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



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7

Jesus' commandment that we should love one another is grounded in the simple, yet profound truth that our love of God and of our neighbor is a response to the love God has begotten in each of us. Our love is not of our own initiative but a reflection of God's love in us. We don't merely believe God is *like* love, rather that God IS love. God's very nature is love. As St.

# **God Is Love**

John, "the apostle whom Jesus loved" reminds us in the passage above, if we cannot love others, then we cannot truly know God.

This weekend we hear again from Jesus' final teaching to his disciples at the Last Supper: *As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love* (John 15:9). As Fr. John described in last week's homily, we hear these words of Jesus now – in light of the Resurrection – the completion of that great act of love by Christ, our Redeemer. We remain in God's love by imitating that self-emptying and humble act of love for others – especially those whom we might name as strangers or enemies.

#### A Mother's Love

How can we begin to know such unconditional love? Many of us understand the nature of love through the care and nurture we receive from our own mothers, grandmothers, and adopted mothers. A mother's love is grounded in the physical connection of birthing life, and/or of nurturing life by providing for our basic needs of health and survival. A mother's love is lifelong, and despite distance, disagreements, or physical departures, remains constant. A mother's love is unconditional love offered not for what we do, but for who we are and whose we are.

#### Mary, Our Mother

Mary, our most Blessed Mother, leads us always to Jesus, her Son, with the same unconditional love that he has for us. The month of May is a traditional time for Catholics to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with special devotions, praying the rosary, and other spiritual practices. In her quiet, yet constant devotion to Jesus throughout her life, Mary reminds us – as she did to the wine stewards at Cana – *do whatever he tells you to do!* 

Happy Mother's Day!

~ Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate

#### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Sign up** online at www.ollparish.com to attend Weekend 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 9:15-10:30 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.

**OLL School has extended their day to 3:00 PM. Pick up** is 2:30-3:30 PM each day (1:30-2:30 PM on Tuesdays). Please do not park in the middle of the back section so school parents can form carline.

**NO PARKING Friday, May 14** — This Friday, May 14, OLL School has their annual Jog-A-Thon and will be using the whole parking lot for the jogging track. If you are attending Mass — or will be on site for any reason — you will need to park on the street or elsewhere.

## The Parish Needs Your Input for Our Future

We are on the verge of retiring our \$3.6 million debt! We have less than \$500K yet to pay off and we have pledges from parishioners to cover that over the next 14 months. AND we have the new roof on the church. All of this is due to the generosity of parishioners like you. Back in 2016, when we started this campaign the debt was the main priority, but we raised enough in pledges for a new roof, too. We also wanted to remodel the hall and make



some adaptations to the church, but that needed to wait. Now we need your input as to how we should proceed so that we can accomplish those "Phase II" projects.

The Facilities and Development Committee is hosting virtual focus groups on May 18th and 19th at 7:00 pm. We are seeking input from parish members as we review our strategic plan and get ready for our post COVID future.

As the Focus Group will be virtual, attendance is limited. To register, visit our Events page at <u>ollparish.com/events</u> and click on "Facilities and Development Focus Group." Follow the instructions on the sign up page. More groups will be added as needed. You will receive a Zoom link in the confirmation email. Contact Kristen Young, Business Manager, at <u>kristeny@ollparish.com</u>, with questions.

## Mass Registration • Weekends Only!

**Registration is now only needed for:** Saturday Vigil, 5:00 PM • Sunday, 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM • Special Masses/Holy Days

Weekday Masses requiring no registration: Monday-Saturday, 8:30 AM • Tuesday-Thursday, 6:00 PM

Reminder: Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass now reserved for OLL school students and staff only and is not open to parents and parishioners during school year (until mid-June). Watch the livestream online!

Register for Weekend Masses at <u>www.ollparish.com/mass</u>

## Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

## Medjugorje and Mary: The School of Love

A Reflection by Linda Flynn

"My Son could have won with strength, but He chose meekness, humility and love. Follow my Son and give me your hands so that, together, we may climb the mountain and win."

~ Our Lady's Message at Medjugorje on July 2, 2007

In May 2019 Pope Francis authorized pilgrimages to Medjugorje, a small village in Bosnia Herzegovina. Since June 24, 1981, stories of miracles there have abounded in the reality of future events and secrets confided to six children by our Blessed Mother through apparitions. She remains our teacher in "The School of Love" producing "lessons" for the world aimed to assist us in knowing God's love. These lessons include the "five stones" of prayer, fasting, Holy Mass, confession, and the Bible. (Identified by Fr. Jozo in the book, "My Heart Will Triumph" by Mirjana Soldo.)

