ollparish.com/</u> <u>adult-formation</u>

MONTHLY PLAYLIST FEATURE



Each and every day we are called on to become closer to God. We can answer that call with our actions and our prayers. This Lenten Season take a step closer to the Lord

"Beautiful Lenten Prayers"

with these special Lenten prayers.

NCC Offers Expanding Emotional Intelligence Virtual Workshop

Northwest Counseling Center offers virtual Zoom workshop exploring the world of emotions, offering us a better understanding of emotions on Thursday, March 25 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Licensed therapist Tod Fiste, LPC will teach attendees about the mind/body connection, "good/bad" emotions, thoughts vs. feelings, and how emotions relate to safety and danger.

The cost is \$30 per household. Hardship scholarships are available upon request. Pre-registration is required. Call 503-253-0964 or register online at www.nwcounseling.org/ services/workshops. An email with links for access will be sent to participants on the day of the workshop.

Connect with us!

We encourage you to connect throughout the week via Social Media, Homily Podcast, and Weekly Email.



Lent 2021 To the Desert Follow Me

MASS

(All Masses are also livestreamed)

Sundays of Lent

February 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 28 Saturday Vigil, 5:00 PM in Church Sunday, 9:00 AM • 11:30 AM Church and Parish Hall

> Daily Mass Mondays-Saturdays, 8:30 AM Tuesday-Thursday, 6:00 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Every Saturday, 9:30-10:30 AM

During Lent — February 24-March 24 Sundays, 10:20-11:00 AM Wednesdays, 7:00 PM Or by appointment.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(in Church and livestreamed) **Fridays at 6:30 PM** February 19-March 26 **Good Friday at 12:00 PM** April 2

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

(in Church and livestreamed) Friday, March 5 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM

HOLY WEEK



(All Masses are also livestreamed)

Palm Sunday, March 28

Distribution of Palms Saturday, 5:00 PM in Church Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM Church and Parish Hall

Distribution of Palms of Only 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in Church

Holy Thursday, April I

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM Church and Parish Hall

Good Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM Passion of the Lord's Service, 7:00 PM Church and Parish Hall

Holy Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM Church and Parish Hall

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:30 AM Church and Other Satellite Locations

SACK LUNCH MEALS °F MERCY



Mercy Teams collects and donates sack lunches to various mission organizations in the Portland-Metro area on a weekly basis. Three ways to volunteer:

- On-site volunteers on Sunday mornings to help make sandwiches and collect and organize the donated sack lunches.
- Deliver sack lunches on Monday mornings to the various missions.
- Assemble and donate sack lunches. Sack lunches include: 16 oz bottle of water, granola bar, fruit/apple sauce cup, bag of chips, plastic spoon & napkin. Deliver to Parish Hall on Sunday mornings.

Visit ollparish.com/mercyteams to sign up.

40 CANS FOR LENT



Most wanted food items: canned tuna & chicken, peanut butter & jam/jelly (plastic containers), macaroni & cheese, canned soup, canned vegetables & fruits, instant potatoes.

Drop off: Place all items in the St. Vincent de Paul barrels located upstairs outside of the church in the Narthex or downstairs outside of the Parish Hall near the elevator. Donations may also be brought to the parish on Sunday mornings and given to Mercy Teams during their drive through between 8:45-11:30 AM.

All donated food benefits the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Loving Others through Outreach

Mercy Teams

Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy

Continues through the Winter. Volunteer now to **Make sandwiches**, **collect**, **organize**, **or deliver sack lunches** for Sunday's or Mondays through March 8.

Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy Contribution to Food Insecurity – Between April 2020 and the end of January 2021 your support of our parish Mercy Teams Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy facilitated the delivery of meals serving 67,500 individuals, including food insecure families and unsheltered individuals in need. Family meals were delivered to many Boys & Girls Clubs, St. Andrew Nativity School, L.O. Hunger Fighters, and a Ministry serving Working Poor Latino families



Donate Sack lunches – 16 0z water, granola bar, fruit/apple sauce cup/pouch, bag of chips, plastic spoon, & napkin.

New White Cotton Socks

Mercy Teams supports UGM's Sock Exchange in Unsheltered Camps, with 100 to 200 pairs of socks each week. You can donate new white cotton socks during the Sunday Drive-Thru Drop-Off.

