

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Created: Why Does Everything Exist?

by Fr. John Kerns

THE KERYGMA

During Advent the Archbishop has asked priests to preach The Kerygma. That is a Greek word meaning "proclamation" and refers to The Good News of Jesus Christ. In other words, "Why we need a Savior." Fr. Charles Zach, Deacon Kevin Welch and I will take the four Sundays of Advent to proclaim the four themes in the box.

ecently I had an appointment with a physician to check my ears. Somewhere along the way I was

Asking her questions about the anatomy and physiology of the ear. True to form, she had several large charts on the walls of her examining room with detailed drawings and descriptions of all the tiny details of the ear drum and the cochlea, etc. Amazingly enough, our brain knows how to interpret all the sounds that come through these tiny aural parts of our body in such a way as to be understood by our minds.

Then I heard myself saying to the doctor, "And to think that a zygote somehow knows how to develop all of that capacity in just 9 months in the womb. It just bogles my mind." She agreed wholeheartedly.

Your ears are just one of the remarkable details among everything that makes up your own body which is existing on this celestial body called earth, which is lit by a star that is only 1 of the 200 billion stars in our Milky

Way Galaxy, which is only one of 2 trillion galaxies in the universe!

If that makes you feel small, then let's look in a different direction. You are actually huge, in comparison to any one of the 30 trillion cells that make up your body alone, and the 100 trillion atoms that make up each one of those cells. And all of that is somehow unified in flesh, blood, nerves and bone which are animated by your immortal soul. These are the elements that make you uniquely you.

But I still haven't even mentioned the most amazing part...

All of that which is you—small in one sense, huge in another—is perfectly and absolutely <u>loved by God the Creator</u>

KERYGMA

The Reason for Being Catholic The four dimensions of the Gospel Message: **Created:** Why does everything exist? **Captured:** Why is everything so messed up? **Rescued:** What has God done about it? **Response:** What am I called to do?



Creation by Akiane Kramarik

in a most personal and unique way. Furthermore, long before the "Big Bang" ever took place (13.8 billion years ago) God already was planning on loving you at that future moment you would be brought into existence. The massiveness and tinyness of all of this creation never ceases to fill me with awe and gratitude toward our Creator.

FIRST SUNDAYOF

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Why would God do all of this?

Love. Because God is love. As St. John writes, We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 John 4:16)

Love is the Creative Energy and Essence of God who brought all good things into existence. And all creation <u>is</u> good. It is what we humans choose to do with it, or rather, how we can misuse God's gifts that messes things

up. Yes, there is suffering, sin and death in our world. How did God's beautiful creation get so messed up as we can see in some places? Stay tuned for next week...

Learn the Teachings of the Catholic Faith with "The Catechism in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz at <u>ascensionpress.com</u>. Podcast starts January 1.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 26

7:00am Mercy Teams Street Ministry8:30am Mass9:15am Reconciliation5:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 27

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
10:00am CDC (Catholic Deaf Community) Faith Building Class - PC:Lib.
11:00am Mass
5:00pm High School Group

Monday, November 28

8:30am Mass
10:00am Awakening Faith - PC:Lib.
10:00am Centering Prayer - PC:Naz.
7:00pm Men's God Shots Recovery Group -PC:Naz.
7:00pm Boy Scouts - PH:Carp.

Tuesday, November 29

8:30am Mass
9:30am Scripture Study, Julia Miller - PC
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm CSJI Team - PC:Beth.
7:00pm Awakening Faith - PC:Lib.

Wednesday, November 30

6:30am Mass
7:00am Exodus 90 Group
8:00am Julie Arndorfer Small Group -PC:Naz.
8:30am Mass
9:30am Vatican II Study - PH:Carp.
11:00am Charismatic Prayer Group - PC:Lib.
6:30pm OCIA
6:30pm OLL Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Epic Church History - PH:Front

Thursday, December 1

6:30am Mass
8:30am Mass
4:45pm Alcoholics Anonymous - PC:Lib.
6:30pm Walking With Purpose - PH
7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous - PC:Naz.

Friday, December 2

8:30am Mass 9:30am First Friday Adoration & Holy Hour 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous - PH:Carp.

Saturday, December 3

8:30am Mass
9:15am Reconciliation
10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00am First Reconciliation Practice
5:00pm Youth & Family Mass

Sunday, December 4

7:30am Mass
9:00am Mass
10:00am CDC Faith Building Class - PC:Lib.
11:00am Mass
12:00pm NCL Meeting and Service
1:00pm Confirmation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SUPPORTING AND INSPIRING FAMILIES TO GROW IN THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH.