#### PRAYER

"Dear children, proper prayer comes from the depth of your heart, from your suffering, from your joy, from your seeking the forgiveness of sins." (February 2, 2011)

#### FASTING

"The great love of God sends me to lead you to salvation. Give me your simple hearts, purified by fasting and prayer. Only in the simplicity of your hearts is your salvation." (September 2, 2007)

#### CONFESSION

"My children, only a pure heart, unburdened by sin, can open itself, and only honest eyes can see the way by which I desire to lead you." (December 2, 2011)

#### HOLY MASS

"May the Mass, the most exalted and most powerful act of your prayer, be the center of your spiritual life." (August 2, 2008)

#### THE BIBLE

"With a simple heart accept His word and live it. If you live His word, you will pray. If you live His word, you will love with a merciful love; you will love each other." (August 2, 2015)

#### **ANSWERING THE CALL**

On July 2, 2012, Our Lady said, "I am praying that the light of the love of my Son may illuminate you, so that you may triumph over weaknesses and come out of misery."

In this month of May, let each of us begin to answer Blessed Mary's call through prayer of a daily rosary, attending daily Mass, fasting every Wednesday and Friday, monthly confession, loving one another, smiling and having faith. Our Lady's love is unconditional: she loves the sinner, the atheist, the unbeliever. Our Lady believes in and loves YOU!



Statue of Mary at Medjugorje

## 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 endi	ing 5/2/2021
Weekly Collection:	\$18,218
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$1,177,832
<b>LAST YEAR:</b> Weekly Collection: Fiscal Year to Date:	\$52,727 \$1,322,578
<b>BUDGET:</b> Fiscal Year to Date:	\$1,281,219

# Have you had any changes in your family this 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, May 9, 2021 9:00 AM For the Parishioners 11:30 AM +Rose Rankin Monday, May 10, 2021 8:30 AM Int Michaela Rooney Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:30 AM + Maria Elena Visoso 6:00 PM +Gustavo Alfaro Wednesday, May 12, 2021 8:30 AM Int Gregory Ball 6:00 PM +Margaret Dever Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:30 AM Special Intention 6:00 PM +John "Joe" Shea Friday, May 14, 2021 8:30 AM + Charleen Choruby Saturday, May 15, 2021 8:30 AM Int Rhea Perlman 5:00 PM +Jessica Moriarty Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:00 AM +Pius and Veronica Chow 11:30 AM For the Parishioners

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.

## **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

Our goal is that each child, from infancy through fifth grade, can know, love, and follow Jesus in their life.

We are pleased to offer online resources for families to grow in their faith. Parents can access customized weekly lessons from the Family Playlist to do with their children at home.

Find the Family Playlist at <u>ollparish.com/family-playlist</u>.

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

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

"Jesus Tells Us About the Great Commandment"

**Sunday, May 9** Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Big Idea** Jesus wants us to love one another as he loves us.

Sunday Bible Passage John 15:9-17



## **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 that faith through prayer and action individually and with others.

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

## **The Search**

Life's purpose? Why are we here? What happens when you die? What's life all about? To stream all episodes in the "Search" video series, visit <u>ollparish.com/the-search</u>.

## **Monthly Playlist**

Steps to Encounter and Prayer: This month's playlist offers 4 steps to prepare for the vigil of Pentecost. Step 2: Make a Good Confession



Find the Playlist at <u>ollparish.com/playlist</u>.

## **NFS: Adolescent Development Programs**

Northwest Family Services will present Mother-Daughter and Father-Son Adolescent Development Programs on Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 PM.

The Mother-Daughter Program, for girls ages 9-12 and their mother/guardian and the Father-Son Program, for boys ages 10-13 and their father/guardian, will be offered online via Zoom or in person at St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Rd N, Keizer OR.

These programs help families prepare for the physical, emotional, and social changes that adolescents can expect to experience in the years to come. COVID-19 health and safety protocols will be followed.

The cost is \$10 per family per program and pre-registration at <u>www.nwfs.org/md-fs</u> by May 12, 2021 is required. For more information, please email <u>service@nwfs.org</u>.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

## High School Youth Group

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Every Sunday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM Parish Hall Register now!





## Middle School Youth Group

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Every Tuesday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM Parish Hall Register now!

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

## Loving Others through Outreach

## **MERCY TEAMS**

#### Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy

Volunteer to Make sandwiches, collect, organize, or deliver sack lunches to those experiencing Food Insecurity.



Between April 2020 and 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.

#### **Street Ministry to The Unsheltered**

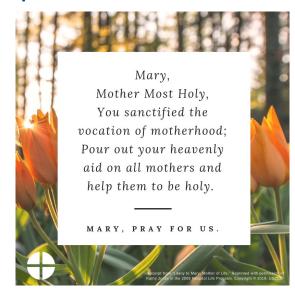
Next Street Ministry Saturday, May 22. Meet at the parish hall at 7:15 AM, leave at 9:00 AM, and back by 12:00 PM.

