

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bread of Life – Our Call to Commitment

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are

the Holy One of God."— John 6:67-69

There is an ever-widening division among Jesus' disciples throughout the Gospels between those who accept that Jesus truly is the Messiah and those who do not. Great crowds follow him and are amazed at his teaching, at the miracle of the five loaves, at his healing of the sick, and his ability to confound the authorities. Ultimately, all abandon him at the foot of the cross, including the Twelve.

In this final scene of the Bread of Life discourse

which we have been hearing and reflecting upon for the past five weeks, Jesus puts the bottom-line question to the Twelve: *Do you also want to leave?* Simon Peter's answer should give all of us pause for reflection. Are we likewise willing to declare: *We have come to believe and are*

convinced that you are the Holy One of God? Do we accept that following Christ is the only path to eternal life? How do our daily actions live out that belief?

Master, to whom shall we go?

Commitment As Disciples

We are now in most challenging times of this COVID pandemic, perhaps for some of us the first time that the opportunity to attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist comes with significant risk and the physical discomfort of masks. How do we carry out our commitment and obligation to attend Mass, if not able to in person, then by livestream? Do we hunger for the "Bread of Life" when we are physically unable to receive? Is it law

or love, our relationship with Christ that motivates our hearts?

Many who had been following Jesus at that time found this teaching hard to believe and left him. How is it for us? Are we willing to enter into a personal relationship with the Lord in daily prayer that he might sow in our hearts a deeper understanding of his true and real presence in our lives?

We Will Serve the Lord

In our first reading, Joshua gathers all the tribes of Israel and puts the question

to them: *Decide today whom you will serve!* (Joshua 24:1) The Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life requires a commitment to love and serve. It is our gateway to eternal life. May we be ready to declare: *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

- Tom Tomaszek, Pastoral Associate

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 AM Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM Tuesday 6:00 PM

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 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:15-10:00 AM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month, 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, in the Church (subject to change)

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Call the Parish Office

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Current Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 PM Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday-Thursday, 6:30 AM Monday-Saturday, 8:30 AM Tuesday, 6:00 PM

Registration is no longer required to attend Mass. All are welcome to join us for every Sunday and daily Mass by just showing up!

Hospitality and Fellowship has returned after the Sunday morning Masses. Come down to the Parish Hall and reconnect with your fellow parishioners!

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM • Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

We are open to parishioners and visitors during the day by phone, email, or in person. As a reminder, the Parish Offices are on the second floor of the Parish Center.

Connect with us!

Stay up to date on all the changes and exciting things happening at Our Lady of the Lake, by connecting with us on Instagram and Facebook @ollcatholicchurch and subscribing to weekly emails at ollparish.com/subscribe.







This Week

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Women's ACTS Return 11:00 AM PH-FRONT Middle School Youth Group 6:30 PM PH-MID

Monday, August 23, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB
Centering Prayer 10:00 AM PC-PLIB
Boy Scouts 7:00 PM PH-CARP

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Women's ACTS Team 4:30 PM PC-NAZ Admin Council 7:00 PM PC-NAZ Capernaum Young Life 7:00 PM PH-CARP

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB Exodus 90 7:00 AM PC-BOARD Charismatic Prayer Group 11:00 AM PC-PLIB Men's ACTS Team 7:00 PM PC-NAZ

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM PH-FRONT

Friday, August 27, 2021

Alcoholics Anonymous 6:30 AM PC-PLIB Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM PH-CARP

Saturday, August 28, 2021

DOGS Men's Group 7:00 AM PC-NAZ Confessions 9:15 AM CH

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary TimeAfter Mass Fellowship8:30 AM PH-FRONTPrayer Group2:00 PM PC-PLIBHigh School Youth Group6:30 PM PH-MID

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

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Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

Masks Required Again for Mass in Person

Here is the official announcement from the Archdiocese regarding the reinstatement of masks or face coverings indoors.

Due to the spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations being driven by the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant, Governor Brown announced an executive order requiring face masks/coverings statewide at all indoor public gatherings beginning August 13, 2021. Effective



August 13, face masks are required for all adults and children older than 5 gathered in all Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

The use of face masks is required for all indoor faith gatherings and meetings. Social distancing and capacity limits are not currently in effect. Here is a link to the Governor's Mask Requirement OR Fact Sheet (bit.ly/3m9wMAi).

The Archdiocesan COVID-19 Response team has consulted with faithful Catholic medical experts who have confirmed the contagious nature of the Delta variant and the dire situation of our hospital systems in Oregon. In charity, we must do our part to help stop the spread of this dangerous variant.

The pandemic has caused a strain on all of us. Restrictions and vaccinations are not 100% effective against the virus, but we have a pastoral responsibility to attempt to mitigate the risks for parishioners and school families. Thank you for your understanding and good will.

What this Means for Our Lady of the Lake Parish

We ask that all who attend Mass wear a mask or if physically unable to do so, join us online in spiritual communion. These are trying times, but as Archbishop Sample invites us to consider, we have a pastoral responsibility to limit the risks – especially for the most vulnerable among us and particularly children who still cannot be vaccinated.