Since faith begins at home, we encourage families to eat, pray, and live their faith together. That is why we provide online lessons for parents to share with their children at home.



No One Knows When Jesus Is Coming

The "Son of Man" and "Lord" are other names for Jesus. In today's Gospel reading at Mass, we are told that Jesus is coming back to us. Since we do not know when he will come, we need to be ready all the time.

Check out the <u>"Faith In The Home"</u> section on our website for more faith activities for children.



Saint Vincent de Paul **Thank You!**

OLL's St. Vincent de Paul Conference wants to thank all parishioners and the school community who were part of the Thanksgiving Box Program. The boxes were delivered to St. Peter's Parish in S.E. Portland and distributed to

many deserving families. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be part of this outreach.

Stewardship Pledge Response



Thank you for your generous response to our 2022-2023 Stewardship Campaign. In the past two weeks, we have received 120 parishioner pledge cards with increased contributions, including ten new pledges. The average pledge increase is a remarkable 33%. Many parishioners already enrolled in online giving have also increased their donation amount. (We're still calculating those net increases.) Additionally, we have received eight, one-time gifts totaling \$43,000 toward our current budget year shortfall. We are so grateful for the continued financial support of our Parish Mission to *Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

LITURGY | MUSIC | PRAYER Masks, Flu, and Liturgical Ministers

hough masks are not mandated and COVID cases are fewer, we are now more exposed again to "flu season" and respiratory risks. Please continue to exercise caution by covering your mouth and sneezes, using the hand sanitizers that we will keep available, and staying home if you are not feeling well. Thanks for considering the safety of your fellow parishioners. The pandemic taught us that taking these precautions does make a difference in our community health.

Liturgical Ministers Needed, especially for Christmas Masses

We are grateful for the liturgical ministers who have continued to serve as lectors, sacristans, ushers, altar servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in these challenging times. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to assisting in the celebration of Mass on weekdays and weekends.

We simply need more parishioners to serve! Here is an open call - especially to younger parishioners - to serve in one of these ministries at Mass particularly as we build our Christmas Mass schedule.

Ushers. We have the greatest need for ushers and greeters at all weekend Masses. This role is primarily about providing

a spirit of hospitality - especially to many parishioners returning to Mass and visitors. Consider serving once a month or alternating weeks. That allows you to simply attend Mass on other occasions.

Eucharistic Ministers. Many people consider themselves "unworthy" to serve in this special ministry. But remember Jesus' response to Peter when he refused to let him wash his feet. We are all unworthy except for our salvation in Christ. You will never have a greater appreciation for the Holy Eucharist than in service to others.

Altar Servers. If you have previously altar served or would like to be trained to be an altar server, please contact ministries@ollparish.com and we will be in touch with further information. Youth in 5th grade and older are invited to serve.

Scheduling and Training. Our online Ministry Scheduler makes it very convenient to accept an assignment or ask for a substitute if your schedule changes. You can also set up regular service times for certain Masses.

Training is simple and can be scheduled at convenient times. Contact Agnes Zueger for more information: agnesz@ ollparish.com

Our Lady of the Lake's Men's & Women's Programs Beginning January 2023

It is not too early to lay out a roadmap for your New Year's Resolution combined with your 2023 Lenten Practices. Our Lady of the Lake has launched a men's program entitled Exodus 90 alongside a Women's program entitled Magnify 90 to begin the week of January 9, 2023 and go through Easter (April 9). Find out more about these programs and register on our website ollparish. com. Just click on the rotating banner on the homepage.



without freedom, we cannot love as

we ought. It's about our wives, children, parishes and friends who suffer when we're not at our

best. The goal is to achieve the freedom necessary to fully engage the love of God and the love of neighbor.



Pursue holiness; grow in virtue & your own feminine aenius! Magnify 90 is

a journey in feminine spirituality that relies on our Exodus 90 is all commitment to strive daily to empty ourselves of about freedom. worldly desires, so that the joy of God's life within Why? Because our souls fills us to the point of agape love for others. These 90 days will take you through Lent ending just before Easter. It is a wonderful journey in preparation for the victory of Christ over sin and death.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Come adore Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, **Friday, December 2, 9:30am- 8pm**. Holy Hour at 7pm, ending with Benediction. We need 2-3 adorers at all times. **Sign up** at: tinyurl.com/fridayadoration

Our Season of Giving Continues!