Street Ministry to The Unsheltered

Next Street Ministry Saturday, March 27. Meet at the parish hall at 7:15 AM, head out by 9:00 AM, and back by 12:00 PM.

Sign up for projects at www.ollparish.com/mercy-teams.

St. Vincent de Paul at OLL: 40 Cans for Lent

St. Vincent De Paul would like to thank you for your ongoing support during our 40 Cans For Lent program.

This food is so important to families that are facing hunger. With your help we are able to provide food for families in Lake Oswego, Tigard (St. Anthony), and Milwaukie (St. John the Baptist).



In addition, we asked and you answered the call for providing funds for rent assistance. Each week we are able to help families avoid eviction through your generosity. Keeping a family IN a home is so much better han scrambling to find new housing once their home is lost.

We are so blessed to have so many generous parishioners!

Respect Life

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service Concludes

Last year on March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium Vitae written by Pope John Paul II, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops kicked off a year-long program to help pregnant women and families in need, Walking with Moms in Need.

Since then, the OLL Respect Life Committee has highlighted in the bulletin resources for the OLL community to help pregnant women in need.

We continue to invite you to help women and families in need. Resources are on the top shelf in the Narthex. If you know any pregnant women or families in need, please call Sharon at 503-313-3689.

40 Days for Life: Last Week to Participate!

40 Days for Life ends on March 28 at Beaverton Planned Parenthood, 12220 SW 1st Street. Drop by Monday-Saturday, 7 AM to 7 PM. If questions, call Therese at 503-997-1884. If you would like to meet up with other OLL parishioners, call Sue at 503-691-6327.

A young woman pulled up to the 40 Days for Life vigil in Fayetteville, North Carolina to talk with a vigil participant.

"I just wanted to show you my miracle baby. She's now four years old," the woman said. "When I was pregnant, I was scheduled to come here for an abortion."

"I saw you guys standing out here and I chose LIFE instead. What y'all do out here makes a difference!"

"Standing and holding a sign doesn't seem like much, but we have no idea the impact we have on those who see us," said the local leadership team. Shortened from 40daysforlife.com

Upcoming Event in the Archdiocese

4/16-18 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Portland for healing after abortion. For details, go to ProjectAurora@aol.com.

Easter Environment Offering

We invite you to make an offering in honor of your loved ones during the Easter season to benefit the environment of the Church. If you wish to participate, a gift may be made in any dollar amount

• electronically through online giving (www.ollparish.com/giving) or the Parish App (Text 'OLLAPP' to 77977 to download)



• by check, mail to parish office or place in the offertory drop slot in the Narthex

When you make your donation, you are invited to make it "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" and include this in the online giving "memo" or writing it on the Easter offertory envelope which can be found in the Church Narthex. Please write clearly your intentions on the envelope. These names will be displayed in the bulletin the Sunday after Easter on April 11.

Your remembrance gifts at Easter make it possible for us to enhance the beauty of the Church at this most sacred time of year when we celebrate Christ's resurrection. The cut-off date is Palm Sunday, March 28. Thank you for supporting the adornment of the Church.

OLL School Hanging Basket Fundraiser

Support OLL School by purchasing a hanging basket. Sale Opens Thursday, March 11 and ends Friday, April 23.

Visit <u>oll.school/hanging-baskets</u> for more information. Hanging Baskets are 12" and can be hung in the sun or shade. Each basket is \$38. By



purchasing a basket, you will receive a voucher to Al's Garden Center which can be redeemed between April 21 and May 5.

Visit <u>oll.school/hanging-baskets</u> for more information and to order. Perfect and just in time for Mother's Day!

Retrouvaille - Marriage Help

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, call 503-225-9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org



"The Bible in a Year" Podcast

In the Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. Unlike any other Bible podcast, Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast follows a reading plan inspired by *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible teacher Jeff Cavins.

With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year...you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! Listen and... Read the ENTIRE Bible; Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture; Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your daily life; and Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture.

The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) is produced by Ascension, the leader in Catholic faith formation. Visit ascensionpress. com/bibleinayear for the complete Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) reading plan.

Knights of Columbus

Join Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus, council 3818, online by visiting: <u>www.kofc.org/joinus</u>. *Charity is at the heart of our work and faith*. Contact council 3818 at <u>kofc3818@hotmail.com</u> for more information.



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