Additionally, we have suspended our hospitality gatherings after Mass since it is impossible to offer food and beverages safely at this time. We will resume Coffee and Donuts as well as our Saturday evening wine and cheese reception when the mask requirement is again lifted. Thanks for your patience!



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 MONTH:

July 2021: \$117,983 Year to Date: \$117,983

LAST YEAR:

July 2020: \$ 94,898 Year to Date: \$94,898

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$118,775

Checks Payable To:

As a friendly reminder, please make checks payable to **Our Lady of the Lake**. If you'd like to specify a specific ministry or program, please note this in the memo line of your check.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 22, 2021 7:30 AM + Frank Joseph Bastasch, Jr. 9:00 AM +John Ferraris 11:00 AM For the Parishioners Monday, August 23, 2021 8:30 AM +John McMahon Tuesday, August 24, 2021 8:30 AM Int Michelle Bradford 6:00 PM +Thelma Stone Wednesday, August 25, 2021 6:30 AM +Chong-Nam Francis Wilson 8:30 AM Int Selly Liem Thursday, August 26, 2021 6:30 AM +Rolando Dungca 8:30 AM +Veronica Sherman Friday, August 27, 2021 8:30 AM Int Gail Griffiths Saturday, August 28, 2021 8:30 AM +LaVonne Schenkenberger 5:00 PM +Ryan Faith Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:30 AM For the Parishioners 9:00 AM +Lorrainne and Stanley Kowalski, Jr. 11:00 AM Int Debbie Wilson To view upcoming Intentions or

request an Intention online, visit www.

ollparish.com/intentions.

Lifelong Faith Formation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our goal is to support and inspire families to grow in their Catholic faith.

At OLL, we believe faith begins at home. We encourage families to eat, pray, and share their faith together. That is why each week, we provide parents with engaging content for preschool-5th grade at ollparish.com/family.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

We praise God's goodness.

Sunday Bible Passage Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21

For more information, contact Mary at maryb@ollparish.com.



"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.

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.

Update Parish Records

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.





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Lifelong Faith Formation

Reluctant Retreat Goer Finds Zeal in His Faith after Attending ACTS

A lifelong Oregonian, Isaac Kreft attended the April 2019 Men's ACTS Retreat. Raised in the Lutheran faith, Isaac came into the Catholic Church through RCIA in 2016 after graduating from the University of Portland with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He and his wife Megan are the proud parents of two young children, Justin and Gianna. Isaac has worked at BIOTRONIK for the past six years and has served on the Pastoral Council at Our Lady of the Lake. His hobbies include cycling, languages, apologetics, and cooking.

Isaac initially heard about the ACTS retreat through his work on the Pastoral Council, where he learned that it was an exceptional retreat program that had transformed parishes around the country and been deeply impactful to many people. Several people personally reached out to him and encouraged him to attend a retreat. Isaac admits he "thought of every excuse to not give an ACTS weekend a shot, including needing to take time off work for it, feeling bad leaving Megan to hold down the fort, not being a 'retreat person,'



and having plenty more 'productive' activities to work on that weekend. After a gentle nudge from his wife, he decided to see what ACTS was about for himself and chose to attend with an open mind. Isaac says "the weekend did not disappoint!" He reflects that the retreat gave him a tremendous opportunity for building new friendships and camaraderie with men in the parish. "ACTS provided the perfect environment for me to engage myself and other men in a deeper, more honest way that is hard to come by otherwise. That was so refreshing." Isaac's faith grew as a result of the witness of the men that shared "how God used 'crooked lines' to 'write straight' in their lives." He feels emboldened to live his faith with more outward zeal and confidence, and said the retreat was a "shot in the arm" to appreciate the gift of the sacraments.

Isaac would like to encourage others to attend the retreat. "Consider it an experiment. You can't really know how ACTS will affect you until you give it a go. At worst, it would be a weekend away from the regular busyness spent getting to know some of your fellow parishioners; at best, it could be totally transformational to you in ways you couldn't even fathom."

Men — Register now for October 14-17! Visit www.ollparish.com/retreats.

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 ollparish.com/adult-formation.

Summer Playlist

Participating in God's Mission

This month, we ask the questions, "What is God's Mission?" and "How can we live God's Mission?"

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Check out the Summer Monthly Playlist to learn how to participate in God's Mission at ollparish.com/playlist.

What is Catholic Social Justice?

The inherent sanctity of the human person lies at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching, prompting us to live lives of love, mercy and justice. Made in God's image, regardless of social standing, religion, race or ethnicity, each life is worthy of all the dignity and respect such a gift demands. As sons and daughters of God, each of us is called to community, to service and to love.

Learn about Catholic social justice rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, and how it addresses the most difficult challenges of injustice in our communities and in our world today.

Visit www.ollparish.com/social-justice.

Parish Life — Pastoral Care & Outreach

MERCY TEAMS Adopt A Mission

Help organize or just be part of a TEAM of FIVE or MORE families, friends, neighbors, serving one mission each week? Donate sack lunches, make sandwiches, and schedule a driver or two to deliver once a week?

Reach out to your friends, family, small faith sharing groups or service organization. Gather as many supporters as you can. Make your own plan for collection and delivery.