#### **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.

Sign up for these and other projects at <u>www.ollparish.</u> <u>com/mercy-teams</u>.

## **Respect Life**



As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of all mothers, we also specifically lift up mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy, that they may find support and encouragement and choose life for their child.

It is also important to remember that **Mother's Day can** be a difficult holiday for many people, including: couples struggling with infertility; parents who have lost a child; those who have lost their own mothers; couples longing to welcome a child through adoption; and women who have been wounded by participation in abortion.

If you know someone who is pregnant and in need, please pick up resources in the Narthex or call Sharon at 503-675-1874.

## St. Vincent de Paul at OLL: Donate Your Car — Help a Neighbor!

Did you know that the Portland Council of St. Vincent DePaul has a car donation program? Do you have an unwanted vehicle taking up space in your driveway? The Council's newly formed Marketing Committee is ramping up its efforts to promote this charitable tax deductible event for parishioners that will also benefit the Portland Council and your



OLL SVdP Conference with the proceeds earmarked to support emergency food, rent and utilities assistance programs.

Watch for Flyers on parish bulletin boards in the coming weeks and additional information to be published on the parish website at <u>www.</u> <u>ollparish.com/svdp</u>.

Contact OLL SVDP President Jerry Foley for more details at <u>ollsvdp@ollministry.com</u>.



# FORE!

JOIN US FOR THE OLL SCHOOL NOT QUITE THE MASTERS" GOLF TOURNAMENT!

All proceeds will go to the OLL Endowment Fund to help support our families with tuition assistance.

Date: Friday, May 21 • Tee Time: 4:30 PM Location: RedTail Golf Center, Beaverton, OR

Register online at <u>oll.school/golf</u>. Sponsorship forms available.

## **OLL School: Music**

Children making music radiate a certain infectious joy. It's something that masks can't block; that social distancing won't destroy. As we continue the journey through these unprecedented times, my goal is to ensure that the kids tap into this joy, learn how to use music to express their personal creativity, and grow socially, emotionally, cognitively and spiritually through the musical classroom. A brief overview of music in our different grades:

- 8th grade students are writing songs and producing an album of original music to share with the community at the end of the school year.
- 2nd grade students are preparing a special song to sing together as part of their First Communion celebration.
- Kinder celebrated Earth Day with Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony by creating artwork about their favorite things in nature as they listened.

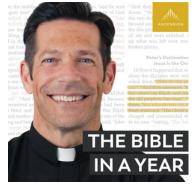


The past year has required a

lot of innovation and flexibility but it's not all a bad thing, as one 8th grader recently commented: "*I think people should know that the class of 2021 had a very rough year and had to work very hard to get here and had to miss many different 8th grade traditions but this year also taught us patience and perseverance.*" I couldn't agree more and we will keep finding different ways to empower children to share their hearts through music.

## "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 <u>ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear</u> for the complete Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) reading plan.

## Pray the Rosary for Evangelization and Conversion

Every third Saturday, join parishioners at 12:00 PM at Lake Oswego's Lower Millennium Park (next to the railroad tracks) to pray for evangelization and conversion in our



community and nation. We will pray for about 30 minutes, rain or shine! Join us this coming third Saturday, May 15. Contact parishioner, Dave Moser at <u>dmoser4208@aol.</u> <u>com</u>, for more information.

### **Resurrection Parish — Multiple Job Openings**

Do you have a calling to serve the Lord by developing relationships, investing in others and sharing your faith? At Resurrection Catholic Parish in Tualatin, we are looking to build our Faith Formation Team. We currently have openings for our Life Kids and Sacramental Preparation Coordinator and Youth Minister. Visit archdpdx.org/jobs for more information.

## **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 at <u>kofc3818@hotmail.com</u> for more information.

#### Lake Grove Job Seekers

Sponsored by Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Grove Job Seekers is a free, confidential program which helps job seekers find a job or change careers. The program combines weekly educational meetings featuring expert speakers, with one-on-one personal coaching, and a variety of online resources. Open to anyone who resides in the Portland metro area. Meetings are currently hosted on Zoom every Monday, from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

If you are a job seeker, visit <u>lakegrovejobseekers.org</u> to see our calendar of speakers and to learn more about attending our meetings or working with a mentor. No advance registration is required to sit in and learn from the experts brought to you. To become a "mentor" to help others contact info@jobseekerslo.org.

## **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.)

Online Giving

• Submit. You will receive an email to confirm your information.

#### **STEP 2 – SET UP PAYMENT <u>METHOD</u>**

- 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**.

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