Thank you to everyone who so generously participated in the Thanksgiving Box program. We are now getting together our Christmas Box program and our Advent Food Drive.

This year most of our families will be in the Lake Oswego area – the need is great this year and we need you to help brighten Christmas for so many of our local struggling families.

CHRISTMAS BOX PROGRAM:



The empty boxes, produce bags, and shopping lists will be available for pick up on Saturday December 3rd after the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday December

4th in the morning from 8:30am -12:30pm. We will have the same schedule the following weekend of December 10th-11th (if we still have unclaimed boxes). **Return the filled boxes/produce bags on Saturday morning, December 17th** for same day distribution.

Three options for you to participate:

Option 1: *Fill only* the Christmas box/produce bag and drop off the morning of **December 17th between 8-10 am**. Our helpers will unload for you.

Option 2: *Fill and Drive* - Bring the filled Christmas box/produce bag and return **December 17th between 10:30-11:30 am** to receive the name and address of family for delivery. You may deliver extra boxes if you wish.

Option 3: *Driver only* - We will need some extra drivers to deliver boxes for those unable to make deliveries. Drop by during the 2 weekends of box sign ups and sign up to be a driver only. Plan to arrive at **11:30am on December 17th** to pick up for boxes for delivery.

ADVENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE:

Families need food every day and we will be suggesting certain in demand items each of the 4 weeks before Christmas. Any and all contributions are appreciated and this week we



suggest the following: Canned Tuna Canned Chicken Canned Fruits Mashed Potatoes

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting our **Season of Giving!**

NEWS FROM OLL School SIXTH GRADE



The 6th grade class has been working so hard over the past couple of weeks on their unit about the different types of plant systems. They just started the germination process of different types of vascular plants. Once they have sprouted enough, we will move to the next step and put them in our hydroponics setup in our class. We will observe

the different types of plants and their different tissues and how they work. Hopefully, each student will get a starter in the near future that they take home to continue the growing process.

Over the past few weeks, the 6th graders have been helping their buddies learn about science too! We've been working with our kindergarten buddies and helping them understand the process of being a scientist, along with learning about sloths. The students work together to help their younger classmates practice their reading and writing skills. And they've been doing this while being a great role model and just having fun with their buddies. It's great to see them work together.

- Mason Vanderford, 6th Grade Teacher

Adult Confirmation 2023

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation and is the way God pours out his strength and wisdom to us. For this reason, we are encouraged to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church prior to receiving the sacrament of marriage. In this way, we are equipped with God's grace for unity. It is also a requirement when becoming a Catholic Godparent. Starting January 19, Adult Confirmation Prep will meet Thursday evenings twice a month. Confirmation will take place in May of 2023. <u>Sign up on our</u> website. Contact Laura Patton for questions at laurap@ ollparish.com.



Pray for World Peace: Five First Saturdays Devotion

The next First Saturday is: December 3, 2022 On the First Saturday of the Month during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of: (1) Going to Confession, (2) Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, (3) Saying five decades of the Rosary, and (4) Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. <u>firstsaturdaydevotion.com</u>

www.bluearmy.com/first-

<u>saturday-devotion/</u>



Mercy Teams Sack Lunch Meals of Mercy

Drive-Thru Drop-off held twice every month. The next Drop-off is **Sunday, December 4 at 8:30-11am**. (Check <u>ollparish.com/love-others</u>). Donate PB&J sandwiches or sack lunches

containing granola bar, chips, Capri Sun fruit punch, apple sauce cup. Pledge signups and details are available on the website.

Mercy Teams 4th Saturday Street Ministry to the Unsheltered

Every 4th Saturday we share love, socks, and clothing items, along with a hot breakfast and a sack lunch. Fruit smoothies are served, and water and hygiene kits are handed out. This is a tremendous hands-on service opportunity for all ages. We come together to service our brothers and sisters in Christ and celebrate our common humanity. Our guests look forward to the time we spend and the love we share. Come see the face of Jesus in those you will be serving. Look for the next sign up link for Street Ministry on the parish website, <u>ollparish.com/serve-others</u> (click Mercy Teams). We will be distributing collected winterwear and socks. Contact Michael Backus with questions at mercyteams@ollministry.com or call 503-708-9503

Winter Coats, New White Cotton Socks Needed

Mercy Teams is now collecting new or lightly used winter coats, warm sweaters, sweatshirts and hoodies. We continue to collect and distribute new white cotton crew socks. These items are distributed during each Street Ministry outing and whenever a mission requests this help.

Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Lake



Tuesday, December 27, 10am - 3:30pm in the Parish Hall. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: LakeO to schedule an appointment.



40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Results

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign—whether onsite, or offsite in prayer!

This again was a difficult campaign due to the abortion clinic being located inside a large medical building. This caused a significant decrease in the ability to reach expectant mothers. Because of this, we tried to educate people walking by the building by handing out postcards and engaging them in conversation about the reality of abortion.

As our 40 Days for Life campaign has ended, we have some great results to report. During this post-Roe, worldwide campaign, 310 lives were saved. And overall, from 2007 until now, 22,289 lives have been saved, 131 abortion centers have closed and 242 abortion workers have quit their jobs with the abortion industry

Year-round, we are standing up for Life at the following locations:

Lilith Clinic (late-term abortion clinic): 511 SW 10th, Portland. We pray outside the 511 Building (Portland Medical Center).

Thursdays: 8 - 10 a.m.* Fridays: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m

Contact Therese at ruesinktherese55@gmail.com *Times may vary, call Therese at 503-997-1884 to confirm. To go with other OLL parishioners, call Sharon at 503-313-3689.

Planned Parenthood, 12220 SW First Street, Beaverton

Fridays: 8:40 to 10 a.m. Saturdays: 8:40 - 9:15 a.m.

Contact Marie at marie.barzen@gmail.com, 971-340-0679

Planned Parenthood, 14601 SE Division Street, Portland

Every 2nd Saturday of the month: 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Contact Gerald at blmargaretofcostello@hotmail. com/503-260-8995

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

Pregnancy Help: To help pregnant moms in our own community, please go to: ollparish.com/serve/ love-others and click "Find Help."

Healing After Abortion: If you are suffering after abortion, experience a Rachel's Vineyard healing weekend sponsored by Project Aurora. www. project-aurora.org. Upcoming Retreat: Eugene: October 25-27, 2022. Call Alyson 541-350-6960 or Info@project-aurora.org.

Upcoming Women's Retreat April 27-30, 2023 More info coming at ollparish.com/retreats

We're on Social Media!

Like and follow our accounts:

@OLLCatholicChurch





@OLLLakeOswego

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Miss a Homily?

Our homilies are available anytime to watch on YouTube or listen to online. Visit ollparish.com/ homily for more.



OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

THIS YEAR:

October 2022: \$123.139 Transfer to Outreach: \$3,694 Net October: \$119.445 Year to Date: \$426.407 Year to Date: \$443,304 LAST YEAR: October 2021: \$101,134

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm Located on the 2nd floor of the OLL Parish Center.

Phone: 503-636-7687

Weekend Mass Schedule Sat. 5:00pm Sun. 7:30am, 9am, 11am

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon.-Sat. - 8:30am Tues. - 6:00pm Wed. & Thurs. 6:30am

Church Open Hours For quiet prayer Mon. - Fri.

9:30am - 4:30pm

Church Location

790 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Mailing Address 650 A Avenue Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Reconciliation Saturday 9:15 - 10:30am and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 9:15am-8pm

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick Contact the office

Bulletin Insert Deadline Thursday at 12pm $(1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ weeks before})$ Email information to annb@ollparish.com.

Mass Intentions

November 26 - December 4, 2022

Saturday, November 26

8:30 am † Leonard Marcel Sr. 5:00 pm + Steven Werner

Sunday, November 27

7:30 am	Int.	For the Parishioners
9:00am	+	Ken Douglas
11:00am	+	Joan Myers

Monday, November 28

8:30 am † Leslie Jordan

Tuesday, November 29

- 8:30 am † Theresa
- 6:00 pm † Anne Filk
- Wednesday, November 30
 - 6:30 am † Domenico Brunetti 8:30 am Int. Eric Viuhkola (Living)

Thursday, December 1

6:30 am + Dan McVeigh 8:30 am † Wayne Krogseth

Friday, December 2

8:30 am + Walter Choruby

Saturday, December 3

8:30 am Int. Sharon Mlinar (Living) 5:00 pm Int. John Wagner (Living)

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Int. Joshua Edgerton (Living) 9:00am Int. For the Parishioners 11:00am + Dola Totonchy

To view the Mass Intentions Calendar or request an intention online, visit ollparish.com/intentions.

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