Mercy Teams may be able to assist with finances to some degree.

Purchasing Supplies in bulk at Costco brings cost to \$1.40 per sack lunch.

We have had amazing and generous families adopt three missions already:

- 1. Life Change for Women & their Children
- 2. Rose Haven Shelter for Women and Children
- 3. The Fathers Heart Day Shelter in Oregon City

Missions we hope to have adopted by July 25:

- 1. Martha Mercado's Latino Working Poor Community on the West Side in Beaverton, 100 to 125 sack lunches
- **2. First Christian Church** near the Portland Park Blocks, 100 to 150 sack lunches
- **3. City Team Portland** on Grand Avenue, 100 to 125 sack lunches
- **4. Salvation Army Female Emergency Shelter,** 100 to 200 sack lunches
- **5. Joint Office of Homeless Services** on SW 5th & Washington, 100 to 200 sack lunches
- **6. Union Gospel Mission** on Burnside, 200 sack lunches

To Adopt A Mission - Visit Mercy Teams on the Parish website and click on the sign up link associated with the selected mission: www.ollparish.com/adopt-a-mission

Street Ministry to The Unsheltered

Next Street Ministry Saturday, August 28. Meet at the parish hall at 7:15 AM, leave at 9:00 AM, and back by 12:00 PM.

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

Respect Life



Largest 40 Days for Life Campaign in History

"They continue to do these 40-day harassment protests," a Planned Parenthood manager told a local newspaper. "It seems kind of silly." Who said it? Abby Johnson, just a few weeks before her conversion.

Abby is now one of the world's most influential pro-life voices and one of 221 abortion workers to quit her job and become pro-life through a 40 Days for Life campaign.

"We are gearing up to train hundreds of local 40 Days for Life leaders in Texas this week and will kick off with a prayer vigil in front of the largest Planned Parenthood in the Western Hemisphere. Please keep us in prayer--and start filling your local vigil now by signing up to pray September 22 - October 31." (40daysforlife.com/portland) Shawn Carney, 40 Days for Life

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Heading to Senate

Don't let our government make you pay for the deaths of innocent babies. Sign the petition at www.notaxpayerabortion.com

Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

9/5 Human Trafficking Silent Prayer Vigil: Join us at 11:00 in front of St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church, 601 West Burnside Street, Portland to pray for victims and an end to human trafficking.

9/22 40 Days for Life Campaign Begins

Invitation to Join CYO Sports

Registration now available for fall sports. Visit cyocamphoward.org for more information or to register for:



- Girls Volleyball (3rd–8th Grade)
- Co-ed Hot Shots Basketball (1st & 2nd Grade)
- Girls and Boys Cross Country (3rd-8th Grade)

Contact Cathy Foy with questions or to volunteer as a coach at ollcyosports@gmail.com.

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Parish Life — Pastoral Care & Outreach



Knights of Columbus

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE



Sponsoring St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, August 1 — Saturday, August 28

It's Summer, and many families continue to face hunger. This can be especially difficult when school is out. Now that we at OLL Parish are able to gather again, our St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring their Summer Food Drive! This will be a four-week event, from August 1 through 28.

THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE: Peanut Butter and Jelly (in plastic containers), Canned Tuna and Chicken, Hearty Soups, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Chili

DROP OFF: Place all items in the St. Vincent de Paul barrels located upstairs outside of the church in the Narthex, and downstairs outside of the Parish Hall near the elevator.



Attention family caregivers!

Respite Companions is a ministry of compassionate parishioners that have formed to help you get a few hours of rest from the everyday care of your family member. Do you find yourself wishing for just a few hours to run errands on your own or to go out to see a movie with a friend without the worry of leaving



your loved one alone? We would be able to stay with your family member for a few hours while you are out completing errands or enjoying an outing with some friends. We can also visit with those individuals who live alone and would like a visitor for an hour or so just to chat or perhaps read with them or play a game. Someone to occupy their time for a short while to ease the tedium of living alone. If you would like more information about this ministry, contact Donna Barton at the parish office at 503 636-7687 or by email at donnab@ollparish.com.

Helping with After Mass Hospitality

Hospitality after the morning Masses is on hold during the current mask mandate, but we look forward to resuming once the mandate is suspended. In the meantime, help us build our After Mass Hospitality crews so we can be ready once Hospitality is back! *Are you able to help organize and offer this hospitality?* We need to rebuild our crews and schedule of helpers. If you and your family can help, contact Tom Tomaszek at tomt@ollparish.com.

Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers

As we increase Mass times and more people attend, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers willing to serve the Body of Christ to members of the Body of Christ. In prayerful discernment, is Christ calling you to this special ministry?

Scheduling and Training.

Our online Ministry Scheduler makes it very convenient to accept an assignment or ask for a substitute if your schedule changes. It can also set up particular service times for certain Masses. We offer training for ALL ministries or you can "shadow" a current minister to see if it is a good fit for you.

Quick Start: send an email to ministries@ollparish.com for more information.



Knights of Columbus

Join Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus, council 3818, online by visiting: www.kofc.org/joinus.

Charity is at the heart of our work and faith.

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